



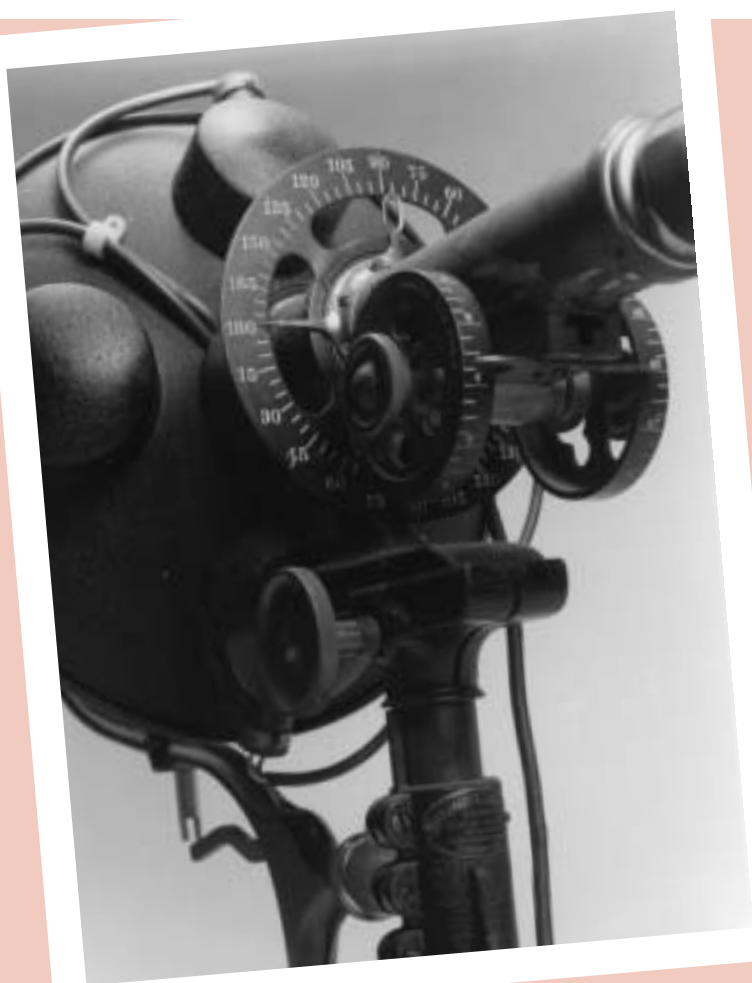
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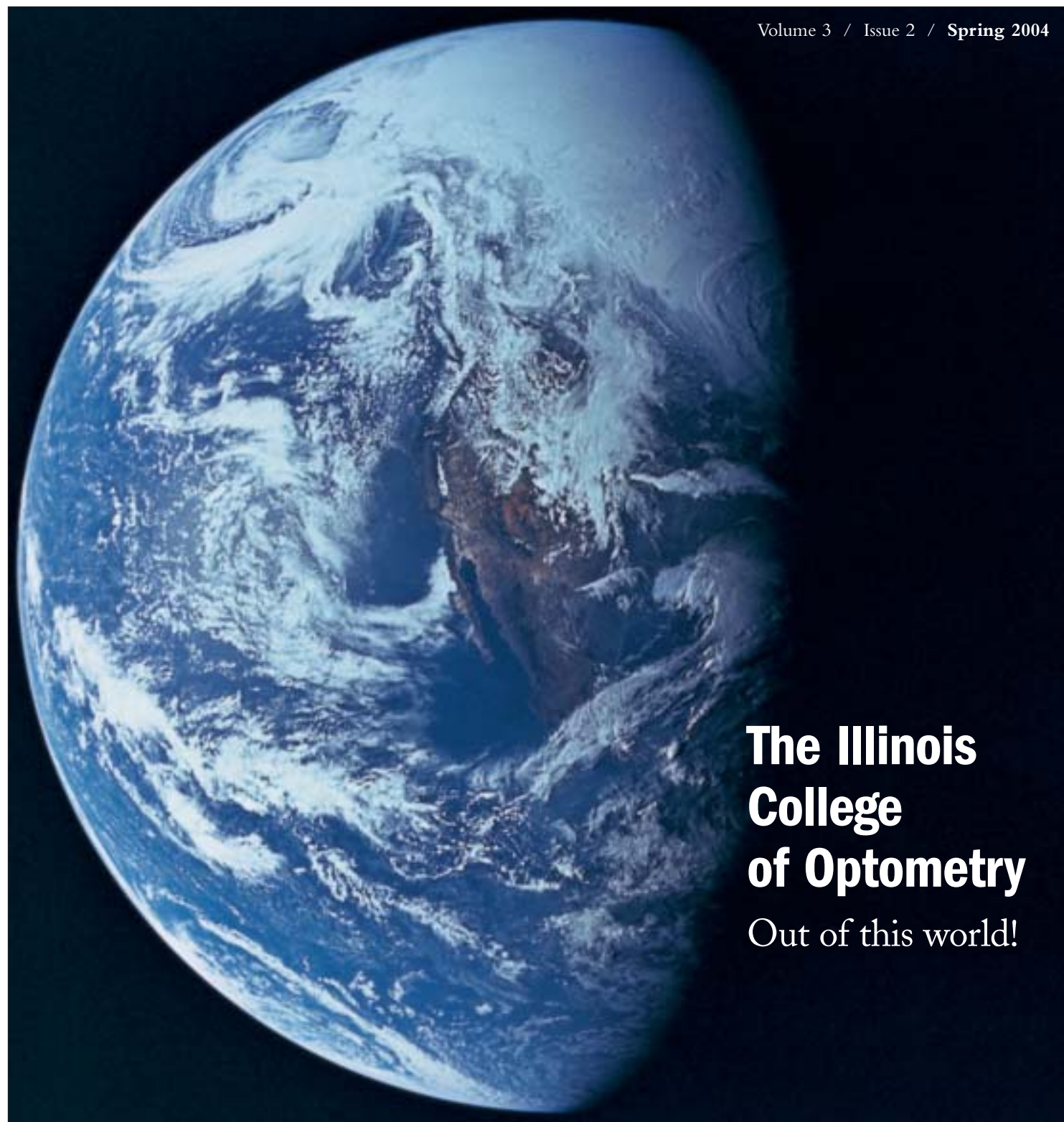


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In our story about the VOSH trip to Mexico led by Al Rosenbloom, NICO '48 (Winter 2004), we misspelled the name of a participating physician. Dr. Leigh Rosenblum does not share the same last name as Dr. Rosenbloom. We apologize for the error.

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A Message from the President



Dear Alumni, Colleagues, Students and Friends,

I've had quite an education during my first two years at ICO. As an optometrist who has been around optometric education for more than 30 years, I thought I knew a lot about ICO's educational and patient care programs and its commitment to developing leaders in the profession and in the communities where we live and work. But I have discovered there is much more to ICO than I imagined.

We trace our institutional history back to 1872. Just when our alumni began meeting and organizing to honor graduating classes or to see how they could help the College is unclear. But organize they did, and today ICO boasts the largest network of alumni in optometry, with 7,881 graduates scattered all over the world.

This community is represented by members who volunteer to sit on the ICO Alumni Council. Currently the Council is committed to:

- **Keeping in Touch**

We will keep alumni in touch with each other and with the College through *ICO Matters*, and through our website: www.ico.edu

- **Advocacy and Student Recruitment**

We will tell ICO's story to lawmakers who define optometry, and to prospective students who wish to receive an education geared toward patient care. This outreach is critical to our alumni tradition.

- **Student Programming and Leadership**

The Alumni Council and individual alumni will support such student-related activities as welcome programs for new students, externships, the Practice Opportunity Symposium, scholarships for exceptionally talented students and for students historically under-represented in our student body, and more!

- **Recognition**

The Council will support the annual Awards Ceremony, where awards are given to distinguished alumni leaders, community servants, and outstanding teachers. This year Apollo 13 Commander Jim Lovell will be our noted guest speaker at the event. I hope you will plan to be there.

- **Alumni Benefits and Services**

We will reach out through ICO receptions at regional meetings of optometrists, continuing education programs tailored to the needs of the alumni community, online access to ICO's library and bookstore, and beginning this year, free listing on our email network to keep in contact with classmates and fellow alumni.

I want to thank all of you for your interest in and support of ICO. Many of you are doing your part to carry on the selfless traditions of our earliest alumni. With all I've learned about the College during these last two years, I promise to be a good steward of your traditions, and I will work to make ICO and its alumni even stronger.

Sincerely,

Arol Augsburger, OD

To the Editor

Hello ICO:

The last *ICO Matters* magazine was excellent in detailing what is changing at ICO. However, it was difficult to figure out where all these new facilities are being built. How about a campus or site map for those of us who haven't been to Chicago in a while! ...Last I remember, Brady Hall was surrounded by auto "chop shops"!

Sincerely,

Dale L. Rodrigue, OD '82
Augusta, ME

Here you go, Dr. Rodrigue: the streets surrounding ICO. Though our pictures tell a thousand words, they only show so much. We encourage you to come and see us and the city for yourself.

The entrance to the Illinois College of Optometry, Indiana Avenue, between 32nd and 33rd streets



The corner of 32nd St. and Indiana Ave., looking southeast across the street from ICO



The corner of 32nd St. and Indiana Ave., looking northwest across the street from the Illinois Eye Institute



The corner of 32nd St. and Michigan Ave., looking southwest in the direction of the Illinois Eye Institute



The corner of 33rd St. and Michigan Ave., looking southwest of ICO



Dr. William G. Allyn Receives ICO's President's Medal of Honor



Welch Allyn partner Dr. Francis Welch, who died in 1915, is pictured far right

Retired chairman of medical products maker, Welch Allyn, is cited for excellence in education and patient care activities related to optometry and vision care.



William Noah Allyn, co-founder of Welch Allyn

ophthalmoscope, circa 1915



(l to r): Peter Soderberg, William G. Allyn, Bill Allyn, Lew Allyn

Two guys meet through work. One is in design, one in sales. Over time, they go into business together. They set up a partnership, Welch Allyn, to produce and distribute ophthalmoscopes, the latest in eyecare equipment.

It's 1915. Everything starts off great. Then, within the first year, one of the partners, Dr. Francis A. Welch, the designer on the team, unexpectedly dies. The other partner, William Noah Allyn, the salesman, finds himself with a burgeoning business on his hands...his sole hands.

Undeterred, Allyn goes on to build Welch Allyn into one of the most successful eyecare product manufacturers in the world, and one of the few privately held companies left in the industry. Out of loyalty and respect, he never changes the Welch Allyn name.

But, that's just like an Allyn. If you ask Allyn's son, William G., 96, how the business has survived all these years and through such events as the Great Depression, the era of corporate mergers and the technology revolution, he says, "Building relationships has been the key. That's the most important thing to longevity."

Indeed, solid relationships seems to be key to everything at Welch Allyn. The strength of the family relationship is evident in the fact that so many members go, unpressured, into the family business; in addition to himself, W.G.'s two sons, Bill and Lew, and his son-in-law, Peter Soderberg, are executives at Welch Allyn. Three grandsons have also joined the company.

The strength of their dedication to others is seen in the fact that W.G., who had earned his degree in optometry from the University of Rochester in 1934, spent his weekends providing free eyecare examinations to company employees and their families.

"Dad is a very caring person," son Lew explains. "He did it because he cared, and he got to know people. He developed relationships."

Though W.G. retired in the 1970s, the corporate culture he and his father established at Welch Allyn clearly lives on. In 2003 the company was named one of *Fortune* magazine's 100 best companies to work for.

Why? Because, Lew says, "People are important. At the end of the day, that's it."

That's also why W.G. Allyn was awarded the Illinois College of Optometry's President's Medal of Honor last winter. ICO and Welch Allyn have shared a relationship older than anyone can immediately remember. According to Dr. Arol Augsburg, President of ICO, "Dr. Allyn has touched the lives of countless people. We at the Illinois College of Optometry are honored to recognize him for his dedication to the optometric profession as well as to his community."

And W.G. couldn't have been more pleased. "I'm so happy to be connected to ICO," he says. "I am thrilled, one hundred percent. I share this medal with the members of the family."

But that's just like an Allyn. ♦

Fame

ICO President Arol Augsburger, OD, has been named chair of the 2004 National Optometry Hall of Fame selection committee. He succeeds Dr. Richard M. Hill in this position. In addition to the chair, the committee includes representatives from ASCO, COVD, NOA, AOA, and AAO.

The 2004 ceremony for the Hall of Fame will be held at noon on Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Cleveland Convention Center. For more information, call (800) 999-4939.



Grad Stats

Number of graduates in the 2004 Commencement: 165

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2004

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Rockefeller Chapel on the University of Chicago campus

Before: Faculty brunch, sponsored by the office of the Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, across the street from the Chapel at Ida Noyes Hall

After: Reception honoring the Class of 2004 at Ida Noyes Hall

Speaker: Bruce E. Onofrey, OD '82, expert on the management of ocular disease and the use of pharmaceutical agents

Of Note: 10 graduates were hooded by a family member who is an ICO alumnus

Related Activities: Capstone/Wednesday, May 19: Commencement rehearsal, professional fair of optometric-related companies, award presentations, commencement dinner, cap & gown and yearbook distribution

Commencement Banquet: Thursday, May 20; Cocktails, dinner and dancing at Adler Planetarium



Dr. Eileen Gable (l) with her patient, Diona Donelson

Looking Down the Road

Eye Institute patient observes optometry with an eye toward her future

Diona Donelson isn't sure exactly what she wants to do in life, but she knows she wants to work in a healthcare profession. She's only a high school sophomore, at Lindblom on Chicago's South Side, but already she's weighing the pros and cons of various medical specialties. One of her aunts, a nurse, is on the verge of being certified as a pediatrician, and she's been encouraging Diona to go in that direction. Sometimes, though, Diona thinks she might want to be an obstetrician.

Lately, however, Diona has been considering optometry. About five years ago, she was diagnosed with glaucoma. Ever since, she's been going to the Illinois Eye Institute every three months or so for check-ups, and using these opportunities to size up optometry as a profession. Diona has also learned a bit about it from her optometrist at IEI, Dr. Eileen Gable, Associate Professor in Optometry. And she likes to query the fourth-year ICO students on rotation at the Eye Institute about why they chose the field. "They say it's like a family job," Diona says. "You have time with your family, more than you would being a physician."

These are important considerations for Diona, who says her own family has been a great source of inspiration to her. But she's not making any firm decisions yet. Diona has learned through participating in ROTC at school that she needs to focus her goals. Right now her priority is to attend Xavier University in New Orleans, which she says she's been researching extensively. Then she'll decide between optometry, medical, or some other professional school.

Whatever she chooses, Diona is certain about one thing: She wants to be in a profession where she has a great deal of contact with patients. "Ever since I was little, I've wanted to work with people," she says. ♦

—Dave Mulcahey

Young patients are often inspired to become optometrists because of the practitioners they meet and the care they receive. As a practicing optometrist, you can promote your profession while you're on the job by encouraging promising patients to consider optometry as a career. For more information, visit www.opted.org.

A Different Drummer

Steve Devick, OD '76,
marches to his own music

After graduating from ICO in 1976, Steve Devick started a practice at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. He also began investing in real estate and eventually started a development company. Soon he was branching out into other businesses. He started a travel agency, which didn't do so well, and a recording studio, which did wonderfully. In 1987, he was a founding investor in Platinum Technology, a software company, and four years later he became chairman and CEO of Platinum Entertainment, a company that pioneered the online sale of music.

Somewhere along the line, Devick started feeling torn between optometry and his other business ventures. He liked his practice well enough — he even made a name for himself in the profession. But after awhile, it became difficult to maintain. By the early '90s, Devick was devoting one day a month to optometry, taking care of patients who wanted to see him.

"I decided to get out of the profession when I missed an important meeting because I had to see those patients who waited a long time to see me," Devick recalls. "I wasn't going to cancel those patients, but I just thought, I can't do this any more."

Thus ended the career of Steve Devick, OD, and began the ascent of Steve Devick, entrepreneur. Under Devick's leadership, Platinum Entertainment became the world's largest publicly traded independent recording label. Meanwhile, Platinum Technology, which he had helped to found, was acquired by Computer Associates for \$4 billion. At the turn of the millennium, Devick was riding high. Then a thing called Napster came along and ate Platinum Entertainment's lunch. "Clearly, the illegal file-sharing that happened through Napster and Kazaa and others dramatically changed our business," Devick says matter-of-factly. "We predicted downloading music would be popular, but we never thought it would be allowed to go on illegally for so long."

Devick talks about the demise of Platinum's download business pretty calmly for the guy who once owned the goose that laid the golden eggs. But he's happy the company made money for a few years, he says, adding that it's important to find the upside of such adversity: "My favorite business saying is, 'Abandonment is opportunity.' That means that leaving a business that's not working is a positive move. Most of the world thinks they should feel bad abandoning something. But it can be in the plus column, not the minus column."

Devick left Platinum in 2000 and has since started several new companies — and sold one of them. His most recent venture is Lionbeach, Inc. Devick describes what the company does as "content aggregation," and in some ways it seems to be an evolutionary step beyond Platinum. Lionbeach owns and produces music and video in the high-definition format, which it licenses to production companies making movies, commercials, and television programming.

Investing in intellectual property is not so different from investing in real estate, Devick says — or, for that matter, from starting a company. The urge to create and control residual value — to have a business that "makes money while you sleep," as he puts it — is what lured him out of optometry so many years ago. But, he is careful to point out, optometry is a wonderful field for somebody who wants to raise capital and invest or start businesses. "If you want to work hard, you can schedule your practice around whatever else you're doing," he says. "That's what I did."

Steve Devick's made a fortune, and you get the idea he'll keep on growing it as long as he breathes. Still, ask him about his bid for immortality and he'll tell you it's the King-Devick Saccade Test, a routine eye movement test given to grade-schoolers across the country. "Back when I was practicing," Devick says, "when I was at optometric conventions or gatherings, people would ask me if my dad was Dr. Devick." No, in fact, *Steve* is Dr. Devick. He and Alan King, OD '76 invented the test when they were fourth-year students at ICO. (They flipped a coin to decide whether it would be King-Devick or Devick-King.) "I'm in Dorland's Medical Dictionary, in every doctor's office in the country, on page 1885," Devick says, seeming a little awed by the honor. "It's the most amazing professional thing in my life." ♦

—Dave Mulcahey

Life After Graduation



Richard Hunter

When the time came for Richard Hunter to fulfill his 4th-year research requirement last year, he looked around at his classmates and saw them doing eye-related projects.

But, with the weight of the rigorous ICO curriculum almost behind him, Hunter says, "I wanted to do something different. Something really fun and interesting."

So Hunter, 33, asked himself what he personally wanted to know about. It didn't take him long to wonder: "What

happens to grads once they're out of optometry school?"

Hunter pitched the idea to Janice Jurkus, OD '74, Professor in Optometry and his contact lens teacher. Jurkus had previously sent Hunter back to the drawing table when she thought his first proposal, a contact lens project, had already been done.

But when Hunter suggested the post-grad study, he says, "She loved it." And so, their paper, "Educational Debt, Mode of Practice and Satisfaction with the Profession of Optometry," was born.

Hunter and Jurkus decided to look at ICO graduates in cohorts of three, five and 10 years after graduation. They wrote a survey of 23 questions. They enlisted the help of two other 4th-year students, Andrew Horvath and Michael Tran, to do special projects. Hunter served as lead author and coordinator of the project. Jurkus guided the process and helped explore ideas. It took the four of them six months, but by January, 2004, they had results.

"The exciting thing," Hunter says of the data, "is that there are jobs out there. People are finding work, getting paid pretty well and they're satisfied overall."

But Hunter says he was personally most fascinated by a shift toward private practice. "We saw people going into commercial practice right after

A serious survey of alumni experience was a fun senior project for Richard Hunter, OD '04

graduation. But the longer they were out of school, the more likely it was they were in private practice. Ten years out, we saw a 10-fold increase of people in private practice."

Hunter found that particularly fascinating because once he finishes school, he wants to go into private practice. A graduate of the 2004 class, he will continue in July with a one-year residency in pediatrics at the New England College of Optometry. After that, he hopes to head to California to establish a family practice with a pediatric component. "That's my dream," Hunter says.

As for the research, the team has submitted their report for publication in ASCO's journal, *Optometric Education*. And Hunter hopes other researchers will pick up where he left off. "We gathered so much data, you could do several research projects from it," he says. "Now I hope other ICO students will pick up the torch and run with it. I hope Dr. Jurkus follows up with other studies."

By the way, Hunter adds, "Dr. Jurkus was wonderful to work with. Very helpful and knowledgeable. I loved doing the project with her."

But in the end, did Hunter find the project fun? "It was really fun," he says. "Getting the surveys back was like Christmas — I'd run to my mailbox." ♦



Winners

4th-year Michael Lopykinski (second from left) was one of five students awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the Heart of America Contact Lens Society. The awards were announced at a luncheon at the Heart of America 2004 congress.



Into Africa

Five members of the ICO community joined 22 others in a service mission to Kenya over the holiday break last December. In the joint project of Volunteer Optometric Services for Humanity (VOSH) and IDEA ministries, participants provided eye care to more than 1,730 patients over four-and-a-half days in the Bungoma District of Western Kenya. Pictured from left to right are Harlan Vander Griend, OD '78, Ralph De Haan, OD '85, Andrea McCann, 4th-year student, Jarod Kastl, OD '03 and Kelly VanHaften, 4th-year student.

The Show Must Go On

ICO-based cable television show enters its seventh season

ICO Professor of Optometry, Janice Jurkus, OD '74, was walking down the street in Chicago one day. All-of-a-sudden, a cab driver starts honking and shouting at her. Jurkus stops in her tracks. He pulls over.

"I know you," the cabby says. "You're the eye lady."

Jurkus smiles. "Yes, I am," she says.

Jurkus is recognized on the street because she is the eye lady, or optometrist, on a public access television show called "Eye Have a Question." Broadcast on Chicago's Cable Access Network, CAN-TV, the program features Jurkus interviewing guests about eyecare issues, and then taking calls from viewers. The record number of calls in one 30-minute program is 15; the program usually fields about half that.

"People start calling as soon as the show gets going," Jurkus says, and that's good. "The gist of the show is to get call-in questions. That puts us directly in contact with the public."

Which is the point. Jurkus seeks contact with the public so she can deliver her real message: Take care of your eyes.

With a target audience of mothers, children and students, and potential viewers in more than 600,000 homes, Jurkus can broadly promote good eye care to important constituents in communities she may never reach otherwise.

She got the idea of producing a show after being a guest on a similar program. Jim McKechnie from the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness needed an expert on contact lenses to appear on his show; he invited Jurkus.

She had such a good time as a guest, she thought of a show sponsored by the Illinois College of Optometry.

"I approached CAN," Jurkus recalls. "I said 'ICO has really smart people who can talk about eye care.' They were delighted to have us."

Jurkus teamed up with Al Pouch, Director of Media Services at ICO. The two of them were trained on the equipment at CAN-TV. They worked out a format, began calling their friends at the College to appear as guests, and a program was born.

Now in its seventh season, the show has expanded. In addi-

tion to colleagues at ICO, Jurkus invites a wide range of guests from outside the College to appear, and, beginning this season, ICO faculty members Drs. Renee Reeder and Eileen Gable, Associate Professors in Optometry, will be co-hosts.

Jurkus needed some help. She wrestled with whether to continue given the time commitment the show requires. In addition to scheduling the line-up of topics and guests, she spends time every week prepping with the guest and hosting the program.

But she decided the show will go on. When all is said and done, "It's fun to do," Jurkus says. "I like to be on TV, and getting recognized means people are watching. This is a good public service."

"Eye Have a Question" is broadcast in the Chicago area each Thursday at 4:30 p.m. on Channel 21, www.cantv.org. ♦

High Priority

Daisy Chan, OD, Associate Professor in Optometry, has received a 2004 People First Award from VSP (Vision Service Plan). Representing the North Central region, Chan is one of six winners recognized for exceptional service to her patients, community and the profession of optometry.

In naming Chan, VSP cited her role in the Chinatown Project, a program that provides non-English speaking patients with free transportation, translation, eye care and follow-up care services through the Illinois Eye Institute. In addition, Chan established a clinic in Chinatown to better serve the local community, where the majority of patients examined are poor immigrants without health or vision insurance.

Chan will donate \$1000 of her award money to ICO. ♦

Out of this World



Trustee Lawrence J. DeLucas finds a place for optometry in space

It's no surprise Dr. Larry DeLucas uses a space metaphor to describe ICO: "It's like a shuttle taking off," he says.

DeLucas has an insider's right to use astronomical references; he's the only optometrist — or ophthalmologist for that matter — to ever fly on a space shuttle.

He's also a member of the ICO Board of Trustees, a position he has held for five years. DeLucas joined the Board after being invited to give the keynote address at Commencement in 1999. He often speaks at



Larry DeLucas (left) gets ready for liftoff



DeLucas at the "glovebox"



The crew on board the shuttle



special engagements because of his experience as an astronaut. But at ICO, DeLucas also spoke as the research optometrist he is. He made such a positive impression, then-Board President John Brandt OD '67, invited him to become a Trustee.

DeLucas was intrigued. "I hadn't served on a board for a college," he says. "As I went through the process at ICO, I met everyone and it felt like a family. I enjoyed it. I felt I could contribute because of my research experience."

Research has always been DeLucas's first love. In graduate school, he pursued a PhD in biochemistry. His specialty was, and still is, crystallography, the study of protein molecule crystals, which reveal protein structure. His goal was, "a faculty position to support structural biology (the study of protein structures) research," DeLucas says. "We need structural biology research, but when I was a student, it required too much time to determine a protein structure. No one wanted to support it, and, as a result, it was difficult to find jobs." When DeLucas heard there was a need for people looking at the structure of molecules related to vision, he hedged his bet and entered optometry school.

"I didn't do optometry to help people," DeLucas admits. But he says one of the first things he learned when he went into practice was, "What really matters is helping people."

After earning both his PhD and his OD degrees, DeLucas accepted a position on the faculty in the School of Optometry at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. In addition to establishing a research laboratory, he participated in the faculty private practice in optometry and taught in the school's vision screening and contact lens programs. He watched as representatives from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, located 100 miles from UAB, approached the university about collaborating on space research projects.

Crystallography is perfect for space experimentation. Crystals grow more slowly without gravity. The slower a crystal grows, the better, as far as DeLucas is concerned. It takes a significant amount of time to determine the position of all of the atoms in a protein. Samples are limited. The protein structural information not only helps scientists understand how these proteins work biologically, but it also provides critical information that can guide the design of

new drugs to treat medical conditions, such as auto-immune disease, diabetes, cancer and even AIDS.

DeLucas's experiments began flying on the shuttle in 1985, and after that point, he was determined to wait for a chance to be selected as an astronaut if and when NASA had a mission involving medical and biotechnology experiments.

When that day finally came in 1990, DeLucas applied and was accepted for the mission. He had to temporarily leave his position at the school to train for two years to become a payload specialist astronaut. In 1992, DeLucas took flight with the Space Shuttle Columbia.

"NASA should fly a poet or writer in space to have someone who can describe the experience," DeLucas says, searching for words. "How do I describe the feeling I had, seeing all of the countries seemingly so close together with no borders between them? It makes you realize we are all in this together, even though in reality we are often unable to work together or even live together. NASA makes a mistake by only sending scientists into space; we can't adequately describe the emotional effect of the experience."

One effect of the experience for

DeLucas has been a new work life. Following his trip into space, he was invited by NASA to serve as chief scientist for the Space Station. When he finally made it back to UAB after four years, he was appointed Director of the Center for Biophysical Sciences and Engineering, one of 15 NASA research partnership centers around the country. Since 1994, DeLucas has been Director of the center, where he manages a 140-person, multidisciplinary team of biologists, chemists, physicists and engineers.

"I miss not helping people by performing eye exams," he says of his current research focus. "And I miss interaction with students. Actually, I do have interaction with graduate students because I teach one graduate-level course in protein structure. But that's different than the optometry students. I miss them. But I didn't think I could maintain the high level of quality that is required by both clinical optometry and basic research."

So DeLucas runs the biggest center for crystallography in the nation. His concentration is structure-based drug design and, he says, "The thing that's gotten me really excited recently is the word nanotechnology. Nano imprinting technology is an incredible technique

that enables you to fit 100 tubes within the thickness of one strand of human hair. This technology is so far ahead of its time we can't yet imagine all the applications."

Still, DeLucas's lab is working with two companies to use this technology to develop novel biosensors that will one day be used to monitor our environment or different protein and small molecule disease markers within the body. He says these will materialize but they will require concentrated research over a period of years.

Meanwhile, DeLucas and his team have developed a vision analysis system that automatically identifies crystals. He's also working on nano-crystallization and partnering with other companies to develop technology to sense proteins, prions and spores. With the encouragement of NASA, DeLucas launched a side-company to market new research. "It's easier," he says, "to have your own company than to convince big companies to fund research if they don't see any immediate commercial interest."

"The sad thing about drug design," DeLucas continues, "is that it takes so long (eight to 20 years), and costs so much (about \$600 million) to see some-

thing through clinical trials. And then, for every 10 drugs that enter clinical trials, only one survives and eventually is approved by the FDA for human use."

But that won't prevent DeLucas from trying. "Even with the failures, you learn something," he says.

And that's what it's all about. When DeLucas talks to students, he tells them to go for it. "Going to space has allowed me to encourage optometry students to be adventurous and bold," he says. "To do something different. Look for ways to expand the profession. Look for ways to expand personally through research and teaching."

And serving on boards of trustees. Now, instead of being invited to deliver the keynote address at Commencement, DeLucas will introduce the speaker at the November Alumni Reunion this year. Captain Jim Lovell, Commander of the 1970 Apollo 13 space mission, is featured, and DeLucas is excited. "I've never met him," he says.

DeLucas is also excited about the Illinois College of Optometry. "ICO is headed in a direction that will put it in a new category of optometry schools," he says. "It's going to be very difficult for the others to compete." ♦



DeLucas and fellow astronaut working

DeLucas in KC135



A food tray aboard the shuttle

DeLucas in water survival training



ICO Ambassadors

ICO's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Thomas Lawless, OD '71, and Trustee Donovan Crouch, OD '63, participated in an international conference on globalization and the international mobility of optometrists. Convening in Dallas, Texas, delegates to the conference reviewed clinical competency equivalencies for optometrists who seek licensure in other countries.

Dr. Crouch is a Board Member of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO). Dr. Lawless is International Liaison for ARBO and a standing member of the Legislation and Regulation Committee of the World Council of Optometry (WCO).

Thirty-one delegates representing 10 countries attended the conference. It was co-sponsored by ARBO and WCO and supported by a grant from Alcon Laboratories. ♦

Congratulations



Trustee Michael Favia has received the John Marshall Law School Distinguished Service Award for his extensive leadership and legal ability. ♦

Class Notes

1948

Jerome Agrest works in a three-partner practice in Glenview, Ill. He recently returned to ICO to do advanced training in pharmacology. In addition to his practice, Dr. Agrest is a member of the Rotary Club and on the board of the men's club at Congregation Beth Shalom. He has received the President's Award from the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Dr. Agrest and his wife, Estelle, live in Northbrook, Ill. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Albert Eschen recently published the book "Collectible Mice," which is based on his and his wife Florence's extensive art collection featuring mice.

Al Rosenbloom was cited by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley for his work with Volunteer Optometrists Serving Humanity (VOSH). The citation was part of a special event, "Chicago: Rhythm and Rhymes," hosted by the Chicago-Casablanca Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program in November, 2003.

1963

Phil Ortiz won the Humanitarian Award from Eyecare International.

1966

Howard B. Dubin is pleased to announce his retirement after 37 "wonderful and successful years." He plans to spend his time with his family, jogging and concentrating on his investments. "I am grateful to ICO for providing me with the skills to enjoy a wonderful career."

1974

Howard Rosner was recognized by CIBA Vision for his commitment to quality and innovation in the care he provides contact lens patients.

1976

Cpt. Thomas W. Byers was called to active duty with the U.S. Army in March, 2003, and served five months at Ft. Riley, Kan., performing exams on deploying soldiers. He is a member of the Missouri Army National Guard 735th MSB Springfield, Mo.

1980

Peter M. Agnone was elected 2004 President of the Michigan Optometric Association. The association had also named him Michigan Optometrist of the Year in 2000. Dr. Agnone works in a group practice in Grand Blanc, Mich. He and his wife, Sally, have two children.

James E. Bureman is managing partner and member of the Missouri Eye Institute LLC in Springfield, Mo.

Donald J. Seiler has made four trips to Vietnam, two trips to Thailand and one trip to Costa Rica volunteering with VOSH of the Lions Club.

1985

Scott Tomasino has been elected to the Heart of America Contact Lens Society Board of Directors. He will serve as Accreditations Director. Dr. Tomasino also served as President of the St. Louis Optometric Society from 1994-1995. He lives in St. Charles, Mo. and practices in O'Fallon, Mo. He is married to Beth and has two children.



Michael Zost is on the faculty of ICO and has a private practice in Glenview, Ill. He specializes in neuro-optometric rehabilitation and pediatrics. In addition to his practice, he serves as Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired.

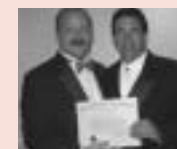
1986

Michael J. Wojciak was recognized by CIBA Vision for his commitment to quality and innovation in the care he provides contact lens patients.

1988

Chidi Ekenna-Kalu recently completed a PhD from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. She is in the Navy and working in Florida doing naval science research.

Brad Habermehl received a fellowship in vision therapy from COVD. He is in a group practice with Leon Ingham, '00, and Thomas Pardee, specializing in vision therapy.



1992

Eric Miedema is living in Modesto, Calif., with his wife and three children (two boys and one girl). He writes, "I credit much of my success to my education at ICO. I live in the only state with two optometry schools and yet I had no trouble competing. My partner was a professor at UC Berkeley and was very impressed with my training when I first joined the practice."

1993

Mitchell R. Petit completed the Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kialua-Kona, Hawaii, last fall. After competing with more than 50,000 triathletes for one of 1,500 slots, Dr. Petit finished the 2.6-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile run in the allotted 17 hours. He says it was "the toughest race of my life." Dr. Petit practices in St. Petersburg, Fla.



1996

Nicholas Colatrella was named "Young Optometrist of the Year" by the Ohio Optometric Association. Dr. Colatrella is clinical director of Northeast Ohio Eye Surgeons, an ophthalmology/optometry practice specializing in anterior seg-



ment. He lives with his wife, Stacy Hinkemeyer, OD '96, and their 1-year-old daughter, Alice.

1997

William Opferman was recognized by CIBA Vision for his commitment to quality and innovation in the care he provides contact lens patients.

Jill Tomlin married Bill Hays on Oct. 14, 2000.

1999

Lori S. Johnston had a son, Peyton Louis Johnston, on Nov. 22, 2001. She is self-employed.

Todd M. Zarwell has spent the last year creating an optometry-related website, www.eyedock.com. He is also working on other eyecare-related computer products. After graduating from ICO, Dr. Zarwell did a residency in Refractive Surgery and Anterior Segment Disease at Davis Duehr Dean in Madison, Wis., where he now works.

2000

Alissa Jackson married Matthew D. Mrozinski on Dec. 7, 2002. They live in Fishers, Ind. with their son, Jackson Mrozinski.

Carrie Lahnstein married Lance Campbell in March 2003. They are living in Houston, Texas. Carrie works at Texas Children's Hospital-Health Center in the Woodlands.

2002

Kirsten E. Albrecht is in solo private practice.

Megan Hunter wrote "Two is Better Than One - Combigan broadens the scope of combination glaucoma medications" in the August edition of *Optometric Management*.

2003

Kristy Genurio received a 2003 Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care from the American Optometric Foundation.

Alison Hood married Douglas Kirar, '03, on Oct. 18, 2003. The couple lives in Stockton Lake, Mo. Dr. Hood-Kirar works at Wal-Mart Vision Center in Nevada, Mo. Her husband practices at a Wal-Mart Vision Center in Bolivar, Mo.

F. Todd Perzy built his new office himself and opened "cold" in Cleveland, Ohio. "Don't let anyone say it can't be done," he says. "It is a lot of work, but so is anything that is worthwhile."

Trustee Albert H. Rodriguez, Jr., OD '74, DOS 1950-2004



The Illinois College of Optometry community mourns the loss of Albert H. "Buddy" Rodriguez, Jr., OD '74, a member of the ICO Board of Trustees. Dr. Rodriguez died unexpectedly of a heart attack in Clearwater, Fla., on Friday, March 19, 2004. He was 53.

Life as an optometrist was relatively predetermined for Dr. Rodriguez. He was the son of Albert Rodriguez, Sr., NICO '49, a leader in optometry at the

local, state and national levels. Just 14 when his father died, Buddy was the recipient of a scholarship to attend the Illinois College of Optometry. The man behind that gift, a classmate of Buddy's father, C.K. Hill, NICO '49, also led a drive to establish the Albert Rodriguez Memorial Auditorium at ICO.

After graduating from the College in 1974, Dr. Rodriguez opened an optometric practice in Tampa, Fla. He owned five optometry offices when he left private practice in 1989 to devote all of his time to other professional healthcare concerns.

In 1992, Dr. Rodriguez accepted an invitation to serve on the

ICO Board of Trustees. He was elected Chairman of the Board in 1998 and served in that position until October, 2001. In October, he would have served a full 12-year term. The College honored him with the Doctor of Science in Optometry degree in June, 2003.

"The loss of Buddy Rodriguez comes as a devastating shock to the trustees at ICO," said Thomas Lawless, OD '71, current ICO Board Chairman. "He loved ICO. His enthusiasm, energy and dedication to the College were unlimited. His kind spirit, gentle nature and expertise are irreplaceable."

At a memorial service in Clearwater, many friends and colleagues joined his family to remember Dr. Rodriguez. Typical of the sentiment were the words of ICO President Dr. Arol Augsburger. "He was a kind, decent and honorable man who made significant contributions to ICO and the profession of optometry," he said. "His selfless devotion to the College, wonderful sense of humor and friendship will be greatly missed by all."

Dr. Rodriguez is survived by his wife of 29 years, Donna, a son, Christopher and a daughter, Jennifer. The family has established The Albert H. Rodriguez, Jr. Memorial Endowment Fund for ICO students who transition to private practice after graduation.

Memories of Dr. Rodriguez

[My relationship with Buddy was] "brotherly, with equal trust and respect. In my years at ICO, Dr. Rodriguez never refused an assignment and always resolved issues assigned to a committee chaired by him. Truly, ICO, optometry and society have lost one of their brightest stars. He was a man of wisdom, honor and integrity amidst that caring and vibrant nature."

—Dr. Joseph Henry, former Dean of Harvard School of Dental Medicine and ICO Trustee Emeritus

"Buddy and I served together on the ICO Management Team in 1996. I soon learned that he had a passion for the College, its future, programs, personnel and students. He also possessed an ability to manage financial matters, an arena where his dedication to accountability showed clearly. When a project he was committed to began, everyone soon knew it was time to get the job done or move out of the way. I will miss his love for life, spirit of enthusiasm and dedication to friends and colleagues."

—ICO Trustee Emeritus John Brandt, OD '67

"Buddy was a gentleman in every definition of the word. He was modest and unassuming and placed the concerns of others above his own. With no thought of personal gain, he willingly offered his time and talents to his chosen profession and to the Illinois College of Optometry."

—ICO trustee, James Butler, OD '59

"Buddy was a gentle, fun-loving and easy going man. He loved his time as a student at ICO and I believe he relished those days when he engaged ICO students with his friendly banter and smile."

—Dean of Academic Affairs, Janice Scharre, OD '76

"I think I've known Buddy since he was conceived. My wife and I were friends of his parents. One year, we were at a Christmas housewarming party at their house. Nine months later, Buddy was born. We go way back.

It's hard for me to talk about someone I loved so much. His dad and I were close. Buddy was like a son to me.

But one story seems to sum him up best. On Buddy's first day of school as a child, he was sent home for being insolent. His teacher didn't like his attitude.

As it turned out, on that first day of school, the teacher asked all the kids where they were from. Now this was Florida; people move there from all over the world. When the teacher asked Buddy where he came from, he said, "A coconut tree." She asked him to please be serious. Buddy insisted he was.

Turns out family lore had it that the boy had come from the coconut tree in their yard. That's because my wife and I had given the Rodriguezes a tree at that housewarming party the year Buddy was born. That's why his parents told Buddy he was born under a coconut tree.

Throughout his life, Buddy was as earnest as that little boy. That was his personality - honest, above board. I respected him very much."

—C.K. Hill, NICO '49, surrogate father to Dr. Rodriguez

Obituaries

Donald W. Balfour, NICO '49 died in Sebring, Fla. on March 10, 2004. He was 80.

Dr. Balfour practiced optometry in Janesville, Wis. for 47 years. He is survived by his wife, Madge, and children David Balfour, OD '80, of Bushnell, Ill., Debra Fladmark of Janesville and Donald Balfour of Lansing, Mich.

George Beilfuss, NICO '32, died in December, 2003. He was 92.

At age 20, Dr. Beilfuss was valedictorian of his class at Northern Illinois College of Optometry. He went on to practice on Chicago's South Side for 56 years. Dr. Beilfuss is survived by a daughter, a son, eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Alan Frenkel, OD '77, died in September, 2003, from complications of a melanoma. He lived in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Diane Hamman Galina died in Cupertino, Calif. in March, 2004, after a brief battle with cancer. She was 72.

Mrs. Galina was the wife of Seymour Galina, NICO '48, former chairman of the ICO Board of Trustees. A lover of dogs and travel, she was a member of the Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH) trip to Mexico led by Al Rosenbloom, NICO '48, last year (*ICO Matters*, Winter 2004).

Mrs. Galina's other interests included education, the Federated Women's Club of Los Altos and the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce.

John R. Hanson, OD '57, died in October, 2003. He was 73.

Dr. Hanson practiced optometry for 40 years in the Ely, Minn.-area. He retired in 1998. A member of the Minnesota Air National Guard, Dr. Hansen reached the rank of lieutenant

colonel by the time he left the service in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, a daughter, two sons and four grandchildren.

E.C. Miller, NICO '48, died in September, 2003.

In addition to practicing optometry, Dr. Miller gave private pilot lessons and owned a motel for 10 years. He was a P-38 pilot in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific in World War II. Dr. Miller is survived by his wife, Ruth, three children and seven grandchildren.

Ethel Miller, NICO '36, passed away on Feb. 3, 2004. She was 87.

Dr. Miller was one of three female students in her class at Northern Illinois College of Optometry. After originally attending Pennsylvania College of Optometry, she transferred in 1933 because she felt the climate at PCO was not friendly toward females.

A student leader, Dr. Miller started a female sorority and played an instrumental role in changing administration policy on women's issues. She graduated from NICO when she was 19, but had to wait until she was 21 before she could get her license to practice.

Dr. Miller married her husband, a graduate of PCO, in the early 1940s. He died in 1978 from cancer. The couple had two sons, both MDs.

Dr. Miller is survived by a son; she lost her other son just three months after the death of her husband.

Originally from Philadelphia, Dr. Miller lived in Phoenix.

Joseph Rosin, NICO '26, died in November, 2003. He was 99.

The co-founder of Rosin Eye Care, Dr. Rosin was a pioneer in quick-service optometry. He made his name as a doctor who could provide glasses in two hours.

Dr. Rosin and his brother, Morris,

opened their first office in Cicero, Ill. One of their patients was Al Capone.

Over the years, eye care was embraced by other members of the Rosin family, including Joseph's son Sorrel, and his grandson, Joseph, a physician who performs laser vision correction.

In addition to Al Capone, Dr. Rosin had many famous patients, including Pope Paul VI, singer Elton John, sportscaster Harry Carey, tenor Placido Domingo, musical comedy star, Donald O'Connor, and baseball players Joe DiMaggio and Billy Williams.

Dr. Rosin is survived by his grandson, Joseph, granddaughter, Jennifer, and eight great-grandchildren.

Thomas R. Sekey, CCO '50, died in April, 2004. He was 80.

Dr. Sekey practiced optometry in Wisconsin for more than 30 years. He served as president of the Wisconsin State Optometric Society in 1982, and was director of the Milwaukee County Optometric Society. He retired to Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Frank L. Yonan, NICO '48, died in March, 2004. He was 88.

Dr. Yonan practiced optometry in Chicago and Park Ridge, Ill. until his retirement in the mid-1990s.

Before becoming an optometrist, he was drafted into the Army in 1941. As part of his service, Dr. Yonan survived the Bataan Death March, trekking 60 miles as a prisoner of war in the Philippines. While a prisoner, he went from 175 pounds to 87, living in part because he worked as a cook's assistant and could get food scraps. All told, Dr. Yonan spent 40 months in a Japanese labor camp.

Dr. Yonan is survived by two brothers and a sister.

Please send us your own memories of Dr. Albert "Buddy" Rodriguez.
Write us via regular mail or email, and we will print your contribution in the Fall 2004 issue of *ICO Matters*. Thank you.

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Giving

Meet the Challenge



Dick Edwards, NICO '39, and his wife have established a \$118,000 charitable gift annuity (CGA), the largest CGA in ICO's history. In addition to their gift, the Edwards challenged other members of the ICO community to support the College.

"I will match any new gift annuity of \$25,000 or more with a gift of \$5,000," Dr. Edwards said. "I will do this

seven times for a total of \$35,000. Together, our gifts will support the bright young students who represent the future of optometry."

C. Clayton Powell, CCO '52, and his wife have created the Dr. C. Clayton Powell Scholarship Endowment for African-American Students enrolled at the Illinois College of Optometry. The couple has made a commitment of \$25,000.

CIBA Vision continues its support for the Contact Lens Residency it established five years ago with a new pledge of \$15,000.

"We have a unique and attractive Contact Lens Residency, made possible through CIBA Vision's generosity," said Janice Jurkus, OD '74, Professor of Optometry and Cornea and Contact Lens Residency Coordinator. "The strength of it lies in placing a resident with students from ICO and other institutions in a private practice-type setting at CIBA Vision's clinic. We are very grateful."

The Center for Keratoconus has made an unconditional grant of \$3,000 to support keratoconus research and training at ICO. The Center's award will advance two current studies at ICO under the direction of Dr. Renee Reeder, Associate Professor of Optometry and Chief of the Cornea Center for Clinical Excellence.

Essilor Lenses has awarded half of the 2003 Essilor Technology Grant to ICO to help renovate the Ophthalmic Optics Laboratory. "Essilor's grant will help the College create a modernized, professional setting to comprehensively train students for optometric practice," said Neil Hodur, OD '75, Professor of Optometry.

Tony Chan, OD '59, T. Roy Chan, OD '61, and Mamie Chan, OD '00, have made a gift commitment of \$20,000 to sponsor the Chan Family Examination Room in the Illinois Eye Institute.

R.M. Kendrick, NICO '54 and his wife have established a \$24,600 charitable gift annuity.

Dennis and Laura Gierhart have made a \$10,000 gift to support the photophobia research of Neil Hodur, OD '75, Professor of Optometry, and Rebecca Zoltolski, PhD, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences.

Mrs. Marian Newell, wife of the late Dr. Frank Newell, former chairman of the department of ophthalmology and visual science at the University of Chicago, has donated 34 ophthalmic volumes to the ICO library. Included in this gift are volumes by Sir Stewart Duke-Elder.



Leadership Circle

Reflects giving from Feb. 1, 2003 to April 15, 2004.

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ICO Alumni Association Awards

2004-2005 Nomination Ballot

Your assistance in recognizing deserving peers and fellow professionals for this award is requested. Please submit your recommendations, along with a brief background sketch of the candidate's accomplishments, for the following award prior to September 1, 2004.

You are nominating for which award? (pick one)

- Alumna/Alumnus of the Year Award
- Distinguished Alumnus/ae Award
- Distinguished Friend Award
- Excellence in Education Award
- Humanitarian Award
- Lifetime Service Award
- Professional Achievement Award

NAME OF NOMINEE

NOMINEE'S PHONE NUMBER

NOMINEE'S ADDRESS

Why are you nominating this person for the award?

YOUR NAME

YOUR PHONE NUMBER

YOUR ADDRESS

Please MAIL or FAX your form by September 1, 2004:

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