

## Updates

### Dean Search Begins

Dr. David S. Loshin resigned as the Dean of the School of Optometry on December 31, 1996. Dr. Ralph Garzia has been named Interim Dean as of January 1, 1997.

Dr. Loshin accepted the position of Dean of the College of Optometry at NOVA Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The first meeting of the Dean Search Committee was held December 20, 1996. The committee is comprised of 7 faculty members (Drs. Gary Bachman, Aaron Franzel, Vasudevan Lakshminarayanan, William Long, Howard McAlister, Carol Peck and Jane Shea) one staff member (Julie Gram), one student (Kristina Zetlmeisl) one alum (Dr. Craig Sorce), two professionals in the optometric community (Dr. Robert Koetting and Dr. James DeClue) and a chair (Dean Terry Jones) of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The advertisement/job description was placed in the AOA Newsletter last month and mailed to every Dean of Optometry. If possible, it will appear on the ASCO web page.

The Committee will meet in March to consider initial reviews of the applications received thus far.

## Alumni

### Over 200 Alumni Attend 1997 Heart of America



The University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry presented an Alumni & Friends reception at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri on Friday, February 14, 1997 in conjunction with the Heart of America Contact Lens Meeting. This year's reception was the most successful with over 200 alumni and friends in attendance. (See additional photos throughout the newsletter).



**School Briefs**

**Faculty**

Dr. **Stephen Lehmkuhle**, Dr. Frank Moss (Physics Dept.) and Dr. Lon Wilkens (Biology Dept.) have been awarded a \$1.978 million grant from the Department of Defense for their work in signal processing in neurobiological systems and how noise or random processes benefit those signals.

Drs. **Lora Elliott** ('94), **Beth Henderson**, **Edward Bennett**, **Carl Bassi**, **Vinita Henry**, **Bruce Morgan**, and **Kristy Porter** ('95, contact lens resident '96) presented a paper entitled "Comparison of Overall Performance of Hydrogel and Rigid Gas Permeable Lens Materials in the Contact Lens Management of the Borderline Dry Eye Patient" at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Optometry in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. **W. Gary Bachman** and his daughter Dr. Joanne Bachman had a paper published in the November issue of the *AOA Journal* (Vol. 67, No. 11, pps. 697-701) entitled "The Continuing Impact of Treatment of Eye Disease on Optometric Practice in Missouri." The study was supported by a grant from Storz, Inc.

Dr. **Edward Bennett** presented an Ellerbrock course entitled "Advanced RGP Video Grand Rounds" at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Optometry in Orlando in December. He also presented a seminar entitled "RGP Bifocal Update" at the Annual Meeting of the Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists in Las Vegas in January.

Dr. **Carl Bassi** and Dr. George Taylor (Psychology Department) have been awarded a \$19,600 grant from the Missouri Alzheimer's Association. The grant title is "Nicotine, Attention and the Aging Visual System."

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**From the Interim Dean**

I find myself in a familiar position. It is my distinct privilege to serve the School of Optometry and the University of Missouri-St. Louis for the second time as Interim Dean. While the search for a new dean proceeds, you can be assured that we are moving forward. As you can read in this EyeWire, there have been a number of new initiatives at the School. The gift from the Ophthalmic Education Institute and the new residency program at the Midwest Eye Institute are the most notable. But there are other things happening. The faculty have continued their exhaustive review of the optometric curriculum by adding courses in Ophthalmic Lasers and Ocular Assessment. Other courses have been consolidated and moved to enhance students' preparation for clinical responsibilities. Our clinical activities continue to expand in patient encounters and programs. The budget and Planning Committee and I have met on several occasions to begin engineering a long range plan for the School of Optometry. Borrowing from an article I wrote for a previous EyeWire: the School must enhance the efficiency of all its operations and challenge all of its fundamental assumptions. This done, the future is full of promise.

*Ralph P. Garzia, O.D.*

**Gifts**

**Marco Grant Finances New Classrooms**



**Mr. David Marco**

The S. R. Marco Family Foundation has bestowed \$50,000 to the School of Optometry to equip classrooms. The School will receive \$10,000 a year for five years.

The University has planned renovation in the lower level of Marillac Hall for optometry classrooms. Construction is due for completion by the fall semester 1997. The furnishings and audio/visual equipment will be purchased from the Marco grant.

The Marco Family Foundation will be prominently acknowledged on a permanent plaque which will be displayed in the classroom. The S. R. Marco Family Foundation is funded, in part, by Marco Ophthalmic and Marco Technologies-with the goal of returning profits to the American ophthalmic community.

Thanks to the Marco Family's generous donation, the School of Optometry will enhance the quality of education for future University of Missouri trained Doctors of Optometry.

**Heart of America Donates RGP Units**

The RGP modification units pictured on the right were donated to the School of Optometry by the Heart of America Contact Lens Society. The units are now being used in the contact lens laboratory to develop the technical capabilities of the optometry students.



## Optometry Receives \$76,000 Gift



Pictured left to right are Dr. G.A. Franzel, Dr. Ralph Garzia and Dr. Al Bucar.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry received a gift of \$76,000 from the Ophthalmic Education Institute (OEI) on January 29, 1997, in Chicago, Illinois. The gift is part of a \$100,000 pledge.

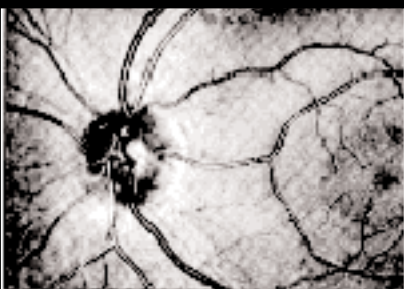
The check was presented to Interim Dean Ralph Garzia, O.D. and Associate Dean G.A. Franzel, O.D. by Albert Bucar, O.D., Executive Director of OEI. In concordance with the goals of OEI, Dr. Bucar announced that the gift was intended to support the School's professional and post professional clinical education programs and to initiate a campaign to create financial support for the School of Optometry. The gift was also in recognition of the quality of the School of Optometry's clinical education curricu-

lum and continuing education program.

In response to the gift, Drs. Garzia and Franzel expressed their sincere appreciation and affirmed the School's commitment to provide quality education in the didactic and clinical curriculum as well as in the school's continuing education programs. Both Dr. Garzia and Dr. Bucar agreed to continue the cooperative efforts between the two organizations to advance optometric education.

Dr. Bucar stressed the importance for all optometrists to rally to the support of clinical education in the School of Optometry, especially continuing education—which is a life line for the optometric practitioner. It is through education that the profession will grow.

### The School of Optometry Continuing Education Endowment Series presents:



#### "The Optic Nerve in Glaucoma"

Harry Quigley, M.D.  
The Distinguished Edward Maumenee  
Professor of Ophthalmology of John  
Hopkins University

Sunday, September 21, 1997  
J.C. Penney Building, UM-St. Louis

## School Briefs

Drs. **Edward Bennett** (presenter), **Stephanie Stulc** ('96), **Carl Bassi**, **Bruce Morgan**, **Vinita Henry**, and **Beth Henderson** presented a paper entitled "The Effect of Patient Personality Profile and Verbal Presentation on Successful Adaptation, Satisfaction, and Compliance" at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Optometry in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. **Vinita Henry** and the contact lens faculty received a grant for \$8,532 from the Ciba Vision/ASCO Total Quality Education Grant Program. This grant will be used for staff development.

Dr. **Vasudevan Lakshminarayanan** gave an invited plenary talk on his work on photoreceptor optics at the Photonics'96: International Convergence on Fiber Optics and Photonics, held at Madras, India in December, 1996.

Dr. **Lakshminarayanan's** invited talks during the month of December include: Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, Department of Electrical and Bioengineering, Kon Kuk University, Korea, Elite School of Optometry, Madras and a grand round presentation at the Medical Research Foundation, Madras.

Dr. **William F. Long** published a paper in the *Journal of Vision Rehabilitation* (Vol. 10, No. 3, pps. 22-27) entitled "Visual Aids and Resources for the Partially Sighted Law Student." Abstract: A student with a severe visual handicap has successfully completed his first year of law school by using a variety of aids—one of the most useful being his Macintosh computer which provided text magnification, text-to-speech synthesis and access to Internet resources.

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Dr. **Jeffrey L. Weaver** and Mary Beth Rhomberg ('97) presented a poster entitled "Accommodation to Targets for VDT Prescriptions" at the 1996 American Academy of Optometry meeting in Orlando, Florida in December.

Dr. **Bennett** and the contact lens faculty—Drs. **Vinita Henry, Beth Henderson, Bruce Morgan, Lora Elliott** ('94) and **Rosanne Mezzano** ('96, contact lens resident '97)—received a grant for approximately \$1500 plus materials from CooperVision to investigate their Alliance soft toric lens.

Dr. **Weaver** had his article, "Determination and Application of Vision Standards in Industry," published in the November, 1996 issue (Vol. 30, pps. 633-640) of *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*.

Dr. **Ralph Garzia** gave a presentation March 17 at the 1997 Mid-America Vision Conference entitled "Subtypes of Reading Disability."

Dr. **Monica Harris** presented a case report on Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the 1997 Mid America Vision Conference.

Dr. **Weaver**, a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve, has recently been decorated with three awards for his service and performance as an Optometry Officer in the 7228th Medical Support Unit, Columbia, Missouri. The awards are the U.S. Army Achievement Medal, the U.S. Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, and the U.S. Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

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Faculty

Lehmkuhle Named acting Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Dr. Stephen Lehmkuhle, professor of Optometry and faculty fellow in the University of Missouri System's office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been appointed acting Vice President by UM System President Melvin D. George.

Lehmkuhle will serve in the absence of Richard L. Wallace, Vice President for Academic Affairs, who was appointed Interim Chancellor at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"Steve Lehmkuhle is an outstanding teacher and researcher and a young man with excellent interpersonal and administrative skills," George said. "We're fortunate at this juncture to have him already working as part of our team; and this appointment only helps to formalize the operation in existence since Vice President Richard Wallace

accepted his assignment at MU."

Lehmkuhle helped develop the educational software InSight and InSight 2-InColor that has been used in more than 100 universities throughout the world to teach the principles of visual perception. He has received more than \$500,000 in research grants and is the author of more than 50 articles that have appeared in such publications as *New England Journal of Medicine, Vision Research and Science*.

Dr. Lehmkuhle, along with two other UM-St. Louis faculty, has been recently awarded a grant of \$1.978 million dollars from the Department of Defense. (See School Briefs column page 4)

In 1994 he received [with Dr. Ralph Garzia] the Galileo Award for research excellence in children's vision and learning from the American Foundation of Vision Awareness.

Optometry Welcomes Dr. Monica Harris



Dr. Monica Harris

The School of Optometry is proud to welcome our newest faculty member, Dr. Monica Harris, a 1994 UM-St. Louis alumnus. She completed a one-year residency in pediatrics/binocular vision at the Southern College of Optometry (SCO) in Memphis.

She was instrumental in creating a relationship between SCO and Baptist Memorial Hospital for the care of head trauma patients due to accidents or strokes. After treating the head trauma patients, the hospital referred them to SCO where their vision could be assessed and improved upon. Patients received a full vision evaluation and treatments included glasses, prisms and/or vision therapy. Dr. Harris said, "Patients were thankful to gain some control back over their vision."

Following her residency, Dr. Harris joined a private practice specializing in children with visual processing problems.

Dr. Harris' experience and knowledge will be an asset to the school. She will teach in the Binocular Vision Anomalies and Pediatric Optometry courses.

## Optometry VA Externship/Residency Site Receives Prestigious Award

The Vision Impairment Center To Optimize Remaining Sight (VIC-TORS) program at Veterans Medical Center in Kansas City was honored with the Olin M. Teague Award, the highest honor given by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), during Capitol Hill Ceremonies. The award is given annually by the VA to an individual or team deemed to have done more than any other to rehabilitate disabled veterans.

Dr. Joseph Maino, UM-St. Louis School of Optometry Adjunct Professor and Chief of the Kansas City VICTORS, believes the award will give low vision services a new prominence in health care.

The team members evaluate, diagnosis and rehabilitate veterans from a

six state area. The team goals include early identification of legally blind and severely visually impaired veterans, restoration of vision function, and maximum staff utilization. The rehabilitation program is designed to accomplish extensive eye diagnosis, low vision rehabilitation, prescription of low vision prosthetic devices, research and visual rehabilitation.

Dr. Maino reports that dozens of patients were able to return to work, see children or spouses, watch television or read for the first time in years.

The Veteran's Medical Center provides clinical training for three residents, two hospital-based and one low vision rehabilitation, and three UM-St. Louis interns rotating every 16 weeks.

## Ocular Disease Management Residency Approved

The School of Optometry will be offering a Ocular Disease Management Residency position beginning in the summer of 1997. The one year residency will be based in Chicago at the Midwest Eye Institute. MEI has three locations in the metropolitan area that serve a wide range of patients. The resident will work at each of these centers. The program is being funded by the TLC Corporation, the parent company of MEI. Because of their involvement in laser refractive

surgery, the resident will certainly be involved in co-managing these patients.

The program Director for this residency is Floyd W. Woods, O.D., the Administrative Director of the Midwest Eye Institute. Dr. Woods was one of the developers of the co-management concept.

The resident must be eligible for Illinois licensure and will be responsible for the production of a scholarly work, suitable for publication.

## What's New With the Students

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The AOSA Annual "Corneal Classic" golf tournament will be held on Saturday, April 19, 1997. It will be held at Belk Park near Alton, Illinois once again, with a shotgun start with tee time of 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! You may make up a team or join a team. The entry fee for a non-optometry student is \$45.00. For more information call Steve Tilley at 397-5030.

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Alumni Information

## Comments from the Alumni Survey

### From the Editor

I am happy to report that the EyeWire received favorable comments from the Alumni Survey. A few of you expressed interest in fellow classmates' e-mail addresses and faculty addresses so I've listed the faculty in the School Briefs column on page five. Please fill out the information box below and include your **e-mail** address if you would like to be part of our Alumni Directory and I will be glad to publish them as they become available. (Look for the information box on the optometry web page in the near future).

A few of you were also interested in receiving the EyeWire more frequently. We are pleased to announce that we are going to be publishing the EyeWire every other month. It may be a little shorter with fewer pictures, but you will receive it more often. We are scanning in our own photos now which really speeds up the printing process.

It sounds as though some of you are not getting the EyeWire. The Alumni Relations Department runs a routine mail search program to keep our mailing addresses as current as possible but if your forwarding address expires, we can't find you.

Everyone was interested in how fellow classmates were doing. We would be very happy to publish new events happening in your lives whether they are personal or professional. Please mail, fax or call with any information. For those of you who surf the Net, I can be reached at my e-mail address (sjmwhit@umslv-ma.umsl.edu). I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks for helping us improve your newsletter.

## More Photos From HOA



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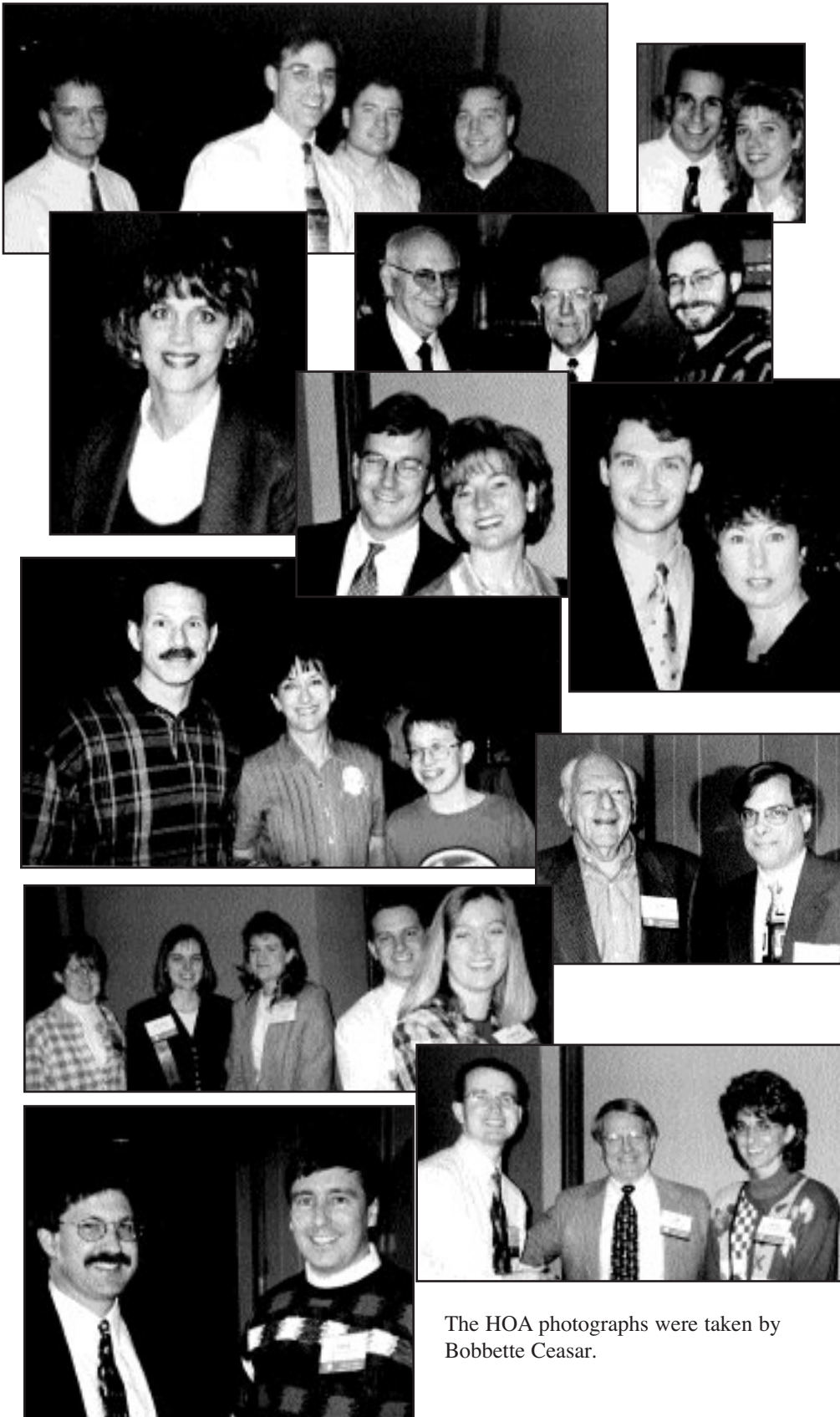
### We'd like to hear from Alumni and Friends

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Alumni

More Photos From the HOA



The HOA photographs were taken by Bobbette Ceasar.

Alumni-Personals

Alumni

Dr. **Jim Hancock** ('86) lives and practices in Florissant, Missouri. He and his wife Sue lead a bible study group and teach Sunday school. They are also happy to announce the birth of their fifth child, Mark Thomas. Mark was born October 1, 1996 weighing in at 8 lbs. and measuring 20 inches long. Mark joins his older siblings Kerry (11), David (10), John (5), and Peter (3). Dr. Hancock states, "It's been a blast!"

Dr. **Raymond F. Fada, Jr.** ('89) was elected President of the St. Louis Optometric Society for 1996-97. Dr. Fada practices and lives in St. Charles, Missouri with his wife Dr. **Pam Coslick** ('87). They are the proud parents of a beautiful four month old daughter, Erica Rae. She was born on October 5, 1996 and weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. Congratulations!

Dr. **Sean Mulqueeny** ('91) and his wife Lisa are happy to announce the birth of their newest addition, Ryan Michael. Ryan was born on February 3, 1997. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz and was 20 inches long. He joins his proud big brother Brendan who is 3 1/2, and quite a big helper with Ryan. Congratulations and good luck!

Dr. **James Hoekel** ('94) is currently a captain in the USAF and is stationed at Little Rock Arkansas Air Force Base. He and his wife Mary Ann have a 1 1/2 year old son Henry. Dr. Hoekel mentioned that he is looking forward to seeing everyone at the AOA Congress in June (see calendar on page 8).

Dr. **Sahba Jalali** ('95) and his wife Eddie are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Ameen. He was born November 20, 1996 and weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. The Jalali's currently live in Boise, Idaho. Good luck with your new addition!

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## Calendar Events

**April 1**

UM-St. Louis Grand Rounds, 2 hrs. CE  
7:00 p.m. (no fee), JC Penney Bldg.

**April 8**

St. Louis Optometric Society Meeting  
Clayton Holiday Inn

**April 15**

O'Donnell Eye Institute Grand Rounds  
1034 S. Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, MO  
Dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.  
For info. (314) 821-4252

**May 6**

UM-St. Louis Grand Rounds, 2 hrs. CE  
7:00 p.m. (no fee), JC Penney Bldg.

**May 13**

St. Louis Optometric Society Meeting  
Clayton Holiday Inn

**May 17**

Honors Convocation  
Hyatt Regency Hotel at Union Station

**May 18**

Basic Considerations of the  
Optic Nerve in Glaucoma  
126 JC Penney Bldg.  
For info. call Bobbette (314) 516-5604

**May 20**

O'Donnell Eye Institute Grand Rounds  
1034 S. Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, MO  
Dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.  
For info. (314) 821-4252

**June 3**

UM-St. Louis Grand Rounds, 2 hrs. CE  
7:00 p.m. (no fee), JC Penney Bldg.

**June 10**

St. Louis Optometric Society Meeting  
Clayton Holiday Inn

**June 13**

AOA Centennial Congress  
Alumni and friends reception held  
7:00-9:00 p.m. Information regarding the  
location will be announced at a later date.

**July 18-20**

1987 10-Year Class Reunion  
Base Hotel-Frontenac Hilton  
For more infor. call Bobbette Ceasar at  
(314) 516-5604.

**September 21**

"The Optic Nerve in Glaucoma" featuring  
Dr. Harry Quigley, M.D.  
JC Penney Bldg. (north campus)  
For info. call Bobbette (314) 516-5604



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