A Sign of Change

In this issue of our Alumni Newsletter I have decided to replace the usual picture of my smiling face (which you’ve already seen) with the photograph above, showing the new sign that greets patients, alumni and passers-by alike at the Columbia Street entrance. As alumni and friends of the School you will all recall the small and easily missed ‘Optometry’ sign that stood in this location for many years. The result was that the vast majority of the faculty, students and staff at the University of Waterloo, and the broader community as well, had no idea that we were here or that we provided eye care to the public. Our hope is that with this new sign, those who have appointments will be able to find us far more readily and the broader community will be more aware of the quality care that we can provide. This is but one part of our plan to increase the visibility of the School within the profession and the community at large.

In this issue I’d like to highlight just a few of the events that have decorated my term as Director thus far. It has been a very busy few months and the pace looks as though it is unlikely to slow any time soon.

One of the first things on the agenda was the appointment of Dr. Marlee Spafford as the Associate Director of the School. Dr. Spafford brings with her a unique combination of leadership, clinical acumen, compassion and an in-depth knowledge of school operations that make her ideally suited to serve in this critical position as we go forward. Thank you Marlee for agreeing to take on this important role.

Next was the School’s participation in an eventful American Academy of Optometry meeting in Denver, Colorado. Over and above the expected array of research and clinical presentations from our faculty, a number of UW people were honoured (see extended article and photos inside). Congratulations to Drs. Lyndon Jones, George Woo and Tony Cullen! In addition, our school was awarded the second largest number of student travel awards of any program in North America and participated for the first time in the Joint Alumni Reception, providing a ‘home’ for our alumni – be sure to visit us next year! To top off the event, our amazing band, The Lost Faculties, did an outstanding job playing at the Australia party, raising money for the charity Optometry Giving Sight. The entire week was a UW Optometry success.
Following such a successful showing at the Academy meeting, we were pleased to then embark on our first UW Cruise, “CE on the Sea”. More than 65 optometrists and their significant others set sail with us – a new and, by all accounts, thoroughly enjoyed event that we hope will be repeated regularly. We visited San Juan, St. Thomas and Nassau. To pass the time on those days when land was nowhere in sight, a comprehensive 20-hour TPA refresher course was presented. I want to thank Dr. Lisa Prokopich, Gary Marx, Liz Reidt and Marie O’Brien-Stockie for their efforts in organizing the meeting, and Dr. Susan Cooper for contributing her energy throughout this process.

Lastly, it has been a pleasure to begin meeting with various groups of alumni, especially the powerhouse that is the Class of 1979. Many have spoken with great fondness about their outreach rotations as UW students, providing needed care in Ontario’s Northern communities. Sadly, resources for this program have dwindled over the years and these meaningful experiences were lost to recent graduates. However, with the pending passage of TPA legislation, there is a stronger need to reach out beyond our home base and increase the exposure of our students to populations with greater prevalence of eye disease. To address this ongoing need, and to ensure that our students develop a sense of community service, we have assembled a team that will identify and develop additional disease-intensive clinical experiences within Canada. Two prominent alumnae, Drs. Marta Witer and Carol Cressman-Foster, have agreed to consult with us on this task force. We are thankful to both of them for their tireless energy and enthusiasm, inspiring us to move this initiative forward. Let us know of any such opportunities in your area.

These are but a few of the exciting developments that are helping to shape the future of UW Optometry. Read through the rest of this issue and you’ll learn more about the other exciting things that are happening. As always, never hesitate to call or write – we’re listening!
In our Fall edition I reported that architectural drawings were being finalized and predicted that we would be going to tender in March of 2007. Cost estimates from the preliminary drawings developed last fall indicated a significant cost beyond our budget approval. Given the serious over-budget prediction, our architects have worked assiduously to revamp the design with costs savings in mind. The results are quite promising in that the cost savings have been incorporated while maintaining all of the required elements of the addition. The principal design look and feel have been retained, which is comforting as we have received very favourable feedback on the artist concepts published in prior editions of our newsletter. Despite the new design’s cost savings, a new increased budget must be approved by the University’s Board of Governors. That approval is expected during the winter term and should be in place by the time you are reading this item. The redesign and approvals have pushed back the tendering process until some time this summer, it appears. We will continue to expedite the process as much as possible and, if we can, look for a construction start this summer. It now looks more likely that construction will begin this fall.

We have now received approval for a ceremonial ground breaking at our June CE program on Friday, June 8, scheduled for 11:30 am. We would like to invite you to attend, even if you are not attending our annual June CE program. Invitations to our donors are forthcoming, and watch the website for information confirming the date and time of the ground breaking. Our building expansion and ground breaking also coincides with the School’s 40th anniversary since moving to the University in 1967 and with the University’s own 50th anniversary. Please join us to celebrate all 3 events on June 8!
With almost $2 million left to raise in order to reach our expansion and renovation campaign goal of $7.2 million, we are asking our alumni to stand by us during this time of growth and need by making a donation toward this important project. It is only through your involvement that we can continue to meet the demands of excellence in optometric education and the profession.

Gift/Pledge Form

I/we wish to support excellence in education at the UW School of Optometry by supporting the expansion and renovation campaign.

Name _______________________________ Phone _______________________________
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Gift/Pledge Amount: __________ Pledge Period: __________ Years Start Date _______________________________

Project: UW School of Optometry – Building Expansion and Renovation Project

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Andrea Carthew, Development Officer – School of Optometry, University of Waterloo
200 University Ave. West, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1
A leading researcher at the University of Waterloo’s School of Optometry has been recognized as a top educator by a United States organization that advances optometric practice by fostering research and disseminating knowledge in vision science.

Lyndon Jones, a Professor of Optometry at UW, has received the 2006 Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education. It was presented last December by the American Optometric Foundation, which is affiliated with the American Academy of Optometry.

“This is an important award as it recognizes high standards in teaching and scholarship that enhances optometric education,” says Thomas Freddo, director of UW’s school of optometry. “The award is given to an optometric educator who has shown excellence in the education of optometry students and the advancement of optometric education.”

A winner of a UW Distinguished Teacher Award in 2005, Jones has been teaching optometry undergraduates and graduate students since he arrived on campus in October 1998. Students have said he “is able to make the most complicated of subjects both interesting and simple” and that his lectures are “interesting, relevant and well presented.” Jones connects the background theory with clinical practices through his mastery of PowerPoint. He includes relevant diagrams, videos and up-to-date information so the students can see real world applications of theory.

As well, Jones integrates his own research and past experiences into his lectures. He is also known as a person who encourages discussions in the classroom. Outside of the classroom, students find him approachable and always willing to help. Jones also strives to help improve education in optometry in general.

He was involved in the establishment of Optometric Educators Ltd. in Britain, a company devoted to motivating continuing education in optometry. He also gives lectures to optometrists internationally about the improvements in optometric education. He is in much demand around the world and has given over 300 invited lectures in over 25 countries. This year he has invitations to lecture in Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, in addition to the US and several countries in Europe.

Jones is also the Associate Director of UW’s Centre for Contact Lens Research, which performs clinical research investigating the ocular response to contact lenses and other forms of vision correction. His research interests include the assessment of contact lens deposits, wettability (the degree to which liquids will spread evenly across a surface), friction and the general interaction of contact lens materials with the ocular environment.

For more information on the Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education, visit: http://www.aaopt.org/aof/scholarship/MGHarris/index.asp
Waterloo Optometry’s Presence Makes a Statement South of the Border

In December 2006 the American Academy of Optometry held its annual conference in Denver, Colorado, bringing together optometry’s leading practitioners and scientists to share ideas, celebrate achievements and make connections. The difference at this year’s conference: Waterloo! We were literally everywhere you turned, from the trade show to the lectures to the battle of the bands and beyond.

A particular highlight of the event was the number of awards won by faculty, students and alumni, including UW graduate students – who won the second largest number of Student Travel Fellowships among institutions in North America! We would like to extend proud congratulations to:

- **Dr. George Woo** – winner of the William Feinbloom Award (seen in picture)
- **Dr. Lyndon Jones** – winner of the Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education and a 2006-2007 VISTAKON Research Grant
- **Subha Venkataraman** – winner of the Bausch & Lomb – Ezell Fellow
- **Dr. Patricia Rose** – winner of the Advanced Medical Optics – Ezell Fellow
- **Dr. Tony Cullen** – recognized as past president
- **Winners of travel fellowships** – **Raiju Babu, Jenna Hildebrand, Adam Keech, Doerte Luensmann, Marc Schulz, Sruthi Srinivasan and Lakshman Subbaraman**

Once we had celebrated the numerous awards received by UW Optometry, we were pleased to take part in the Joint Alumni Reception *(right)*. This event includes most optometry schools from across the US and provides alumni with a home to come back to while at the conference. This was the first time Waterloo had participated and we are pleased to report that it was a success! Our presence at this event was another step in securing our footprint south of the border as a key player in optometry in North America. Be sure to visit us next year for the AAO conference in Tampa, Florida. You will have a place to meet with colleagues, classmates and friends.

Finally, to finish off the conference, our very own band, the Lost Faculties, played at the Australia Party in a battle of the bands to raise money for Optometry Giving Sight. This was yet another moment of pride for the School of Optometry. The band was at its peak and gave one of the best performances many of us in attendance had ever seen! Needless to say, they won the battle (well, in our minds anyway), and made an impact on all in attendance. Between our success at the conference and the Lost Faculties’ outstanding performance, the message was clear – Waterloo is the one to watch!
**Remembering – Walwyn Spencer Long** – Dr. Jake Sivak

It was with great sadness that I learned in February of the death of Walwyn (Wally) Spencer Long, a retired and distinguished member of the School of Optometry. Wally was born in Saskatchewan and received his primary and secondary education in that province. He completed a Diploma in Optometry from the College of Optometry of Ontario in 1943 and served as an optometrist in the RCAF during World War II. He completed a BA from the University of Toronto in 1948 and joined the teaching faculty of the College of Optometry that same year. Wally spent a year as a visiting Professor in Optometry at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1964-65. He completed an OD from the College of Optometry of Ontario in 1966 and was among the first five faculty members at the new School of Optometry at the University of Waterloo in 1967. He retired from the School in 1984 after serving a term as Director and after having occupied a variety of administrative positions over the years.

Wally wrote articles on clinical topics related to dynamic retinoscopy, strabismus and amblyopia. He was a remarkable teacher, and the two teaching manuals he produced (one on the optometric examination and one on binocular vision) are such superb examples of succinctness and logic that they were in use in the School’s curriculum for decades.

Wally was a very modest individual who refused any special recognition or acknowledgement from the School or the University. I think of him as one of the unsung heroes of optometry. His death represents the end of an era in the development of our profession and School.

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**UW to Co-Host 6th Canadian Optometry Conference on Vision Science**

Join us December 7-9 2007 as the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Université de Montréal École d’Optométrie together commemorate:

- the 50th anniversary of the University of Waterloo
- the 40th anniversary of the University of Waterloo School of Optometry
- the Université de Montréal École d’Optométrie centennial year

For information, contact Dr. Chris Hudson (chudson@uwaterloo.ca) at 519-888-4567, ext. 35562 or Dr. Jeff Hovis (jhovis@uwaterloo.ca) at 519-888-4567, ext. 36768.

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Services contingent upon continued funding.
The Class of 1979 Comes Together to Support the School

– Andrea Carthew

When alumni from the Class of 1979 made the decision to rally together to support the School in our expansion campaign, we were thrilled by the idea. The result: nothing short of outstanding! The class effort, coordinated by Marta Witer, Carol Cressman-Foster, Melanie Sherk and Calvin Smith, has come together to collectively pledge $278,997!! Their success has not only surpassed expectations but set a precedent.

The Class of 1979 is one that has remained in close contact over the years and has served their profession well through their leadership, spirit and commitment. This became quickly apparent as the results of their efforts started to add up. “Our alma mater has served us well and prepared us for a successful career that has shaped our lives. It makes sense that we stand by the School now in this time of growth and need,” says Calvin Smith. Their class fundraising efforts were in response to our ambitious multi-million expansion and renovation project, essential to accommodate our 50% increase in enrolment and update current facilities.

In recognition of their collaborative efforts, the School will place a plaque acknowledging the Class of 1979 funding support outside one of our clinic pods. This is a grouping of four clinic rooms where students conduct vision examinations, complete with a waiting area for patients and an office where students discuss their cases with a clinical supervisor. The clinic will see an extensive renovation as part of the overall project and seems a fitting place to say thank you to a class who so strongly supports the clinical education of students both inside the School and in communities in need.

Now, the challenge – the Class of 1979 would like to ask other classes to follow their lead. “If we can do it, so can you! I’m sure there are a number of other classes that are up for the challenge and are willing to step up to the plate. The School needs our support and collectively we can make a difference and help ensure their success,” encourages Marta Witer. “It was wonderful to catch up with many of my classmates and was made easy through the support we received from the School,” expresses Carol Cressman-Foster. With a team approach, the Class of 1979 was able to connect with most of their classmates over a short period of time. “By working as a team, we were able to see success quickly without having to take a lot of time out of our schedules, definitely an approach others should try,” says Melanie Sherk. If you are interested in learning more on how you can take part and launch a class fundraising initiative, feel free to contact one of the coordinators of the Class of 1979 campaign or contact Andrea Carthew at 519-888-4567, ext. 36319 or at acarthew@uwaterloo.ca. We would love to hear from you.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to the Class of 1979 for such generous support of our expansion and renovation project. Our alumni are the history and the backbone of the School of Optometry and together we can ensure a stronger future.
Dr. Rachael Peterson –
Our New Post-Doctoral Fellow!

The continued success of the Centre for Contact Lens Research (CCLR) has led to the opportunity to support a post doctoral fellowship within the centre. This position has been created in order to facilitate the career development of clinical researchers in the fields of contact lenses and anterior segment investigation. The inaugural position has been given to Dr. Rachael Peterson, who moved to Canada in January this year.

Rachael is an optometrist from the UK who qualified in 2003. She worked in various aspects of optometric practice, including hospital-based clinics, before returning to Aston University in Birmingham to read for her PhD. Her thesis, on improving anterior surface grading, was supervised by Dr. James Wolffsohn and completed in the summer of 2006.

During her time at CCLR, Rachael will be working on anterior segment grading scales and enhancing the evaluation and understanding of corneal staining. She hopes that her work might help to improve the sensitivity and reliability of observations in clinical trials, and that it could also be applied by practitioners to aid in early detection and accurate monitoring of changes to the anterior ocular surfaces.

She thinks that Canada is fantastic and is really enjoying her time at CCLR whilst cultivating a new love of hockey and Tim Hortons.
A brand new CE offering for the School took place January 7-14 on the Celebrity Cruise Line’s ship *Millennium*. With over 70 optometrists and 125 people in total, the CE on the Sea program was very well attended and, by all accounts, very well received. 20 hours plus of contemporary and timely TPA CE was presented by Drs. Lisa Prokopich, Beth Schultz and Thom Freddo, the recently appointed Director of the School of Optometry.

CE on the Sea was a dramatic departure (sorry for the pun) from the School’s traditional land-based 3-day program. Challenges of delivering a program far from the comforts of the School were overcome by a more than helpful crew aboard *Millennium*. An immediate challenge was that one of our ports-of-call was cancelled due to problems in the port. That itinerary change of course compromised our program schedule, as our plan had been to deliver the program while at sea when our participants would not be off the ship on excursions. Regardless, the crew responded quickly and adjusted our conference room needs to the new itinerary.

Three ports-of-call had been planned: Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Casa de Campo was cancelled, but Nassau, Bahamas, was added to our itinerary while we were at sea. We enjoyed very nice warm weather for our port stops. Excursions included scuba diving, siteseeing and, of course, shopping! The days and nights were long, as our program started most mornings at 7:30 am. With most of our group taking the 8:30 pm dinner seating, which was normally followed by entertainment extravaganzas or gambling in the casino, the nights (sleep time) were short!

We had a few cases of seasickness but for the most part all recovered quickly. The CE program was a TPA refresher course and was very timely, as it appears that Ontario will finally include therapeutics in our scope of practice. Optometrists attending our program included optometrists from Quebec for the first time. It was wonderful to have them aboard and we hope to welcome them again to future programs.

Speaking of future programs, we expect to offer this program in alternate years early in January. We have had several suggestions on where the next cruise should be, including: Hawaii, the Mediterranean, Alaska and other areas of the Caribbean. Some suggestions have been made to make it a land-based, all inclusive exotic (read that as “warm”) resort, perhaps with golf and other activities. We would love to hear what your preference would be, so please contact me with your suggestions. It would be helpful to include your travel budget tolerance as well. The Caribbean, Mexico and Central America are the most cost effective, so if you are thinking about other cruises or destinations further afield, it would be helpful to know what your budget for the cruise/resort/travel portion would be as we consider the next CE on the Sea (or CE Course on the Course) program.
We are pleased to offer another Continuing Education program specifically geared to the Optometric Assistant and optometric practice staff members as part of the UW School of Optometry Continuing Education 2007 weekend.

The lecture series will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2007 with a minimum of 7 accredited hours of lecture time starting at 8:30 am. Topics this year include improving customer service in our changing marketplace, updates in retinal imaging, safety eyewear, the aging eye, toric contact lens information and a personal growth seminar to create your own mission statement. It is a full day of information, updates and knowledge to take back to your workplace!

Our annual Industry Information Trade Show and Luncheon in the tent will once again be part of the Saturday program. Thirty vendors will have booths to display the newest in ophthalmic spectacle and contact lenses, frames, equipment, technologies and services as you are treated to an array of delicious finger foods, hot hors d’oeuvres and desserts. This luncheon is included at no extra charge if you sign up for the Saturday lecture series.

A three-hour workshop will be offered on Sunday, June 10, 2007. The topics are: neutralizing tips on both manual and automated lensometers, using digital retinal photography technology and new spectacle lens edging equipment. All workshops are one hour and “hands on”, so come out and learn a few new techniques or polish up your skills.

REGISTRATION FORM – CE 2007

Please complete this form as soon as possible and submit along with your method of payment. If paying by cheque, please make cheque payable to the UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO (CDN$). No postdated cheques please.

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UW’s Continuing Education 2007 is SOLD OUT! – Dr. C. Lisa Prokopich

Due to extraordinary demand for our June program, we are sold out! As everyone will know, not only does there continue to be a buzz about TPAs this year, but there is also a frenzy around the Continuing Medical Education (CME) funding.

The Ontario Association of Optometrists has secured funding for Ontario optometrists for CME during the most recent negotiations with OHIP and identified four bundles of CME that could be selected by Ontario optometrists to be covered by the provincial CME funding. Our June CE program was included in those 4 options and the result is that we have completely sold out! Thanks, OAO! While it will be difficult to follow on the heels of the very successful CE on the Sea program in the Caribbean in January, UW’s Continuing Education program for June 2007 is up for the challenge! In anticipation of closure on Bill 171, including the TPA announcement, the School has prepared “TPA Refresher – An Evidence & Case-Based Approach”. This 20-hour certificate program will be presented over three days, from Friday, June 8 through Sunday, June 10th.

How time flies!!! 2007 marks the School of Optometry’s 40th anniversary at the University of Waterloo! Further, the University of Waterloo is concurrently celebrating its 50th! (See http://www.uwaterloo.ca for interesting information about the founding years at UW.) Our June CE program is but one event that the School and University are using to celebrate these important milestones. In order to celebrate these landmark anniversaries together with everyone, we are inviting all attendees at CE, regardless of year of graduation, to attend our Reunion Dinner on Saturday, June 9. Those who attended previous Reunion Dinners have reported a great time, excellent food, and a time to reconnect on a warm summer evening on the Optometry “green” outside the School. We look forward to seeing you all there! (Please note, if you did not include the Reunion Dinner on your registration form and wish to, please contact Elizabeth Reidt at ejreidt@uwaterloo.ca)

As is now tradition, we are presenting our annual Memorial Dr. Clair Bobier and Dr. Emerson Woodruff Lectures as part of the program. Our distinguished speakers this year are Dr. Graham J. Strong and Dr. C. Ross Ethier. Dr. Strong’s thought-provoking title is “Optometric Co-management of Partially Cured Ophthalmic Patients,” while Dr. Ethier will bring his vast understanding of glaucoma in an engaging talk called “The Biomechanics of Glaucoma”. See http://www.optometry.uwaterloo.ca/ce/2007/june/woodruffbobier.html for more information.

Our Optometric Assistants program will be offered again this year over 2 days, Saturday and Sunday. Topics will include customer service in a changing marketplace, updates in retinal imaging, safety eyewear, the aging eye, toric contact lens information and a personal growth seminar. A three-hour hands-on workshop will be offered on Sunday, June 10 2007. The topics are neutralizing tips on both manual and automated lensometers, using digital retinal photography technology and new spectacle lens edging equipment. Remind your staff about this valuable program at: http://www.optometry.uwaterloo.ca/ce/2007/june/registration.html#form

Finally, our CE Industry Information Trade Show will expand again! A larger tent and more vendors will show you the latest industry products all while you enjoy a now famous lunch between the eye disease and therapeutics talks on Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you all in Waterloo to celebrate with us!
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The School of Optometry will honour its Distinguished Alumni in celebration of our 40th Anniversary at the University of Waterloo. These awards will be presented to a select group of alumni who have made significant and important contributions to the profession and to society. Presentations will be made during our Research Symposium – December 7-8 2007, when we will celebrate the successes and accomplishments of our School and our graduates over the past 40 years.

We invite you to nominate a graduate from the School of Optometry who has made a significant contribution in one or more of the following areas:

- The Profession of Optometry
- Health Care
- Community, Society, and beyond

Nominations will be accepted through the web at www.optometry.uwaterloo.ca or by hard copy until the deadline of August 31 2007.

AWARD PROCESS

Award selection will be made by a committee including the Director of the School of Optometry (or delegate), several past directors of the School, the Development Officer and the President of the Canadian Association of Optometrists.

The School welcomes nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award from alumni, students, staff, retirees and members of the public. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nominees must hold at least one UW Optometry degree.

To nominate an alumnus for the Distinguished Alumni Award, a nomination form must be completed, including all mandatory fields. Please provide as much detail as possible while completing the online form or send a hard copy by mail or fax to:

School of Optometry
University of Waterloo
200 University Avenue West
Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1
Attn: 40th Anniversary Awards
Fax 519-725-0784

In addition to the School of Optometry’s own anniversary, the University of Waterloo is reaching a milestone in its history as it celebrates its 50th year. The University has long embraced the ‘spirit of why not?’, which has led to a culture of practical ideas, innovative technology and highly trained young people.

*** Privacy Statement: The University of Waterloo respects your privacy and that of the person you are nominating. Our full privacy policy is online or you may contact Andrea Carthew****

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Distinguished Alumni Award – NOMINATION FORM – Deadline: August 31 2007

To identify candidates for the School of Optometry’s Distinguished Alumni Award – please provide as much detail as possible; point form is encouraged. Nominators should complete the online form at www.optometry.waterloo.ca. Required fields are marked *. A hard copy form is supplied on the reverse of this page for your convenience.
Distinguished Alumni Award: Nomination Form
Deadline: August 31, 2007

This form will be used to identify candidates for the School of Optometry’s Distinguished Alumni Award. Please provide as much detail as possible; point form is encouraged. Nominators may need to attach a separate sheet in order to provide full details or complete the online form at www.optometry.waterloo.ca. REQUIRED FIELDS ARE MARKED *.

1. Personal Information of Nominee
   * Given name(s)
   * Last name
   * Year of graduation
   * Address (full address if known)
   * Phone number(s) Home ( )
   * Business ( )
   Email Address
   Practice name/employer

2. Professional Achievement (recognizes professional accomplishments or contributions to the profession) 250 word maximum; point form is encouraged.

   What makes a good entry? Successful career/professional achievements or contributions to the profession:
   • Exemplary career success, visibility
   • Significant other roles (Board of Directors, advisory groups, association committees)
   • Senior leadership
   • Known beyond industry segment
   • Leadership that has impacted the direction of the profession, affected policy, etc.

   * Proven impact (could be local, regional, national, international)

3. Contributions to Community (recognizes accomplishments and involvement in volunteer leadership, humanitarian endeavours and community and public service, including or outside optometry) 250 word maximum; point form is encouraged.

   What makes a good entry? Community Service/Humanitarian endeavours:
   • Significant, sustained involvement, volunteerism, philanthropy
   • Highly visible involvement that is clearly recognized
   • Multiple leadership roles

4. UW Involvement/Other Information (that may aid in the selection process) 250 word maximum; point form is encouraged.

   The candidate’s CV, résumé and/or biography including awards, journal articles, popular press articles, etc., will also be accepted and considered.

5. Personal Information of Nominator
   * Name of nominator
   * Address:
   * Phone Number: Home ( )
   * Business ( )
   Email address

   Are you a UW Optometry alumnus? ☐ yes ☐ no If yes, what year?

   * Relationship to nominee
   * Please state why you are making this nomination (100 word maximum)

   * Please check one of the following:
     ☐ I plan to inform the nominee of this nomination;
     ☐ The School of Optometry may inform the nominee of this nomination;
     ☐ I prefer my nomination to remain anonymous.

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The Lost Faculties Go International!

After making a triumphant appearance at ORBIS International’s fundraising dinner last October, UWSO’s resident rock band, the Lost Faculties, recently broke onto the international scene when they were invited to perform at the Australia party during the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry in Denver, Colorado. They shared the stage with the Bad Habits, the notorious “Eye Docs of Rock”, who have been well known entertainers at numerous optometric events throughout the U.S. over the last several years. The evening turned out to be a huge success! The large dance floor was packed from start to finish as optometrists and guests from all over the world danced and partied enthusiastically to the music of AC/DC, INXS, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles and such Canadian icons as the Tragically Hip and Tom Cochrane, among others. Many compliments were heard about the band’s high-energy sound and professional stage presence, and it was even proposed to invite the band back for a repeat performance at next year’s AAO meeting in Tampa, Florida.

In the meantime, another international engagement is in the works, as the Lost Faculties will soon be taking the stage at the gala dinner/dance for the British Contact Lens Association in Manchester, U.K., on June 2 2007. Needless to say, the band is very excited to be given the unique opportunity to represent not only Canadian optometry and optometric education but also Canadian music on the international stage. They are grateful to the many supporters and sponsors who have provided invaluable assistance in recent years. Who would have thought that a mild-mannered group of optometrists and their associates would have gone from their humble origins at UWSO’s skit night to international recognition in just a few short years!