

# OPTHALMOLOGY *Outlook*

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## Havener Eye Institute Welcomes New Faculty

### *Amy Kopp, M.D.*

**D**r. Kopp will join the Havener Eye Institute as an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology with the Glaucoma Division in August 2007. Dr. Kopp graduated with a B.S. in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio and received her M.D. from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. She completed her internship at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio and received the Intern of the Year award. Dr. Kopp continued her education with a residency in Ophthalmology and a fellowship in Glaucoma at The Ohio State University William Havener Eye Institute.

Dr. Kopp holds membership in the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Medical Association, Ohio State University Chapter. She also enjoys playing with her children, reading, golfing, and scuba diving. Dr. Kopp is now available for patient appointments at our Ohio State campus and Dublin locations.



### *Reynell Harder Smith, D.O.*



**W**e welcome Dr. Harder Smith to the OSU Havener Eye Institute as an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology with the Anterior Segment Division. Dr. Harder Smith graduated with a B.A. from the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York and received her D.O. from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She continued her education with an internship and residency in Ophthalmology at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Harder Smith followed with a Cornea

Fellowship at The Ohio State University William Havener Eye Institute under the direction of Thomas Mauger, M.D. Dr. Harder Smith is experienced in surgery and treatment of cataract and corneal conditions as well as all areas of comprehensive ophthalmology.

Dr. Harder Smith holds membership in the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, and the American Osteopathic Association. In addition, she has volunteered with the Medical Missions to Honduras and Adirondack Marathon Distance Festival. Dr. Harder Smith is available for patient appointments at our Ohio State campus and Dublin location.

### *Amit Tandon, M.D.*

**D**r. Tandon will join the OSU Havener Eye Institute as an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology in August 2007. Before coming to the Havener Eye Institute, Dr. Tandon was the Chief Resident at the University of Michigan, Kellogg Eye Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Tandon graduated with a B.S. from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and continued his education at University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine to receive his Doctor of Medicine. Following his internal medicine internship at The Christ Hospital in



Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Tandon completed his residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Michigan, Kellogg Eye Center.

Dr. Tandon is a Member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and a Member of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. Dr. Tandon is very active in the community serving as a volunteer for Glaucoma Screening, Skin Lesion Screening, Meals on Wheels, and Grow Your Own program at the Marion General Hospital. Dr. Tandon will practice at our Ohio State campus and Dublin locations.



# Graduating Residents



**J. Garret Mouser, MD**  
Chief Resident  
has joined James A. Moses,  
M.D. in private practice  
in Columbus, Ohio.



**Carrie A. Lembach, DO**  
is beginning an Anterior  
Segment fellowship at the  
Havener Eye Institute



**J. Jefferds Sinclair, MD**  
has joined a private practice  
in Suffolk, VA.



**Jeffrey T. Wincko, MD**  
has joined a private practice  
in Pittsburgh, PA.

# Second Annual BuckEYE Golf Classic

*Featuring Thad Matta*

The Havener Eye Institute hosted its 2nd Annual Golf Classic on May 21, 2007 presented by Fifth Third Bank. Thad Matta, The Ohio State men's basketball coach, came out to support the Havener Eye Institute and meet players. There was not a cloud in the sky as the 93 golfers teed off at the Golf Club of Dublin. The outing was won by Lee Rudibaugh, Alan Wallingsford, Scott Bellinger, and Mark McConnell with a score of 59. The second place winners were Paul Weber, Alan Letson, Doug Wyatt, and Mark Sbrochi. Coming in third was the foursome of Jamie Menges, Chad Stuckey, Carrie Lembach, and Christy Float.

We would like to thank the following generous sponsors: Fifth Third Bank (Presenting Sponsor), Bausch & Lomb (Classic Sponsor), Group Benefits Agency, Hilton Easton, Morgan Stanley, Optics Inc., Allergan, Carl Zeiss, Coors Light, Dick's Sporting Goods, Haag-Streit, Heine, Immke Northwest Honda, Milltech, Ochsendorf Promotions, OSU Medical Center, Paul Weber, Principal Financial, SOHO Studio, Thomas Mauger, and Carol Laxson.

Through sponsorships, raffle prizes, and Thad Matta autographed basketballs, this event raised \$25,000, which was donated to provide new exam room equipment for the resident clinic.



*Paul Weber, Thad Matta, and Alan Letson*



*Thad Matta with golfers from Fifth Third Bank, Matt Mazza and Steve Pentony*



*Photo opportunity with Thad Matta*



*Havener Eye Institute employees organizing raffle prizes and award ceremony.*



*Ted Loizos, Mike Kenley, Matt Ohr, and Jeff Winko*



*Garret Mouser and Tom Dingle*



*Thad Matta with Anthony Shay*

*New Endowment***Leo and Grace Faust Donation**

**A**ccording to one of her best friends, Grace Faust derived her greatest pleasure and happiness from achieving for Ohio State. “Whatever she set out to do she got done,” assured Nancy Faulker. “Grace Heck Faust was an Ohio State alumna of the first order.”

Grace earned a bachelor’s degree from Ohio State in 1928, followed by a law degree in 1930. She was the university’s first female law school graduate. Leo was also a Buckeye, having learned a law degree in 1926. She and Leo knew each other professionally during the 1930’s when she served as Ohio’s first female prosecutor and he was an attorney. According to the Faulkers, their friend never considered herself a feminist or a crusader, but rather a woman who considered her own personal path and interests and met all colleagues on an equal footing.

Grace and Leo did not become romantically involved until later in life, after the



passing of Leo’s first wife. Grace was 73 and Leo was 77 on their wedding day in the spring of 1977.

Through their careful estate planning, it’s easy to see that the couple was devoted to Ohio State as well. Upon their deaths, a planned gift of more than \$500,000 from their estate established endowments in the areas of education and human ecology, ophthalmology, cardiology, psychiatry, cancer and, of course, law. Grace passed away in 1994, followed by Leo in 1996.

The Faustus were interested in contributing to Ophthalmology in honor of Faulkers’ late son, J. Andrew Fulker, who was also a

partner in the law firm. Andy suffered from a retinal disease. This endowed fund is used for research into the causes, preventions and cures of retinal diseases.

The couple also established endowments to support research in the areas of cardiology and cancer and made additional funding available for the Heck-Faust Memorial Chair Constitutional Law.

After a lifetime of pioneering a career in law—including serving as a judge in Urbana—and sharing her devotion to Ohio State, Grace received a distinguished Alumni Award from the university. In her 80’s at the time, Grace leaned over to her friend Nancy before taking the stage and said in her characteristic style, “It’s about damn time.”

Leo continued to go to the office every day, even well past 92 years of age. His years as an attorney were spent in general practice handling estate planning and litigation and representing insurance companies.

**Glaucoma Division***Expands to Dublin*

**T**he Glaucoma Division is pleased to announce that Gloria Fleming, M.D. and Amy Kopp M.D. will be rotating in the Department’s location at 6805 Avery Muirfield Drive in Dublin. Dr. Fleming and Dr. Kopp will be offering the latest in glaucoma care including state-of-the-art imaging for glaucoma diagnosis and management. The physicians and surgeons in the Retina Division are also available at this location. Other eye care services offered by the Anterior Segment, Neuro-Ophthalmology, and Refractive Surgery Divisions are located nearby at 6855 Post Road in Dublin.



## Paul Weber, M.D.

### Recognition

Dr. Weber was recognized recently by receiving two awards. The “Champion of Family Medicine Award” was given by the Department of Family Medicine for encouraging the decision of those students who are pursuing a career in Family Medicine. This award was given to Dr. Weber at the Department of Family Medicine’s Honor Reception, April 24th. The second award, the “Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award” was presented to him on June 7th at the College of Medicine Honors Convocation. This



award is given by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation to a faculty member who embodies compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of care to patients and their family members.

Dr. Paul Weber has stepped down from his positions as Vice Dean for Education. His many years of service to the College of Medicine in the role were exemplary, contributing to the excellence of the College. Dr.

Weber is planning to devote his time to his clinical practice, glaucoma research, and the teaching of residents and medical students.

## Glaucoma Research

### MEMANTINE Study

The glaucoma division has just completed its four-year participation in a clinical trial sponsored by Allergan to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of oral Memantine. Memantine is considered in a class of drugs referred to as neuroprotectors.

Memantine has been used in Europe for 20 years for central nervous system (CNS) indications including the treatment of dementia syndrome, spastic disorders, and Parkinson’s syndrome. In 2003, the FDA approved the use of Memantine (Namenda®) for the treatment of Alzheimer’s. Allergan, in its ongoing pursuit of developing drugs for the treatment of eye disease, began researching Memantine for the treatment of glaucoma\*.

Glaucoma is a disease characterized by damage to the cells around the optic nerve that will result, if left untreated, in eventual blindness. The prevailing theory is that this damage is caused by increased pressure (IOP) inside the eye. However, there is research to suggest that increased IOP is only part of the picture of understanding the cause of glaucoma. Blindness from glaucoma may also result from the build up of a toxin within the eye.

A neurotransmitter called glutamate stimulates the nerve cells used during vision. It has been found that too much glutamate in the eye can act as a toxin, actually causing death to the cells surrounding the optic nerve. Memantine has been shown to decrease the excess production of glutamate. It is theorized that Memantine used in the treatment of glaucoma could help prevent the progression of this blinding disease.

In 1999, Allergan began recruitment for the Memantine clinical trial, enrolling 1136 patients and involving clinics in the U.S., Canada, Brazil, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. As of September 2006, all patients concluded their participation in this study. Allergan is beginning the final process of data analysis, expecting results to be published in two years. Hopefully, findings will be favorable and Memantine can be added to the arsenal of medications that fight the progression of glaucoma.

\*Memantine has not been approved by the FDA for the treatment of glaucoma.

## New Residents



**Katie Baston, M.D.**

*Medical School:*  
University of South Carolina  
*Internship:*  
Riverside Methodist Hospital



**Cedric Pratt, D.O.**

*Medical School:*  
University of North Texas  
*Internship:*  
Summa Health System



**Landon Colling, M.D.**

*Medical School:*  
Southern Illinois University  
*Internship:*  
Riverside Methodist Hospital



**Wendy Smith, M.D.**

*Medical School:*  
The Ohio State University  
*Internship:*  
The Ohio State University



**Rick Whitehead, M.D.**

*Medical School:*  
The Ohio State University  
*Internship:*  
Riverside Methodist Hospital

## Pediatric Corneal Transplant

### *Patient Profile of Wynton Twitty*

**F**or Jennifer and William Twitty, parents of corneal transplant recipient Wynton Twitty, having a child born blind was not a test of faith – it was proof. As soon as her newborn son was in her arms, Mrs. Twitty saw that his right eye was clouded. A visit from Dr. Mary Lou McGregor the next day confirmed that Wynton was blind in that eye. But, Mrs. Twitty says, she had faith in the “Ultimate Physician,” and her prayers were answered when her tiny infant received the cornea transplant that would give him sight.

Wynton had Peter’s Anomaly, a congenital disease of the cornea. He was all of eight weeks old when corneal surgeon Thomas Mauger, M.D., performed the transplant. “We had accepted that he might not have sight in his right eye, but we were glad there was an option,” says Wynton’s mother. A new, clear donor cornea replaced Wynton’s cloudy one.

That began a years-long ritual by Wynton’s parents, as they patched his left eye for four hours each day in order to force his right one to work harder. When he was a year-and-a-half, he received his first pair of glasses, which helped protect his eye. The patching continued until Wynton was beginning pre-school. With the corneal transplant and his parents’ faith and commitment, Wynton’s progress was remarkable.

At the age of six, Wynton had a starring role in Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank’s educational video about eye donation and corneal transplants. Each year since, he has taken the video to school and

shown it to the students in his science classes. He knows all about his vision history and readily responds to the questions that other children ask. His mom still gets teary when she sees the film – not over Wynton, but at the strength of a young eye donor’s mother who talks in it about the meaning of her daughter’s gift of sight. It is a reminder to Wynton’s mom of her son’s donor, whose family the Twittys have never met.

“We appreciate them for sharing – the gift of sight really is sharing a part of you,” Mrs. Twitty says. Wynton’s experience as a corneal transplant recipient “opened up my eyes to being a donor. Sometimes it takes a sad situation to see the good that comes from it.” Although Wynton’s parents had thought about it before, after his transplant they made a conscious effort to become donors. They know that Wynton would be blind in his right eye, “had it not been for someone else’s cornea,” his mother says.

Wynton is now a healthy, busy eight-year-old. His doctors are amazed at how well he’s done. His favorite class is math. Among his many activities, Wynton says he likes “to swim, play basketball, football, baseball.” When asked if he likes to read books, he says, “yes, ma’am!” and cites a recent book report. Soon Wynton will celebrate his ninth birthday. He plans to have a party, “play video games, and have fun!” That’s how it should be, and that is a parent’s prayers answered.

*From the newsletter “The Visionary” A publication of the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank*



## Resident Research Day & Graduation Dinner

*June 15, 2007*

**T**he Havener Eye Institute held the annual Resident Research Day and graduation dinner at the Blackwell on Friday June 15, 2007. All graduates’ families were in attendance. Dr. Letson, Residency Program Director, served as the master of ceremonies.

The Resident Research Day project winners were as follows: First place - Matt Ohr, Second place - Garrett Mouser, and Third place tie - Carrie Lembach and Andrea Knellinger.

## New Orleans "AAO Alumni Reception"

*November 10, 2007*

The Ohio State University Havener Eye Institute Alumni Reception will be held at the remarkable Royal Sonesta, located at 300 Bourbon Street, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. All alumni, friends, and staff members are invited to attend. Reunite with past colleagues and friends while enjoying hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available. Please e-mail any questions to [eye@osu.edu](mailto:eye@osu.edu)



## The Eye & Systemic Disease

*51st Annual Postgraduate Symposium in Ophthalmology*

**Feb. 29-March 1, 2008**

Hilton Easton

Course Director: David K. Hirsh, M.D.

Course registration opens September 15.

Please contact Trish Rebish at [rebish.3@osu.edu](mailto:rebish.3@osu.edu) or (614) 293-8117

## BuckEYE Benefactor Bash *October 27, 2007*



Join the Havener Eye Institute on October 27th in the Presidential Suite at the Ohio Stadium. Watch the away football game between The Ohio State Buckeyes and the Penn State Nittany Lions.

This event begins at 7:00 pm and the game will follow at 8:00 pm. Appetizers and desserts will be served and a cash bar will be available. All OSU Department of Ophthalmology benefactors, alumni and friends are invited. West stadium parking provided adjacent to the Huntington Club entrance.

**October 27, 2007**  
Ohio State Buckeyes vs.  
Penn State Nittany Lions

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