FACULTY NEWS

The search for a new chairman lingers on. The dean’s committee has completed its report on the status of the department; and from the responses to its letters of inquiry, it has identified a small handful of candidates for the position. Interviews will be held during March and April. As is customary in these matters, the committee is holding its cards close to its chest. It hopes, however, to make its recommendations before the summer is over.

Richard F. Dreyer, M.D., received a College of Medicine research award to compare (in animals) various infusion solutions used in pars plana vitrectomy. Dr. Dreyer was certified for the Macula Photocoagulation Study and will share responsibilities for treating patients with Dr. Folk who is the principal investigator of the MPS.

James C. Folk, M.D., has been elected to membership in both the Macula Society and the Retina Society. He has been named by the Macula Society to coordinate their exhibit on “punctate choroiditis,” which will be presented at the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting in New Orleans.

Seventy-Fifth Birthday Party for Lee Allen

This fourth issue of the Iowa Eye News completes the second year of the new series. I have concluded that two issues a year is about my limit. I will try to keep bringing the IEN out in the early spring and early fall. There can be very little urgent news in a publication that comes out only twice a year, but then my chief concern is to document what’s happening in the department for interested alumni and friends—present and future.

Send suggestions.

Your editor,
Stan Thompson

Lee Allen’s daughters Mary Lee and Betsy organized a surprise party for Lee on September 7, 1985—his seventy-fifth birthday. Mary Lee Hoganson gathered together a crowd of Lee’s old friends and rented the restaurant Bushnell’s Turtle for the evening. All the pictures on the walls were Lee’s work. When Lee came in, he seemed genuinely surprised at the collection of smiling familiar faces—some going back 50 years to the days when he was a student at Grant Wood.

Warm speeches were offered by old friends and family (Bill Bunn, P. J. Leinfelder, A. E. Braley, F. C. Blodi, Olympia Niederecker, Betsy, and Mary Lee) and the amazing range of Lee’s accomplishments was reviewed. He has been an illustrator, artist, photographer, and oculist and has made important contributions to stereophotography, fundus photography, gonioscopy, glaucoma surgery, enucleation surgery, the design of orbital implants, and the ERG contact lens—to mention just a few.

It was a happy evening and we were all pleased to see Lee looking so good.

Dr. Braley congratulates Lee Allen on his seventy-fifth birthday.
NEW RESIDENTS

Loren R. Barrus was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 5, 1955. He attended Sierra Junior College in Rocklin, California, in 1973 and 1974, and served as a missionary in Austria and Switzerland before entering Brigham Young University where he majored in premedical zoology and minored in German. Loren graduated from the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1984. Loren has received numerous scholastic awards and scholarships for his academic achievements. During medical school, he submitted several papers for publication in ophthalmic journals and assisted in the preparation of two ophthalmic pathology textbooks: Apple and Rabb’s third edition of Clinico-Pathologic Correlation of Ocular Disease, and Nauman and Apple’s English edition of Die Pathologie des Auges. Loren is married and has four children.

Peter Gloor was born in New York City on May 9, 1956, and spent his early years in Huntington, Long Island. He speaks a Swiss-German dialect, which he learned from his parents who emigrated to the States in 1951. He graduated from Princeton University in 1980 with a major in biochemical sciences. He received his M.D. from the University of Rochester in 1984. Peter has a distinguished academic record. He has actively participated in research laboratories at Princeton and the University of Rochester where he studied visual transduction and changes in the biochemistry of the retina following removal of the lens. He enjoys running, bicycling, and photography.

P. J. at 80

P. J. telling stories at his birthday party.

The department held a little party at the Highlander to celebrate P. J. Leinfeld-er’s eightieth birthday on September 6, 1985. Old friends gathered around, ate together, and then talked and remem-bered the things P. J. did and the way he was. P. J. himself was in good form and had many anecdotes to offer. Drs. Braley, Blodi, Wise, and Whinery, and Kenny Hansen made warm comments, and a particularly eloquent letter from Chuck Phelps was read by Joerg Kolder. It was altogether a very gratifying evening from which we went home warmed by the remembrance of old friendships.

REMINDER!

Iowa Eye Annual Meeting dedicated to Dr. Alson E. Braley is scheduled for June 5-7, 1986. Dr. Bruce Spivey will deliver the sixth Alson E. Braley Lecture. You should have received a mailing on this. If you need additional information, call Kit Austin, secretary to Dr. Weingest, at (319) 356-2867.
GRADUATING RESIDENTS

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Shauna K. McKusker will spend 6 months studying ophthalmic genetics with Irene Maumenee at Johns Hopkins and will then do a 12-month fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. On September 21, Shauna married Geoffrey Thompson, oldest son of Stan and Delores Thompson.

Mark W. Mohney will join the Watson Clinic in Lakeland, Florida—a multispecialty group.

James T. Quinlan will join the Oklahoma City Clinic, a multispecialty group associated with the University of Oklahoma. He will be in the national triathlon competition this year.

NEW FELLows

Brian Arthur, the new fellow in pediatric ophthalmology, is a Canadian. He did his medical degree and his ophthalmology residency in Kingston, Ontario. Dr. Arthur and his wife, Lin, will be in Iowa City for one year.

Patrick J. Caskey is the new vitreoretinal fellow. He did his medical degree at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and his ophthalmology residency at the University of California-Davis. He has spent the last few months in Dr. Hayreh's vascular disease clinic and is now starting an 18-month vitreoretinal fellowship.

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