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Dedication

by **THOMAS A. CALLAHAN**



Once again it is time to graduate a class of seniors to the Profession of Optometry. It is to this profession that we dedicate this yearbook. We dedicate the yearbook to the profession, art, and science of eye care because it is a concrete measure, so to speak, of our own dedication. Just what is this dedication? It is the setting apart of our lives to a sacred purpose, the actual care and responsibility of the visual apparatus and vision of our patients. One doesn't realize how precious sight is if he has good vision himself until a patient comes to him with nearly blind eyes and the vision specialist restores enough usable vision by sub-normal vision aids, for example, so this patient can now read one word of the newspaper at a time. To the patient the joy of once again being able to read, even in a limited way, is like making the dead live. The serious, intense, and complete curriculum for the past four years have prepared us well for this life work. Along with the theoretical study of optometry each student has matured in his outlook on life, its problems, and its joys. He has begun to mold his character professionally ready to accept the problems, responsibilities, and satisfaction that only a professional life can afford him. To these ends he dedicates himself on that wonderful day of graduation, and to these ideals he dedicated this yearbook as a lasting memento of his emergence into the wonderful profession of Optometry.

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Farewell to the Class of 1959

from

DR. JOSEPH F. MONTMINY



I want to take this opportunity to offer the Class of 1959 the congratulations and best wishes of the Board of Trustees of the College.

While the Trustees do not have the opportunity of meeting and knowing each member of the student body personally, they, never-the-less, have worked and will continue to work in the best interest of the students of the College.

The Class of 1959 is a small class — numbering but 26. This fact must have resulted in the development of many strong bonds of friendship which I know will continue long after graduation. As alumni of the College, it is hoped that the Class of 1959 will meet for reunions to relive the past and to exchange best wishes for the future.

As President of the Board of Trustees, I want to express my personal best wishes to every member of the Class of 1959 and to assure you the support of the Trustees in any situation in which they can offer assistance.

God Bless you All.



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To the Graduates of the Class of 1959

June 5th will mark your formal admission into the profession of Optometry — the culmination of four years of intensive preparation.

Your education at M.C.O. has prepared you to take your rightful place in the ranks of those who are charged with the responsibility of providing health care. Your role in this responsibility is great, for you will be called upon by those who have vision problems for their solutions. This and more you are prepared to provide.

However, I urge you to continue to improve the professional services you will be called upon to render by keeping abreast of new developments in techniques, equipment, and interpretation of clinical data. Constant attention to these changes will be needed to maintain the high calibre of your services to your fellow-man.

On behalf of the Trustees, the Faculty, and the Administrative Officers, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate you on achieving this high mark of success — your graduation. It is our wish that your advancement into the field of optometry be accompanied by professional success; happiness; and the satisfaction of duty well done.

Sincerely yours,
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STRAW & POINTER TECHNIQUE AT ORTHOPTICS CLINIC . . .

CONCERNING SENIORS ---

This article is written with mixed emotions; a relief that it's almost all over, and the nostalgia of the past four years. The relief that is realized by the ending of (theoretically) tangent screens, taking out sheets of paper, and dictation . . . the nostalgia when we bring to mind the friendships, squabbles, pizzas, beer busts, smokers, and banquets we shared together.

We started out with a class of about $\frac{1}{2}$ veterans and $\frac{1}{2}$ draft dodgers. The draft dodgers have since taken the hard way out by taking advantage of previous mating seasons. (Fellas, how bad can the Army be?) If you want to beat the draft, do it the easy way — enlist.

CAN YOU REMEMBER

Our state of shock after the first day of P.O. . . . the immortal words of Dr. Hochstadt, "From the top of John Hancock you should jump mister, and wear a tie" . . . when Marvin was speechless — for more than one minute . . . when Dr. Namias missed Miller-r-r-r for the homework . . . when Howie forgot to say, "sir" . . . when Dr. Wasserman kept both eyes open (not necessarily at the same time; but let's be generous) for an entire lab session . . . when Ernie didn't know something . . . when Louie the Pet wasn't trying to borrow notes . . . how suspicious everyone became the day clinic assignments were cancelled and we happened to have orthoptics that morning . . . when Louie the Bard finally told a good joke and there was no-one around to hear it . . . when Macy stopped hitting Klapper on the head because Howie bit him . . . the unforgettable day that Sandy had a "Quickie" an (innocuous mixture containing bourbon and things) . . . when the Dean wasn't throwing bombshells at us . . . when Forrest wasn't the president of some organization . . . the day George, Clark, and Maurice saw my "mother" . . . the day the Fire Department had to extricate Fran from the phoropter when his thumbs got caught in the cross-cylinders . . . when Al wore matching socks and used a handkerchief instead of a bandana . . . when Dewey and Dick thought that girls were more fun than skiing . . . when we studied that fabulous course, "The Romance of Urine and Its Significance on the Weins, Wessels and Walves" . . . when Roland got to class on time, two days in a row (the strain was telling because afterwards he stayed out for a week) . . . when Gloria *came* to classes (and she never wore the same dress twice) . . . the day the sophomores wanted to secede and start a separate school . . . when Tom won international acclaim for his article in the '58 Reflections . . . when Nick and Chuck became testers for Carlings . . . when we thought the 4 O's were an auxiliary branch of the 4 H's . . . the day Emory showed us he could write backwards, forwards, and around corners . . . when Irwin refused to study . . . when Hal was seen marking entries under "Vacation Fund" while collecting class dues . . . the day Joe put something together and it worked . . . when Bob stopped picking on Macy . . . the day Dr. Kozol bought drinks for the house (so it was in M.O. lab; so it was only for P.O.S. members; so it was only one tea bag dipped in 10 cups of cold water, it's the gesture that was touching).

Now that you've reached the end of the last article for school publication, I wish one and all the best of everything. We now depart from the sheltered confines of M.C.O. and seek our fortunes on the mysterious "outside".

By DUKE DRUCKER



CERTAIN MEN IN THE OPTICAL FIELD . . .

"TWENTY-SIX MEN"

It took me three long years to see
The neutral motion in skiametry —
A venous pulsation on the optic disc
And a case of Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus —
But I'd swear that some one "threw me a curve"
If any of the following I did observe;
Duke Drucker turning down a drink
Lou Petrosino not raising a stink —
A single senior who has never cut
Howie Klapper without a doughnut —
A Boston winter without a big snow —
Marv Finklestein saying, "I don't know" —
Nick Pliakas tall and fat
Louie Bardfield being a rat —
A clean shaven face on a Lombardo named Joe
"SM" walking fast and eating slow —
The author's car sold to Macy "Sez"
Woody Seavey not being Pres.
Gloria Giraldo not the class "Honey"
Someone not owing Mrs. Jackson money —
At final time student's laughing with glee
Ernie Rascati with a 30 P.D. —
"Cha-Cha-" Kavner not being "cool"
A piercing scream from Lefty Houle —
Dewey Classon not dressed to kill
Fran Genzerella standing still —
A lot of talk from a guy named Dyer
Dr. Namias breaking a plier —
Roland Gaudette arriving on time
"Crusher Casey" committing a crime —
Edward & Elkind arriving separately one morning
Hal Epstein not continually yawning —
Bob Bibeau wearing a tie
Al Tyroler not a "wise guy" —
A single Sophomore who could do a good static
Tom Callahan very unsystematic —
But something's missing — a coloboma
Some where there seems to be a scotoma
For with Retniscopes drooping we'd be shocked into prayer
To see Dr. Kamens with a headful of hair.

By IRWIN SUCHOFF

Last Will and Testament

That we, the class of 1959 of the Massachusetts College of Optometry, in the county of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, professing to be sound in mind and body, and have proved ourselves not to be lunatics, under the meaning of the Laws of Gravity and the State of Hysteria, do hereby publish and declare this to be our Last Will and Testament. We do hereby, after due deliberation and consideration, apportion our estate in Delerium, upon the following, whether they prove to be willing or unwilling recipients:

To Mr. Arnold . . . Smaller problems to fit the blackboard.

To Dr. Berk . . . A Perfect Positive Correlation — the curliest headed men make the best lovers.

To Dr. Bruce . . . All of Dr. Cabitt's old jokes.

To Dr. Cabitt . . . A book on smog control — "How to Live With Your Cigars".

To Dr. Cline . . . A simplified seating plan, complete with IBM cards.

To Dr. Farnum . . . Another eye for demonstrations.

To Dr. Green . . . Lifetime membership in the Actor's Workshop.

To Mrs. Hagstrom . . . A new library card.

To Miss Hastings . . . A trained staff.

To Dr. Hochstadt . . . The top of Johnny H., and a new bottle of urine.

To Mrs. Jackson . . . The locker-key racket.

To Dr. Kamens . . . "A copy of Playboy underneath the Bough,
A jug of Vitalis, a Box of Cigars — and

Mitch Kuhn
Beside thee singing in the Clinic
Oh Clinic were Paradise enow!"

To Dr. Kozol . . . 7 League Boots with padded soles and heels.

To Dr. Kuhn . . . An instructorship with Arthur Murray's for the Cha-Cha-Cha. (OLE)

To Dr. March . . . A set of bow-ties with matching frames.

To Dr. McDermott . . . "THE COMPLEAT FINKELSTEIN," a course in merchandising and mark-up.

To Dr. Namias . . . Booking on the Ed Sullivan show as a Mind-Reader.

To Mrs. Patten . . . A Private secretary.

To Mr. Stilley . . . A lawn-mower for the campus rock garden.

To Dr. Sullivan . . . An Electronic Responder, complete with spare t-t-tubes.

To Dr. Svagdys . . . One year membership in the Chatchka-of-the-Month Club.

To Dr. Wasserman . . . Two tickets on the first Martian Rocket.

To Dr. Wekstein . . . A completely psychotic freshman class.

To Mr. West . . . Gallons of grain alcohol for his pickled pussies, (preserved cats).

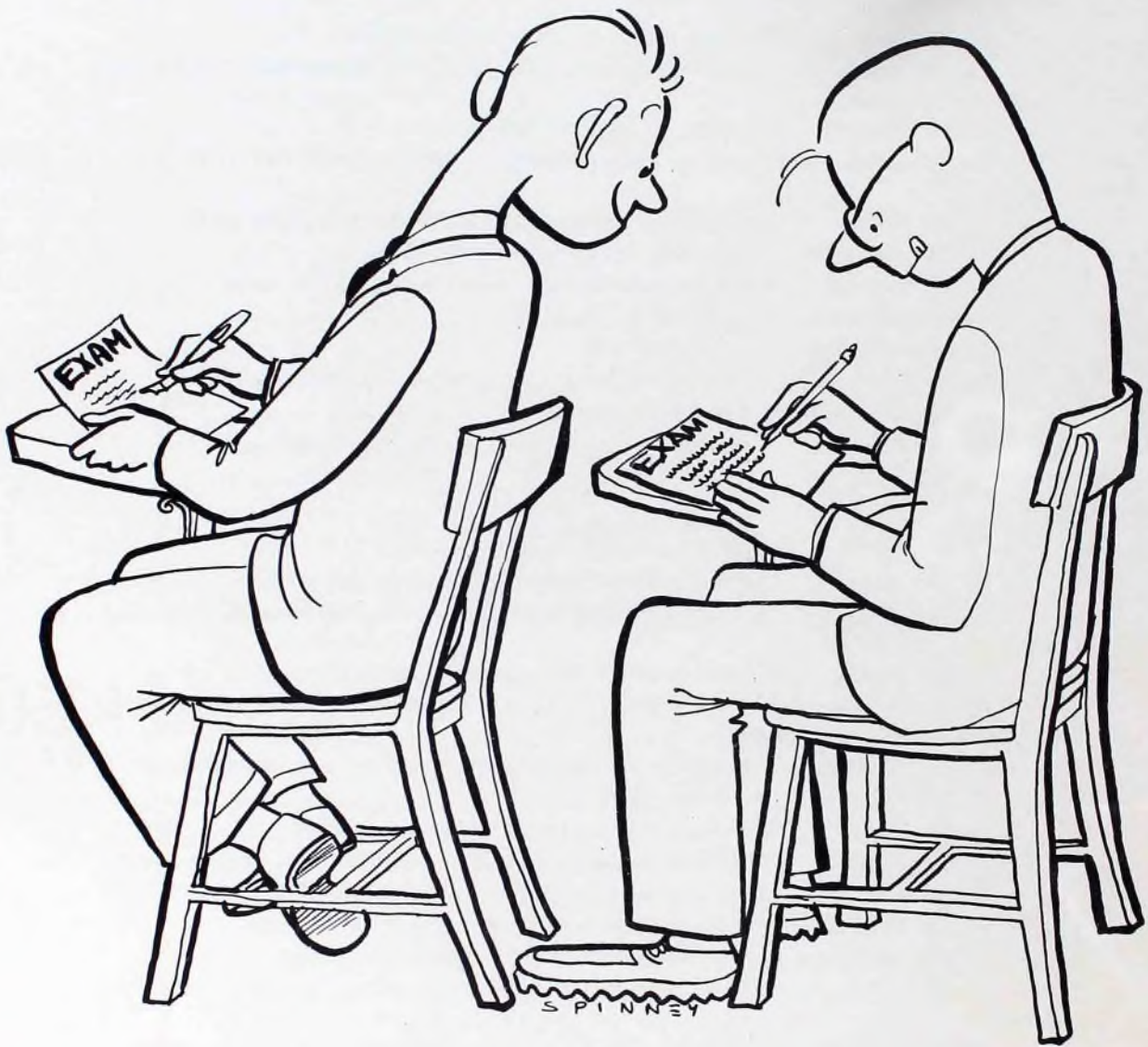
To Dr. Wright . . . Exclusive patent rights to M. Sezzin's weird inventions.

To the Junior Class . . . A box (large economy size) of DUZ for each man, and the Charles River in which to try them out. (On themselves)

To the Sophomores . . . Trusteeship of Dr. Kuhn's Podium.

To the Freshmen . . . Courage on the first day of P.O.

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SEEING IS LEARNED . . .

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Class of '60

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CONCERNING JUNIORS



As the Junior Class returned to the campus in September, every member wore an expression of anticipation. After being told, "you don't know enough yet," through the entire sophomore, we cast anxious feet upon the hallowed ground expecting magnificent revelations. But alas! — rather than revelations, it began to appear as though everything had become secret. The class was informed that "now we are at the meat of optometry." However, most of the class is still thoroughly convinced that it was really the fat, since each class ended with — "next year you will really know what this test shows."

At the close of the first semester it was apparent that the entire class had at least fathomed the basic secrets, as all thirty members were still with us. By this stage of optical brainwashing, most of us realized that the plus axis of a lens was its thick edge, and that somewhere in the vicinity of ninety degrees away was something called (for convenience sake) the minus axis. Carroll Martus had become an expert on points. Tom Baker learned that a lens clock comes in handy for noting different curvatures on different lenses. Ron Clapp realized the fact that, if you don't understand something ask questions.

Most of the class worked hard to polish their refractive technique at the clinic. After the first practical examinations, however, it was evident that each and every member of the class needed more polish. Clinic was for us somewhat of a grab-bag affair; i.e., who would reach in and pull out Harvey Leavitt as "the patient." Any stranger who happened to appear on the scene, immediately presumed himself to be not at the M.C.O. Clinic, but at the Mrs. Farmer School of Cookery. This was perhaps due to all the heads tucked in amongst the pages of the clinic notebooks.

One valuable piece of information was imparted to the class in the basement of 472 Commonwealth Avenue. The least expensive way to fill an Rx is to place the lens blank in the automatic edger and return in four hours. The class of 1960 broke so many lenses, that it was rumored that Pittsburgh Plate Glass was going to underwrite the mortgage in return for the scrap glass.

About the only place the class could see any daylight at all was in the hall of mirrors. We rebounded from a devastating Prismatic Gaussian Mirror road block in January, to head down hill and out of the clouds in our new 59 Chevrolet station wagon. For most of us, this was indeed a relief.

Everything was not study for the Class of 60. For instance, Bill Gibbons presented the class with a third generation optometrist. Marshall Feldman and Ted Thamel were not exactly devoting all their energies to the visual sciences. Both had bouncing babies on the way. Jimmy Ouellette went home for Christmas a happy bachelor. He returned, . . . well let's just say he returned. Observing Jimmy's bliss, Ron Clapp decided that June was as good as any month to throw away his bachelorhood.

If the class fails as optometrists, they will surely gain as businessmen. Ted Thamel and Earl Lizotte can always rely on their experience as editors and publishers of optometric learning material. Andy Portoghese plans to retire on his royalties from his forthcoming, "Question and Answers for State Boards."

The single restraining force that managed to keep the class on the track was the fine slate of class officers. Ken Varnum, as President, did a good job in unifying the class, with the assistance of Vice-President Andy Portoghese. Ubiquitous, as any good class treasurer worth his weight in gold should be, was Carroll Martus.

Plans were laid for the 1960 edition of Reflections. The class has set out on a program of cooperation to prepare what should be a superb year book. Gil Sellars was appointed Editor. The staff consisted of Tom Baker as the Writing Editor, Dan Murray as the Graphics Editor and Carroll Martus and Vic Pellitier as Business Managers. Much of the work will be finished this year.

With such vitality, vigor and fakery as has been witnessed in the past year, the class should be more than promising in its senior year. Every indication points to what should be the class' most successful year.

GILBERT F. SELLARS



TAKE OUT A SHEET OF PAPER

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Class of '61

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CONCERNING SOPHOMORES



The Class of '61 (with the Lord's spiritual aid and Pop's financial aid) returned to the hallowed halls of ivy-covered Massachusetts College of Optometry to face the ominous cloud of Ophthalmic optics, physiological optics, geometrical optics, etc. To face this ordeal we were given a transfusion by the new blood that joined us. Among the newcomers were: Bob Agranov (but why is everyone so bitter?) — George Bournakel (no Dr. Wasserman, my name isn't Nochimson and I'm not Swedish) — Joe Donatelle (yes Dr. Kuhn, I'll be glad to play basketball) — G. Labrosse (let me tell you why Agranov) — Rick Kolman (yes, I am a transfer, transfer, transfer, transfer, student) — Bob MacBeth (no, Shakespeare didn't write Hamlet about me) — Ed Trecavtin (no, I'm not a proofreader for the Daily Record) — Ronny Tyroler (rotate, doctor).

En masse (or in a mess as the case may be) the class engaged in combat with such stalwart and battle trained men as Drs. Wasserman, Kuhn, Namias, Kozol, Wright, Cline, Hochstadt, Wekstein, and Sulli —. Our first encounter was with Dr. Wasserman on the field of G.O., a subject understood only by the good doctor, myopic birds, and under-sea divers. After beating a hasty retreat from this battle we were met by Dr. Kuhn and driven off with writer's cramp. Thus wounded we were beaten on the head by our own stupidity, as Dr. Namias showed us that we had an I.Q. of 140 — class total, not individually. From here we were greeted by Dr. Kozol, aide-de-camp to Dr. Namias, who with his usual light tread, trod gently over us. Then Dr. Wright showed us that the most potent weapon in the academic world was the Fickle Finger of Fate. Dr. Cline rode into battle with his family coat of arms prominently displayed — 2 crossed 8½x11", white unlined sheets of paper.

Under the shield was boldly emblazoned the family motto, "Take out a sheet of paper." After doing so we were met by Dr. Hochstadt with his family motto, "Take out a drop of blood or contribute to the building fund". The class thus beaten was now ready for the last of our genial faculty and his services — Dr. Wekstein and psychoanalysis.

As the year progressed the class regressed until first semester exams came. Then armed with confusion, log tables, and tranquilizers we rode into battle. Most of us came out slightly scarred but still alive. However some will have to be presented this article posthumously.

Little by little knowledge began to seep into our cranial fossa until to paraphrase one of our instructors we almost know enough to begin to get confused.

Paul White





**A STRABISMUS IS NOT RESTRICTED TO THE EYE ALONE BUT
REFLECTED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BODY STRUCTURE . . .**



Class of '62



CONCERNING FRESHMEN



When the freshman class matriculated last Fall, four years of optometric preparation seemed like a long time to many of us. Yet, as I am writing this article, one of the years is almost over and the freshmen class is quickly moving up to the sophomore level. I can only predict that if the remaining three years pass as quickly as this year, these four years may be the shortest of our entire life. They certainly will prove to be four of our most important years for they will mold our manner of living, our professional occupation, and our worldly values henceforth.

We arrived in Boston in the early Fall when remnants of Summer were still evident in balmy, warm days which led us to believe that we could ward off winter indefinitely. Most of the married students had arrived a little early in order to procure an apartment in which to harbour their continually growing list of deductions. On Thursday, we registered and then awaited the beginning of classes.

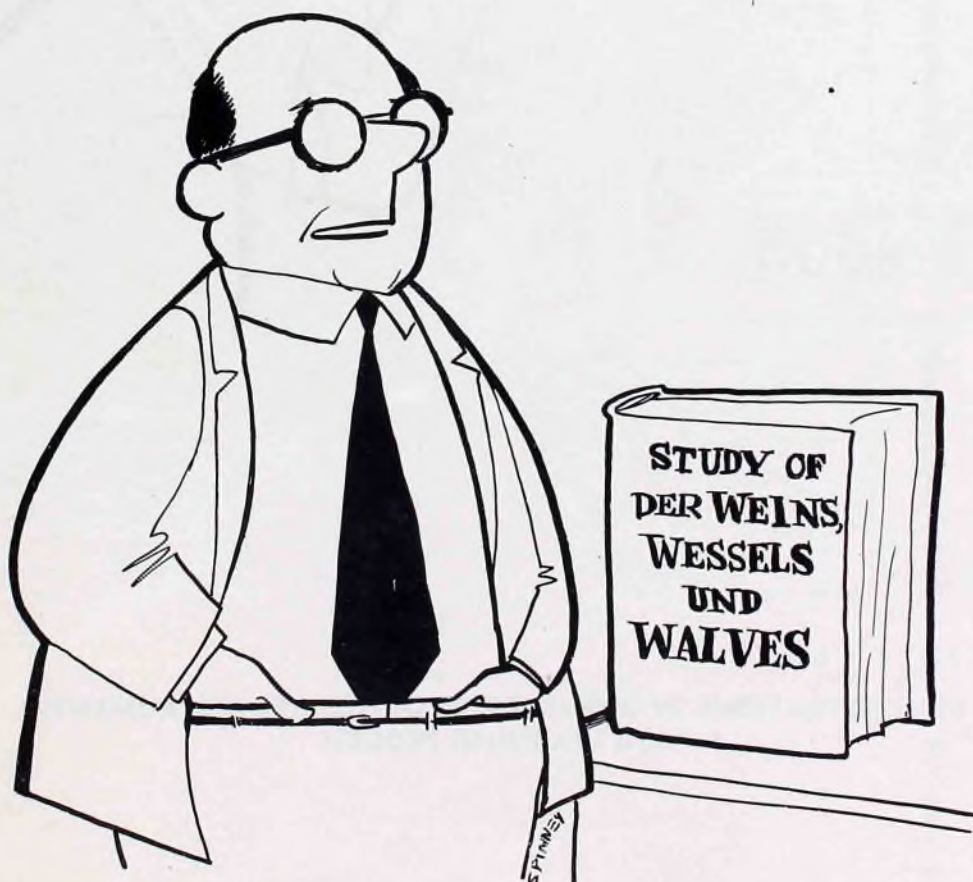
Next to our scholastic pursuits, our ability to assimilate compatibly with the upperclassmen was our most important objective. This seems to have been accomplished with amazing ease. The upperclassmen were our confidants and mother-confessors giving us a veterans view of courses, teachers, and grievances which they had collected in their previous years. Undergraduate organizations sponsored smokers at which the freshmen were able to meet many of the faculty members.

By Thanksgiving, we were quite well versed on the school, the faculty, and our fellow students. Our days as an initiate were finally completed.

The rest of the year consisted of studying, reading, and memorizing, with vacations scattered here and there to give us a breathing space and time to catch up with work which we had let accumulate.

To most of us, it was a successful year. We learned much and acquired sound knowledge which will increase our concept of optometry. By June, we shall be freshmen no longer, but we shall have advanced one step further toward our goal.

LARRY MURCH



UND DIS YOU GOT TO KNOW FELLAS

SHELTON HALL



**DEMONSTRATIONS IN GEOMETRICAL OPTICS ARE INSTRUMENTAL
IN OUR LEARNING PROCESS . . .**

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OMEGA EPSILON PHI



Our Chapter has established an award to be given to an outstanding graduating senior for excellence in clinical work, the Joseph J. Scanlon Award.

This year Zeta Chapter was indeed fortunate in acting as host chapter for the annual Convention held on December 13, 14, 1958 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Boston. A feature of the Convention was the awarding of honorary membership to Otto Hochstadt, M.D., Professor of Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, and Bacteriology at Massachusetts College of Optometry. Dr. Hochstadt has served Zeta Chapter in the capacity of faculty advisor and friend as well since its inception in 1947.

Other faculty members of Omega Epsilon Phi include Dr. Kamens, Dr. Kuhn, Dr. McDermott, and Dr. Wasserman.

Aside from the convention, the activities of the year commenced with the traditional Smoker at the New Brunswick Hotel. The aims, achievements, and functions of the fraternity were ably expressed to the guests and rushees by President Tom Callahan. New members are Arthur Peretzian, Rick Kohlman, Robert Agranov, Larry Ferguson, Steve Chasin, Robert North, Mike Gorman, Tom Greenberg, and Ronald Tryoler.

Induction of new officers is at the Annual Banquet in April. The fraternity held its annual election of new officers and those elected were:

<i>President</i>	Paul Kelly
<i>First Vice Pres.</i>	Alan I. Foye
<i>Second Vice Pres.</i>	Donald Saferstein
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bruce Brodsky
<i>Corresponding Secr.</i>	Ronald Tyroler
<i>Recording Secr.</i>	Robert Kennedy
<i>Student Council Rep.</i>	Steve Chasin
<i>Sgt. at Arms</i>	Tom Greenberg and Robert North
<i>Librarian</i>	Andrew Portoghese
<i>Pledge Masters</i>	Sheldon Strauss Rick Kohlman
<i>Historian</i>	Robert Nochimson
<i>Chaplin</i>	Norman Garber

Sportswise Zeta Chapter tied the other fraternity in intra-fraternity football 2-2 on a cold, blistering day in December. The other fraternity was forced to kick repeatedly on second and third down due to a stubborn defense by O.E. Phi.

A challenge was extended to O. E. Phi in basketball by the other fraternity whereupon O.E. Phi proceeded to overwhelm its opposition by an amazing score of 47-11, with Mike Gorman leading the scoring.

Omega Epsilon Phi is looking forward to a most fruitful and rewarding year and with the comradeship that exists and increased cooperation among the new administration, all our incentives and ambitions will be realized.

The *Omega Epsilon Phi* fraternity was founded at Columbia University School of Optometry, October 12, 1919 by Brothers Alexander Brader, Abraham Graubart, and Daniel Weiss. It was chartered in the State of New York on March 12, 1923, and its charter is pursuant to the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York as amended.

The Preamble to the constitution of the Omega Epsilon Phi International Optometric fraternity best illustrates the aims and achievements for which it was founded — "For the advancement and the betterment of Optometrists and students of Optometry the world over, for the propounding of the professional, academic,

and ethical principles of the service toward preservation of God's great gift to mankind, sight. And for the understanding and acknowledgement of the principles of brotherhood and inter-ethnic dignity, this non-sectarian, international, professional fraternity is created."

Organization of school chapters is restricted to only those colleges and schools of Optometry which, in the United States, shall be on the approved list of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and which outside the United States shall be approved unanimously by the International Executive Council.

The Chapter roll reads as follows:

Alpha Chapter of Columbia University

Beta Chapter at the University of Rochester

Gamma Chapter at the Northern Illinois College of Optometry

Delta Chapter at the Southern College of Optometry

Epsilon Chapter at the Los Angeles College of Optometry

Zeta Chapter at the Massachusetts College of Optometry

Eta Chapter at the Ohio State University

Iota Chapter at the Chicago College of Optometry

Theta Chapter at Pacific University

Kappa Chapter at the University of California

Lambda Chapter at the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry

Gamma Iota Chapter at the Illinois College of Optometry

Nu Chapter at Centro Escolar in the Phillippines

Mu Chapter at Indiana University

(Alpha and Beta Chapters are inactive due to the closing of the schools of Optometry at Columbia and Rochester)

By SHELDON STRAUSS





**TRAINING IN BODY COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR
GOOD VISUAL HABITS . . .**

PI OMICRON SIGMA



Pi Omicron Sigma is the oldest professional optometric fraternity, founded in 1913 by such men as Dr. Benjamin G. Rosenkranz, secretary of the New York State Optometric Association, and Dr. Vincent Reardon, head of the instrument division of the American Optical Company. Since that time P.O.S. has been in continuous existence except during World War II when every last man joined the service — an enviable record in itself.

Pi Omicron Sigma, as its initials indicate is dedicated to Progress of Optometric Science and we as students are doing all that we can to raise the level of the profession. For this purpose the fraternity became one of the first members of the American Optometric Foundation and has contributed over \$500.00 to further research in Optometric Fields.

There are over 1600 alumni brothers throughout the country, including such prominent men as Dr. Walter I. Brown, president of the Massachusetts State Board of Examiners, vice-president of the American Optometric Foundation, past president of A.O.A. Dr. Ralph H. Green, Dean of the Massachusetts College of Optometry is also a member of Pi Omicron Sigma. Members of the faculty who are P.O.S. alumni include Dr. Foster Namias, Dr. Frank Kozol, Dr. Frederick E. Farnum, Dr. Joseph Svagdys, Jr., Dr. Leslie G. Wright, and Dr. Arthur F. March.

Without any doubt, the year 1958-59 was the most successful in the history of P.O.S. We had a very excellent and versatile docket of officers who did their utmost in every task they undertook to better the fraternity. The most important job of chancellor was placed in the able hands of a man with much leadership ability and general geniality, Sanford Miller. I was honored to be chosen as the vice-chancellor. The secretary was Ken Varnum who undoubtedly is the epitome of scrupulousness and the treasurer, Ted Thamel, the essence of fastidiousness!

The officers of P.O.S. for the 1958-1959 year were:

<i>Grand Chancellors Emeriti</i>	Ralph H. Green, O.D., D.O.S. Foster Namias, O.D., D.O.S. Frederick E. Varnum, O.D.
<i>Grand Chancellor</i>	Samuel J. Wasserman, B.S., M.Ed., O.D.
<i>Faculty Advisor</i>	Arthur O. Bruce, M.D.
<i>Chancellor</i>	Sanford Miller "59"
<i>Vice-Chancellor</i>	George W. Dyer "59"
<i>Scribe</i>	Norman K. Varnum "60"
<i>Guardian of the Exchequer</i>	Theodore Thamel "60"
<i>Sergeant-At-Arms</i>	Forrest Seavey "59"
<i>Librarian</i>	Harvey Leavitt "60"

The scramble for pledges began shortly after the start of school in September. Much hard work was done by the entire brotherhood, especially by Rush Committee chairman Ernest Rascati. The annual Freshman smoker was held at the Hotel Vendome, on Wednesday Evening, October 22nd. There were plenty of laughs, the beer flowed like water, and at the end of the evening you felt no pain. The social committee, under the chairmanship of Earl Lizotte, had done much planning and hard work to assure a success.

During the first half of the month, a Birthday Party was held in the P.O.S. fraternity room. All new students were invited to attend to help eat the 20 lb. birthday cake, which was the most beautiful piece of art work seen in a long time, as well as to meet the brothers. Dr. Green spoke a few pertinent words to all and then cut the cake. This was the 46th Anniversary of Pi Omicron Sigma. Those responsible for the success of the party were Marvin Finkelstein and Irv Suchoff.

P.O.S. moved into larger quarters last summer, and Brothers Forrest Seavey, Sandy Miller, Gilbert Sellars and a few alumni worked hard during their spare time to get the room in tip-top shape for the start of the school year.

With the newly painted and decorated room, we were without furniture upon which we could sit down. A special yearbook was put out by the Brothers of P.O.S. in order to raise money to purchase this furniture. It ended up that the book was the largest ever put together by P.O.S. and grossed over \$550.00. New shades were purchased in November and recently we bought 5 sections of furniture for the room. We are all real proud of our new fraternity room and hope that more can be added to it during the next year.

On Tuesday evening, November 18th, a special program was held for the pledges in the fraternity room. Dr. Baker of Arlington was the guest speaker. His talk, which covered a number of situations that we might encounter in our profession and how to deal with them, was most inspiring. He brought his talk down to a level which was capable of being understood by all new students.

A football game was played between the brothers and pledges at Smith Field on November 14th. The pledges, it seemed, were out to get pledgemaster Rascati as they continually blocked him out. I am sorry to say that the brothers lost to the pledges. Al Bluhm was the captain of a fine spirited team of pledges. Another football game was played against O.E. Phi in December and both teams ended in a 2 to 2 tie. A lot of fun was had by both teams.

The Aragona Club in Waltham was filled to capacity when P.O.S. held its annual Poverty Party there in December. A good time was had by all and we are looking forward to next years Poverty Party.

Other events that P.O.S. sponsored were basketball, bowling, and softball in the spring.

Pi Omicron Sigma takes great pride in announcing that of the 12 students that made the Dean's List for the first semester, 10 of these students are Brothers of P.O.S. We are very honored to boast of such achievement and hope the results of the second semester are as good if not better.

The Annual Installation Banquet was held on Wednesday Evening, April 15th at the Cafe Almafi. The food was delicious. The illustrious faculty supplied the entertainment. The new members received their membership card and diploma. They are: Ed Arroyo, Gerry Boll, Maurice Butler, Bob Brennan, Gerry Kass, George Prevost, Jim Fantasian, Dave Smith, Larry Murch, Bob Weber, Dick Freedman, Herb Boskin, Al Bluhm, Sam Kornblatt, Marv Greenberger, Bob Kenny, George Coffin, and Ed Trecartin.

As brothers of P.O.S. needless to say, as was expected, these chosen pledges endured all the hardships encountered along the way and came through with flying colors. The pledge program itself was the most interesting P.O.S. has ever had. It carried out the theme of the Fraternity which is "Progress in Optometric Science" and was planned to help the new students become better acquainted with the profession of optometry. The pledges eagerly participated and showed an early desire to become a working part of Pi Omicron Sigma. They were willing and able to pitch in and keep P.O.S. strong and we are sure they will spark the activities of our Fraternity for the coming years. This is outstanding proof of our growing strength and influence. The total active membership of pledges and brothers of Pi Omicron Sigma now numbers forty-eight, which makes us unofficially the largest fraternity at this college, socially and professionally.

The officers for next year were also installed. They are:

<i>Grand Chancellor</i>	Frank Kozol, B.S., O.D.
<i>Faculty Advisor</i>	Joseph Svagdys, B.S., O.D.
<i>Chancellor</i>	Gilbert Sellars "60"
<i>Vice-Chancellor</i>	Carroll Martus "60"
<i>Scribe</i>	Reuben Margulis "61"
<i>Guardian of the Exchequer</i>	Dave Smith "62"
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Harvey Leavitt "60"
<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>	David Murray "60"

This year the fraternity honored Dr. Frank Kozol with a special award for the publication of his new book "Ophthalmic Fitting and Adjusting". Dr. Kozol is a very active alumnus of Pi Omicron Sigma and is always willing to do whatever he can for the benefit of the fraternity. We all wish him loads of success with this book and with any others he might publish in the future.

On behalf of the Senior Class I wish to extend best wishes and good luck to the undergraduates of P.O.S. We have sincerely enjoyed being members of Pi Omicron Sigma for the past four years, and as future alumni of this fraternity we will do our utmost to uphold the name which P.O.S. has made for itself.

It is with this saying I will bring this year to a close. "Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done."

By GEORGE WILLIAM DYER



A FOREIGN BODY IN THE EYE SHOULD BE
DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY . . .

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ABOUT THE SCOPE

This year marks the thirty-first anniversary of THE SCOPE at the Massachusetts College of Optometry. It was founded back in 1928 by our own Dr. Ralph Green who was then a student at the Massachusetts School of Optometry, along with a classmate. Dr. Barney Fritz, who is presently practising in Winthrop, Mass. The format and general appearance of THE SCOPE has changed very little since its inception, with the exception of the present cover, which was designed, in part, by Dean Green, about ten years ago.

The purpose of the magazine is not only to keep the student body informed of the latest college news, but also to give those students with any writing ability the opportunity to express their ideas and report on any research they may have been doing. Not only have students written articles for THE SCOPE, but in past years, it has received contributions from such noted investigators as Sheard and Pascal. A number of technical and scientific articles of interest to the students which have appeared in the various optometric journals have been reprinted from time to time, in addition to original articles in a more humorous vein submitted by students.

This year, the magazine has exhibited an abundance of spirit and variety, by containing material of interest to anyone connected with the optometric profession, and not just the students of M.C.O. The technical articles by Bob McNulty have been both interesting and valuable to all students. The unique approach of Editor-in-Chief Dan Murray has provided a new twist to the ordinary optometric literature. The news of the two school fraternities has been ably reported by George Dyer and Shelly Straus, and has kept the spirit of friendly competition between OEPhi and POS at a high level. The able reporting of Tom Baker as well as class reporters Bob Nochimson, Don Saferstein and Gil Sellars will be remembered as lively and revealing. Sam Kornblatt's articles attempted to reveal certain aspects of the profession which we are too often prone to neglect. The year's initial issue contained an interesting as well as humorous attempt by Duke Drucker and Woody Seavey to solve "The Case of Missing Diopter." Although the authors claim the entire story was fictitious, the characters displayed a marked similarity to some instructors here at M.C.O.

This year marks the first time an award will be made to a writer on the SCOPE. It will be presented at commencement exercises to the best writer in any category on the SCOPE staff, as judged by a committee composed of Dean Green, co-founder of the magazine, Dr. Frank Kozol, a writer of considerable talent and "scope" in his own right, and Dr. Sumner Kagan, a recent graduate of M.C.O. and former Editor-in-Chief of THE SCOPE.

Congratulations are in order for Editor-in-Chief Dan Murray and the entire staff for making this year's SCOPE one of the most interesting to come off the presses in quite some time.

By SAM KORNBLATT

THE BASKETBALL TEAM



Top Row (Left to Right): CARROLL MARTUS, JOE LOMBARDO, JOE DONATELLI,
MIKE GORMAN, MARSHALL FELDMAN, STEVE CHASIN

Bottom Row (Left to Right): DR. MITCH KUHN, BOB NOTCH, DICK GLENN,
KEN VARNUM, BRUCE BRODSKY

The M.C.O. basketball team has just completed its eighth season as a member of the "Greater Boston Small College Basketball Conference."

Other league entries include Emerson College, New England College of Pharmacy, Newton Jr. College, Burdett College, Babson Institute Freshmen, and Mass. School of Art.

League standings for the 1959 season are as follows:

1. Mass. School of Art.
2. New Eng. College of Pharmacy
3. Burdett College
4. Newton Jr. College
5. Mass. College of Optometry
6. Babson Freshmen
7. Emerson College

M.C.O. finished in first place during the 1953 season, with a strong team that took on such competitors as Suffolk University, Harvard Medical School, M.I.T. Freshmen, and Boston Teachers College. This team was paced by Bob Brouillette, who had the prolific scoring average of 44 points a game for his four year career. His scoring high was 74 points, compiled against Suffolk University.

Hampered by lack of gymnasium facilities, the 1959 quintet got off to a slow start. As the season progressed, the team displayed constant improvement. Toward the end of the season, the M.C.O. squad reversed earlier losses to Emerson College and Babson Freshmen by the one-sided scores of 69 - 48 and 81 - 53. It narrowly missed upsetting Mass. School of Art, who finished with an 11 - 1 record. In the last game, M.C.O. lost to Burdett College in the final seconds of play.

Highlight of the season was the game played at the Boston Garden vs. New Eng. College of Pharmacy on Wed., Feb. 11. This contest was the preliminary to the Boston Celtics-Philadelphia Warriors professional game. The action was announced over the Garden loud-speaker system. M.C.O. fought back to narrow a 20 point deficit in the third quarter to only 3 points in the final minute.

Though the won and lost record for the season wasn't too impressive, most losses were by narrow margins. The starting five proved as fine a quintet as was fielded by the strongest league entries. However, lack of adequate reserve strength was the decisive factor in all the losses.

The starting five was composed of 2 juniors (Ken Varnum and Marshall Feldman), 1 soph. (Dick Glenn), and 2 freshmen (Mike Gorman and Bob North). These men played iron man roles throughout the season. Reserve strength was provided by Joe Donatelli, Bruce Brodsky, Arthur Peretzian, Joe Lombardo, Bob MacBeth, and Tom Greenberg. Ken Varnum and Dick Glenn served as co-captains. Coach was Dr. Kuhn.

Carroll Martus and Steve Chasin provided valuable assistance as managers.

Star of the team was Mike Gorman, who led the league with a scoring average of 28 points a game. His high for the season was 39 pts. against Mass. Art. In addition to his general offensive ability, he proved a vital cog in the M.C.O. defense. He was truly an all-star player in the league.

Glenn, Varnum, Feldman, and North also made valuable contributions to the team.

For the first time, no one will be lost via graduation. Next season should prove to be a bright one for the M.C.O. team. With the probable addition of a few freshmen players, M.C.O. may well return to its proud position at the top of the league.

The team is well deserving of full support by the student body. It is hoped that it will receive it during the coming seasons.

DR. MITCH KUHN
(Head Coach, M.C.O. Basketball Team)

THE STUDENT COUNCIL ~~~~~



The Student Council extends its best wishes to the Graduating Class of '59. The Class may soon be gone but we who have lived alongside of you will long remember the friendships, discussions and amenities that go to make up life on campus, you were all a part of this and on leaving and long after you will be remembered. To the members of the class who have been on the Student Council at one time or another we extend our special wish of success along with their fellow classmates.

The Student Council through the years has had a generous share of ups and downs, and but a few years ago it was at its lowest ebb. This was remedied by the foresightedness of the class of '59 and the classes that are following it. We hope that it isn't too presumptuous to say that the Student Council has a bright future ahead of it.

For the first time, perhaps since its inception, the Student Council has come into the limelight in the affairs at school. Previously the role of the council was rather ambiguous; it was more of a trustee of the student activity fee than anything else. — This year, the nature of the council changed into something quite a bit more dynamic. — This metamorphosis was not due to any one individual, but rather to the attitude of the council as a whole that theirs is an important, responsible job.

The Council this year had to decide on a course of action that would be followed with respect to major issues. A group felt that a complete Student Poll was necessary, whereas another group advocated the position that the Council was the only body with the authority to decide. — The final outcome was reference to the precedent set by the relationship of the Congress of United States to the population; namely, that a popular vote is taken only on the question of an amendment to the Constitution, but all other bills are voted on only by the duly elected representatives. — A ramification of this decision is that as the Federal Government has the delegated right to tax the various local governments, so does the council have the right to assess the various class Treasuries. — With these two decisions, the “legs” and “teeth” of the council have been strengthened.

As the Student Government, the Council has grown to fill areas never before touched, faced many new problems, formulated ideas, activated these ideas to a great degree. To cite but a very few of these:

Purchase of a Thermo-fax copying machine

Support of the following activities in whole or in part

Basketball team

Scope

Yearbook

Eyeball

Contributions for the rooms used by the students

Supplementary note reproductions have been taken over by the Council entirely.

The one thought kept in mind at all times was the student and his needs whether they may have been physical, mental, or social, the Council worked for him exclusively. To accomplish something requires many debates, analyses, judgments, and the Graduating Class did much in the way of helping towards accomplishment. We may cite a fine example of accomplishment in Forest Seavey who has been on the Council several years and was the president in '58.

Thus, to the Class of '59 we of the Student Council wish to tell you of the sincere admiration we have for the Class and for what it has done, we can but bid you farewell as you tread the winding road ahead.

Bon Voyage!

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President—Theodore S. Thamel '60

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Robert Arganov

Freshmen—Herb Braskin

Mike Gorman

Richard Freeman

Ted Thamel

Irwin Suchoff

STUDENT DISTRICT

Massachusetts Society of Optometrists

The Student District of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists was organized in 1957 under the guidance of Dr. Arthur F. March, Jr. It is designed to acquaint students with the affairs of the state society. Each month a business meeting is held; followed by a guest speaker. There are three elective offices in the student district; the President, Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

This year was one of growth for the district. After an intensive membership drive last fall, the active membership was brought to a total of 45 members. This number represented almost half the student body. Although the greater portion of the members were Massachusetts men, a good number were from other states. Those of us from other states enjoyed membership in our respective state societies through a reciprocity type of agreement.

During the year many interesting programs were presented to the group. Dr. G. Burt Holmes of Worcester, the liaison man from the state society, arranged the various speakers. These talks were on contact lenses, state boards, and occupational vision. A highlight of the year was the invitation extended to the group to attend the contact lens seminar at the American Academy of Optometry in December. In March many of the members attended the New England Congress at the Statler Hotel. The cost of these functions were included in our dues of three dollars.

Much of the district's success this year was due to the leadership of the President, Forrest Seavey. Roland Gaudette was the Secretary-Treasurer, and Gilbert Sellars was the Vice-President. The group is looking forward to another successful year when we re-enter school in September.

GILBERT F. SELLARS
Vice President





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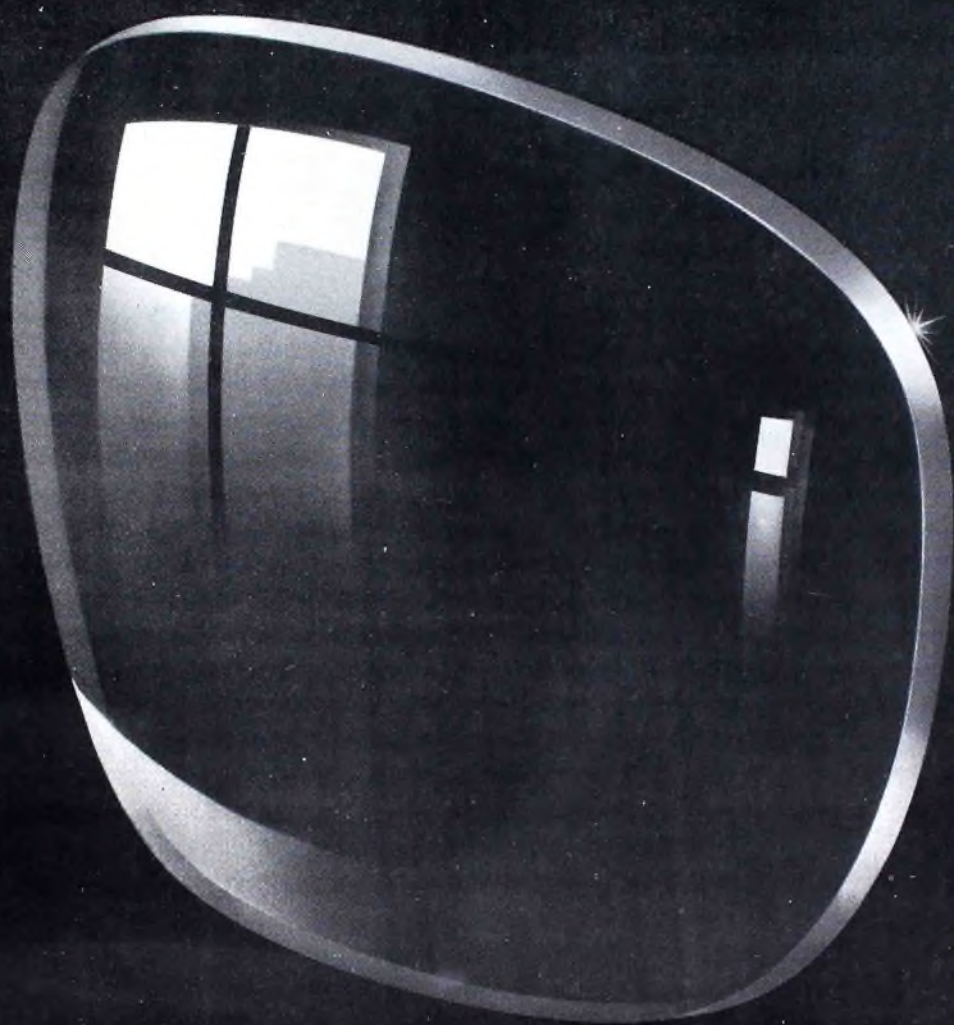
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