

LETTERS

B.C. Passing Grade Same as Waterloo's

Dear Dr. Belanger:

There was a letter in the September/October issue, co-signed by Dr. Woo and Dr. Pickard, about the merits of the concept of National Board examinations. It mentioned that British Columbia requires a 75% passing grade in its Board examinations, which are set and marked by the Waterloo School of Optometry. That is not correct. Presently, and for some years past, the Board of Examiners has set the passing grade to be the same as Waterloo's, although it does have the authority to change that at any time.

Thank you for the opportunity of bringing this matter to the attention of your readers.

Sincerely,

**Wm. R. Falls, O.D., Chairman,
Board of Examiners in Optometry,
British Columbia.**

As Eye See It?

Dear Dr. Belanger,

I am sure that I join a host of optometrists from across Canada in wishing you great success in the new format of the Canadian Journal of Optometry. I find it easy to read, news-worthy and pertinent to our present day needs, as well as a glimpse into the future.

I would dare to make one suggestion — for your title page "Letters" (to the Editor) — how about the heading: "As Eye See It"?

I wish you good luck in all your endeavours — keep up the good work!

Yours truly,

**Reginald Lewis, B.A., O.D.,
F.A.A.O.**

Ed. Reply — We thank Dr. Lewis for his kind words and interesting suggestion. The double entendre suggested for the title of our letters column does not appear to work both ways, however, we would be interested to know what our readers think.

Dear Sir,

In the article entitled "Biomicroscope Information with Contact Lens Application" which appeared in the May/June, 1979 issue of the *Canadian Journal of Optometry* it was my intention to encourage suppliers or manufacturers of biomicroscopes not represented to enlighten us as to their location and supply product information, or even disperse sales representatives.

To date, I have received information from only Jena Instruments Ltd. (Carl Zeiss/Jena). The following is presented to supplement the original paper.

Distributor:

Jena Instruments Ltd.
199 Ashtonbee Rd.
Scarborough, Ont. M1L 2P1
(416) 751-3648

Manufacturer

Carl Zeiss/Jena
Model #110

Magnification

magnichanger with 5, 9, 16, 27, 50X

Rotatable slit

180° + (360°)

Variable height

0.6, 4.4, 6.3, 11 mm aperture
diaphragms

Variable width

0.02-10 mm

Dear Dr. Belanger:

The cover on your recent *Canadian Journal of Optometry* was certainly impressive looking — at least from the standpoint of the Auxiliary.* I would like to express our pleasure.

Yours in Optometry,

**Patricia Thomson,
President,
Auxiliary of the Ontario
Association of Optometrists.**

**Ed. Note—Mrs. Thomson graciously gave us permission to use the colour negatives from "Susan and Sam Visit the Optometrist" which we adapted for use on the cover of our last Journal. "Susan and Sam" is a colouring and activity book designed to introduce children to their first vision exam. It will soon re-*

Biomicroscope Update

3-D Joystick

no — joystick controls focusing and lateral movement. A knurled disk forward of the joystick controls vertical movement.

Illumination

5.5 and 6V settings plus a 7.5V overload on joystick [optional variable (rheostat) 6V transformer]

Pilot light

no

Fixation light

white bulb in a red housing

Filters

blue, red-free (substitution possible), and a flip-in aperture diaphragm to increase depth of field

Inclines

15°

Breaks linkage

(rotates mirror horizontally)

yes

Parfocal

yes

Special features

halogen

Accessories

hydraulic table, Hruby lens, applanation tonometer combined with a Hruby lens, 3-mirror contact lens and handrest. A camera photo slit-lamp (model #211) is also available.

**Donald J. Egan, B.S.,
O.D., F.A.A.O.**

ceive international distribution by Imperial Optical.

Bouquets for Canada

The following note was received with the newsletter from the Voluntary Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH).

Dear Sir,

This is a note from me, personally, although I'm sure I express the feeling of every VOSH member when I say:

"THANKS CANADA, FOR SAVING THE SIX AMERICANS."

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Brazil, Indiana**