

Convocation '83 University of Waterloo

The 1983 Commencement exercises at the University of Waterloo were exceptional for Optometry. Dr. Glenn Fry, former Director of the School of Optometry, Ohio State University, addressed the assembly of students, faculty, parents and friends on the occasion of the Awards night for the class of '83.

Professor Long, Director, opened the evening with a few words of welcome, and then introduced Dr. Fry to the gathering. Following the Awards ceremony, C.A.O. President Dr. Roland des Groseilliers congratulated the new graduates and invited all of them to become involved in their respective local, provincial and national associations. Finally, Dr. Bruce Hawkins, President of the College of Optometrists of Ontario, presented licenses to those graduates remaining in Ontario.

For the first time in the University's history, the Faculty of Science Gold Medal for general excellence in undergraduate academic achievement was awarded to an optometry student. Toby Mandelman is the first optometry student ever to achieve this high distinction, and our congratulations go to her for this accomplishment.

The list of awards in optometry grows longer with each passing year. 1983 saw the presentation of four new awards: the A.W. Cole Award for Clinical Excellence; the Essilor Award for Clinical Excellence in Optics (which must be considered an outstanding contribution, for what would optometrists be without optics?); the Ciba Vision Award for Clinical Excellence in contact lens work and the Leopold Lacourciere Award for General Proficiency Awarded by the Ontario Association



Alumni gold medal winner — Dr. Toby Mandelman receives medal from Dr. Josef Kates, University of Waterloo chancellor at

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of Optometrists District #3. Details on all the awards and prizes follow, as well as the names of this year's graduating class members.

Awards and Prizes, 1983

The General Proficiency Medal Awarded by the College of Optometrists of Ontario

Toby Mandelman

A.W. Cole Award for Clinical Excellence

Stewart Katz

Ciba Vision Care Award for Clinical Excellence

Donna Mockler

Essilor Award for Academic and Clinical Excellence in Optics

Toby Mandelman

The Bausch & Lomb Optical Soflens Division, Outstanding Achievement Awards

First Prize — *Laurie Mageau*

Second Prize — *Debbie Currie*

— *Toby Mandelman*

The Bernell Clinical Optometry Award for Excellence in Orthoptics & Visual Training

Scott Mundle

The T.T. Beattie Award for Orthoptics and Visual Training

Debbie Currie

The E.F. Attridge Prize for Highest Achievement in Pathology

Toby Mandelman

The Canadian Contact Lens Society Prize

Bruce Pierce

The Percy Hermant General Proficiency Prizes

First Prize — *Toby Mandelman*

Second Prize — *Laurie Mageau*

The Lepold Lacourciere Award for General Proficiency Awarded by the Ontario Association of Optometrists, District #3

Adriana Filippone

The J.C. Thompson Memorial Prize for Optometry

Patty Hrynchak

William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

Toby Mandelman

The K-W Optical Company Limited Prizes

First Prize — *Stewart Katz*

Second Prize — *Stephen Frohlich*

Prize for Academic Excellence in Ocular Pharmacology

Patty Hrynchak

Dean of Science Honours List

John Bettello

Angela Bratina

Julia Galatis

Patty Hrynchak

Elizabeth Irving

Laurie Mageau

Toby Mandelman

Bruce Pierce

Graduates — Doctor of Optometry

1983

Bass, Harvey
Beange, Gordon
Bernacki, Ryan
Best, Gary
Betello, John
Bishop, Donald
Blaschuk, Gary
Bojeczko, Donna
Bratina, Angela
Brouwer, Annette
Chung, Archie
Coward, Bruce
Currie, Debra
DeBono, Emanuel
Dumalo, Antoinette
Falconer, W. Terry
Filippone, Adriana
Frohlich, Stephen
Galatis, Julia
Georgi, Michelle
Hiscock, Paul
Holroyd, Douglas
Hrvatín, Doris
Hyrnchak, Patricia
Iftody, Barbara
Irving, Elizabeth
Katz, Stewart
Kemp, Robert
Lachoski-Powell, Dianne

Winnipeg, Manitoba
Sudbury, Ontario
Calgary, Alberta
Kippens, Newfoundland
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Red Deer, Alberta
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Burlington, Ontario
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Edmonton, Alberta
North York, Ontario
Trenton, Ontario
St. Agatha, Ontario
Mississauga, Ontario
Vancouver, British Columbia
Kitchener, Ontario
Sudbury, Ontario
Thornhill, Ontario
Bramalea, Ontario
Scarborough, Ontario
St. John's, Newfoundland
Calgary, Alberta
Chatham, Ontario
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
St. Albert, Alberta
Kelvington, Saskatchewan
Sudbury, Ontario
New Liskeard, Ontario
Waterloo, Ontario

Louie, Julie
Lutzi, Frank
Mageau, Laurie
Malik, Pamela
Mandelman, Toby
Manoff, Barry
Mockler, Donna
Mundle, Scott
Murphy, Michael
Neumann, Robert
Neumann, Roderick
Ng, Albert
Onstein, W. Robert
Padfield, Paul
Pazur, Alan
Pierce, Bruce
Pogue, Mark
Ryba, Edward
St. Amand, Louiselle
Sanger, Brad
Schnarr, Sandra
Simpson, Robin
Trinaistich, Lucy
Vagners, Roberts
Vetsch, Conrad
Watters, Timothy
Wensveen, Janice
White, Nixon
Wooten, April

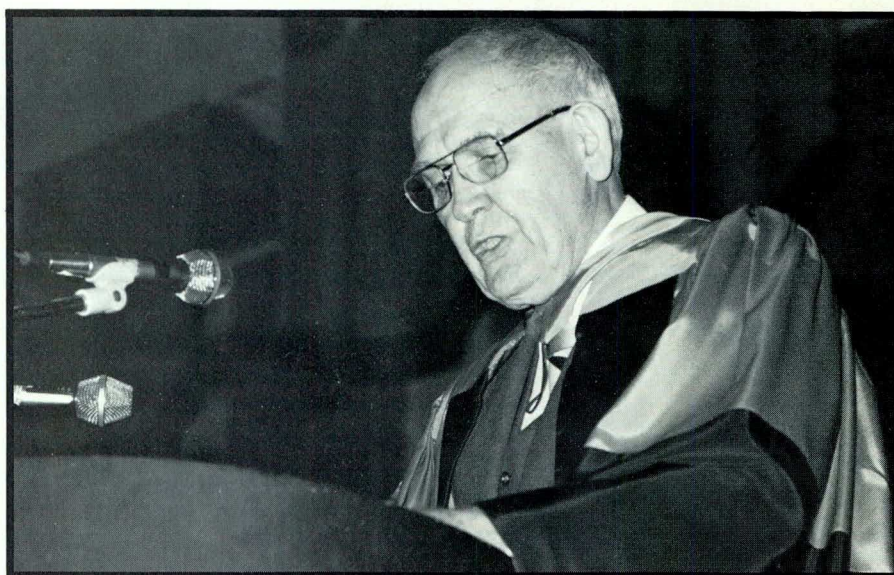
Vancouver, British Columbia
Kitchener, Ontario
Haileybury, Ontario
Bridgewater, Nova Scotia
Kitchener, Ontario
Toronto, Ontario
Oromocto, New Brunswick
Calgary, Alberta
St. John, New Brunswick
Regina, Saskatchewan
Regina, Saskatchewan
Toronto, Ontario
Terrace, British Columbia
Waterloo, Ontario
Ruthven, Ontario
Niagara Falls, Ontario
Cobourg, Ontario
Sydney, Nova Scotia
Aroostook, New Brunswick
Kingsville, Ontario
Waterloo, Ontario
Vancouver, British Columbia
South Porcupine, Ontario
Toronto, Ontario
Calgary, Alberta
Sudbury, Ontario
Edmonton, Alberta
New Liskeard, Ontario
Hamilton, Ontario

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Glenn A. Fry

Chancellor Kates, President Wright, Deans and Members of the Graduating Class of 1983, and all of those near and dear to them.

I am most happy to be your commencement speaker. As a teacher, I have worked with many groups of students from entrance to graduation and I always get a thrill to see each group reach this moment of



Dr. Glenn A. Fry, College of Optometry, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

addresses University of Waterloo Forty-sixth convocation — May 27, 1983.

excitement and jubilation at which they tuck their diplomas under their arms and face the real world.

In order to figure out what I might do or say on this occasion, I have tried to think of my own graduation. I do not remember who the commencement speaker was or what he said. This has led me to the grim

realization that anything I say is not apt to be long remembered. On the other hand, I am relieved to know that it is not necessary for me to say anything profound or wise. I do hope I can contribute to your sense of achievement and help bring your jubilation to a crescendo and send you on your way.

Coming back to my own graduation, the one thing I can remember well is that my parents were there. For them it was the culmination of years of sacrifice and hope. They believed that education was the most valuable gift they could bestow and my graduation meant to them a mark of success and a source of pride. They were simple people who revered such things as truth and beauty and honesty and goodness. I have come to realize that they were my finest teachers and the principles that they taught by example and word of mouth were the most important lessons I ever learned. I regard graduation first of all, therefore, as an occasion for expressing to our parents our love and appreciation.

When I graduated, a wife was something to dream about but many of you graduates have picked your partners and shared with them the joys and woes of reaching this point in time. To them also we must express our love and gratitude.

I want to begin what I have to say by telling you the story of a young lad who was applying for a job. The head of the company who was interviewing him asked him if he knew the motto of the company. The young applicant said: "Yes sir. It is 'push'. I saw it on the front door as I entered the building".

Chancellor Kates, if you were to ask me if I know the motto of this institution of learning, I could reply: "Yes Sir. It is '*Concordia cum Veritate*'. I saw it as I entered this hall". It is also a part of the Coat of Arms which is embossed on your invitation and your program. I have seen it before and as I stood in front of it I pondered over the many meanings it might have. The official translation in English given in the catalog is: "*In Harmony with Truth*".

It is mere extension of the deep and abiding respect for truthfulness and honesty which we have learned from our parents.

There are many different kinds of truth. In court we have to swear on a bible to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth and then

we can only answer yes or no to the questions put to us.

In architecture, a thing like a wall or a door sill is true only if it is precisely horizontal or vertical when tested with a plumbline or level.

In a science like biology, chemistry, physics or geology, a truth is a fact which we have to establish by inductive or deductive reasoning.

In the field of philosophy, we ask about the nature of truth itself and the theory of knowledge is a huge topic to be covered.

In the quest for truth, we cannot always expect to find the answers. When I was an undergraduate at Davidson College nearly three score years ago, one of my assignments in a course in philosophy was to read a translation of Immanuel Kant's "Critique of Pure Reason". I ran across a curious passage which goes somewhat as follows: "When one person asks another 'What is truth?', this is a case in which the questioner asks an intractable question and tempts an incautious listener into giving an answer where none is possible and thus presents the ridiculous spectacle of one man milking a dry cow and the other holding a sieve". I learned from this that when cornered for the lack of an answer, one must be honest and suspend judgment. It is the secret for achieving peace of mind.

One of the beautiful ways in which the word truth is used is to describe the relation between man and man. Each man must be true to his fellow men. We speak of a certain person as being a true and loyal friend. He is true blue. Shakespeare put it this way. "To thine own self be true and it must follow as the night the day thou canst not then be false to any man". We speak of this as a moral truth. It comes close to the golden rule which is the ultimate rule of moral conduct.

Harmony between man and man can be an end in itself and I am told by a Latin scholar that it is possible to interpret your motto as "*Harmony and Truth*" which covers both the relation between man and man and also the commitment to the search for the truth.

Finally, we have our religious truths to consider. Your own country, like mine, is committed to the policy of separation of church and state and that is coupled with the freedom for each citizen to worship God in his own way. That puts the University in the position that it can make no pronouncements about what people ought to believe. But that does not stop the University from formulating the questions that need to be asked in exploring the meaning and purpose of the universe and its origin and destiny.

As we go out into the world we must all face the religious, social, political, and economic problems of our times and collectively we must try to solve them. It is amazing what we have already accomplished through our search for truth and knowledge.

In the field of science and health there has been steady progress. The things that impress me most, however, are the advances in computer and communications technology. Your own University has played a leading role in this development. I saw in the paper recently that a four-foot robot will deliver the 1983 commencement address at a community college in Arnold, Maryland. I should have warned you at the outset to pay attention, because I may be the last flesh and blood commencement speaker to whom you will have listened. I never dreamed it could happen but I have lived to hear human voices generated by machines. What is more remarkable, we are rapidly reaching the point where it will be possible to translate by machine from one language to another.

We have come to the point where we must say goodbye. I want you to leave with pride in your own achievements and with love and respect for this great institution from which you have graduated. I wish you well, and my only admonition is to abide by your motto, *Concordia cum Veritate*, and continue the search for truth and knowledge and the promotion of harmony between man and man.