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Dear Doctor:

Once again we are soliciting your cooperation in completing a Pacific University Optometry Graduate Survey (Thesis).

The purpose of this survey is to follow up and amplify a similar survey conducted in 1960 and recently published in the Oregon Optometrist. It is also meant to bear valuable statistics on various other points of interest.

Since some of the information requested may appear to be of a confidential nature, please be assured that the information received will be held in the strictest confidence and will be used only in a statistical manner.

Once again a summary of the survey will be published in the Oregon Optometrist and, of course, will be made available to you.

A high percentage of returns is necessary to make a study of this nature valid. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete and return the questionnaire.

Sincerely,

Tom Head, Clinician
Lyman Ray West, Clinician
Dick Newell, Clinician
James F. Wahl, O.D., Dean

JAMES F. WAHL
QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please check any of the following service organizations of which you are presently an active member or officer:
   (a) Kiwanis ____________  (d) Lions ____________
   (b) J.C.'s ____________  (e) Toastmaster ____________
   (c) Rotary ____________  (f) Other ____________

2. Check fraternal organizations to which you presently belong or hold office.
   (a) Elks ____________  (d) Knights of Columbus ____________
   (b) Eagles ____________  (e) Oddfellows ____________
   (c) Masons ____________  (f) Other ____________

3. Following graduation, in which of the following ways did you start practising optometry?
   (a) Employed ____________  (c) Private ____________
   (b) Associated ____________  (d) Military ____________

4. Check any of the following credit plans which apply to your practice:
   (a) Strictly cash ________  (d) Loan company ________
   (b) Self credit ________  (e) Group credit plan ______
   (c) Bank ________  (f) Other ________

5. Do you presently employ an office girl?
   (a) Yes ____________  (b) No ____________

6. If above is "yes" please check any of the following duties she routinely performs:
   (a) Receptionist _____  (d) Dispensing _____  (g) Recording _____
   (b) Bookkeeping _____  (e) V.T. procedures ____  (h) Contact lens inst. _____
   (c) Frame selection _____  (f) Fields _____  (i) Other _____

7. Would you consider taking in an associate at this time?
   (a) Yes ____________  (b) No ____________

8. In what way (offices held or awards received) have you contributed to your community and/or other non-professional affiliations?
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Pacific University optometry graduates (1948 through 1960)</td>
<td>584</td>
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<td>Number of survey forms mailed to Pacific University optometry graduates</td>
<td>584</td>
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<td>Number of survey forms mailed to Northwest College of Optometry graduates</td>
<td>185</td>
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<td>Total number of survey forms mailed to graduates</td>
<td>769</td>
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<td>Number of survey forms returned</td>
<td>413</td>
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<td>Percentage of all graduates reporting</td>
<td>52.2%</td>
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Percentage of Ophthalmologists Presently Holding Membership Organization Source: Thesis Questionnaire
Percentage of Optometrists Presently Holding Membership in Each Fraternal Organization.

Source: Thesis questionnaire.

Bar chart showing:
- 32% for Knights of Columbus
- 24.7% for Other
- 5.6% for Oddfellows
- 2.3% for Eagles
- 1.8% for Masons
- 11.5% for Eks
Percentage of Optometrists in Each Type of Practice Following Graduation

Source: Thesis Questionnaire

Private: 49
Employed: 25
Associated: 18.1
Military: 6.6
Percentage of Optometrists Following Each Credit Plan

Source: Thesis Questionnaire

- 84.5%
- 12.8%
- 4.8%
- 4.7%
- Bank
- Credit Card
- Local Company
- Other
- Cash
Percentage of Optometrists Employing an Office Girl for Each Duty

Source: Thesis Questionnaire

71% of graduates reporting presently employ an office girl.
Percentage of Optometrists Considering of Taking in an Associate

Source: Thesis Questionnaire

Diagram:

- Yes: 8
- Possibly: 88
- No: 8
Percentage of Optometrists Receiving Offices or Awards from Non-Professional Affiliations

Source: Thesis Questionnaire