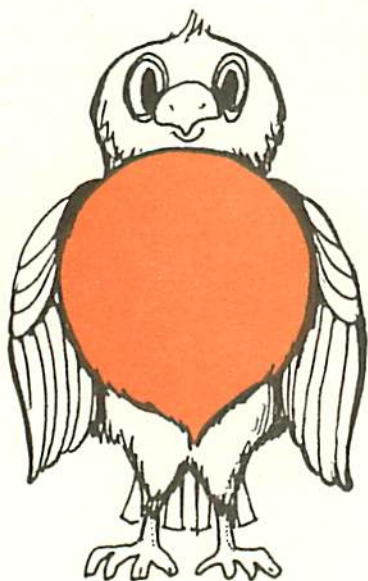
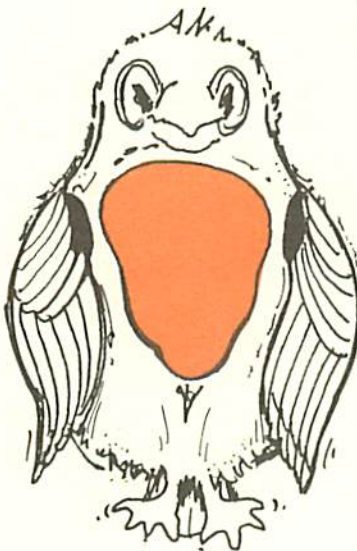
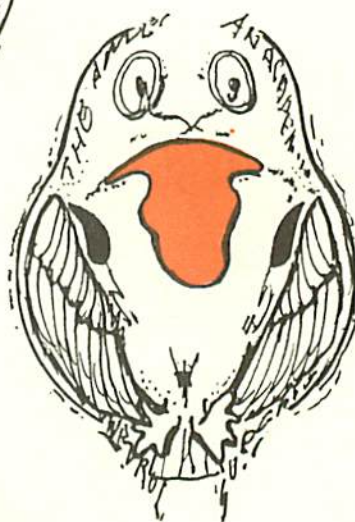


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June 2, 1991
Sunday.

Dear Round Robin,

I recall with pleasure the early 50's when the Round Robin was printed about three or four times a year, whenever Dave Reeves thought it was time to circulate it, and it was a fine medium of communication between the members of the Academy. This is a different day and there are different needs. The annual printing of this letter by Bill Buchheit is so well done and welcomed by all of us. I only wish more of our members would participate.

I completed the two three year terms on the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners last fall, but since the Governor did not get around to appointing my successor, I served a meeting or two extra, and, at the Board's request am still doing some of the interviews of new licensees (of which there were over 1200 last year) since this can be delegated by the Board and takes the time of some of the regular members who are full occupied every day. I found the privilege of serving on the Board very rewarding and I am very glad I did it. When some asks why, you can say: "You don't make any money, you don't make any friends except on the Board, and you make a few enemies, but it is a very important function that occupies about 30-35 days a year." That may not sound like a logical answer, but MEDICINE must discipline itself and if we don't do it, you can be sure there are those waiting in the wings to do it.

Betty and I had a delightful two weeks on a Viking Tour of Australia and New Zealand. I feel like an expert on both of those nations now just as I felt after two days in Leningrad and a day in Poland the year before.

This letter bring greetings from Betty too and I am terminating this now before I write too long on this Word Processor which is so easy to use, it is tempting to go on and on and on.

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May 30, 1991

Dear Friends,

I just received this desperate letter from Bill Bucheit indicating that he has only received one letter for the Academician! Obviously, that letter is not this one. The reason I have not written is that we have had a few things going on in the Ausman household.

First, I have accepted the position of Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. They made me an offer I could not refuse. The opportunities are excellent with full scale support for neurosurgery and the neuroscience, the appropriate autonomy for Departments and Department Chairmen, and an excellent practice plan. I have never seen such support from the basic, and non-surgical clinical sciences for these elements. The Dean is attracting a number of new chairpersons; the institution is rebuilding with the right ingredients for success. I look upon this opportunity as a challenge. I thrive on this kind of stuff.

Secondly, Carolyn is making all the arrangements to move us to a new city plus have her own job there too. She has been a great support through all of this. Elizabeth, our eldest daughter, is growing her own business. It is a new concept in which she is acting as an interface between new technology and the public trying to help bring the new ideas to the right people who can make use of them for their businesses. Susan, is going into her third year of Law School at Iowa. She, too, wants to get a degree in business with the LL.B.

I am really pleased with the progress of the Senior Society. In these times when we are faced with such large forces challenging us, we can only respond effectively by speaking as a group representing an important interest. I hope that this momentum of the SNS is continued into the future. As program directors we need the power of such a society behind us.

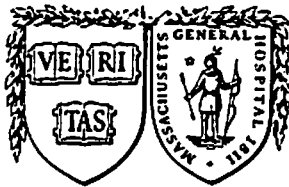
By the time you read this letter we will have been in Russia, Germany, and Argentina. Probably, the greatest pleasure and opportunity, we have had in the last 10 years has been to visit many countries, and have friends in many parts of the world. We appreciate the USA much more and realize that there are many fine bright people everywhere.

See you in Oregon !

Sincerely,

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July 15, 1991

Dear Academicians:

Greetings from Liz and Tom who can report that they are in pretty good shape considering the shape they are in. Why can't I say that we are in "fine fettle"? Well, more about that a little later.

During this past year we have attended only two neurosurgical meetings: the Academy at Amelia Island in October and the SNS in Charleston in May. I do believe, however, that it was possible for us to see most of our neurosurgical friends at one or both of these meetings.

The Academy program was outstanding as were the social amenities. Elizabeth and I enjoyed our stay there, particularly because we were fortunate enough to be near Thor and Lois Sundt, who drove us around the Plantation with great thoughtfulness.

The entire program in Charleston was most interesting to me and, as one would expect, the "food and wine" part of our sojourn has never been equaled! I found the presentations from Phanor's group excellent. The cooperation amongst all the different disciplines of neuroscience is something that Phanor can be quite proud of. Thor Sundt's scholarly presentation of the satisfaction to be gained from bringing the fruits of laboratory research to the operating surgeon amply supported the wisdom of the Committee when it chose him to receive the Grass Award. It's not often that one finds a tiger in the operating room who is also a leader in the laboratory.

One facet of the program did arouse in me a little concern. This had to do with the discussion of subspecialization in neurosurgery. During that session, several discussants raised the malpractice issue. If, for example, a neurosurgeon without

qualifications in the subspecialty of pediatric neurosurgery shunted a child and a complication developed, would the lack of subspecialty qualification make the neurosurgeon more vulnerable to a malpractice suit and, if so, what effect might that have on the outcome of such a suit? While I applaud the recent efforts to mitigate the number of malpractice suits, I do believe that constant fear of such legal action may well impact on the neurosurgeon's judgment to the point where he may be more prone rather than less to a charge of professional incompetence or negligence. I strongly believe that we must not let this important but extraneous factor influence the performance of neurosurgeons in and out of the operating room.

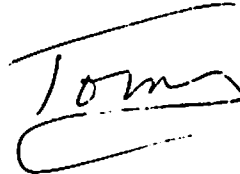
Now, as to the question of the health of the Ballantine family. Elizabeth had a corneal transplant on 7/11/91 and now, four days later, she is doing extremely well although the transplant has not settled down to a point where she has much of any useful vision. I am assured that this will come fairly soon, however. My experience with this procedure was rather remarkable. In the waiting room for relatives and patients, there was a large television set connected by closed circuit to the operating microscope. Anyone who wished could watch the procedures and could see as well as the operating surgeon! Not only did I watch the surgeon deftly excise Elizabeth's faulty cornea and replace it but I also had an opportunity to view a cataract extraction. In this latter procedure, the surgeon used "phacoemulsification". Essentially, this procedure employs a tiny ultrasound probe to break up the cataract after which it and the lens are extracted by suction. A folded silicone lens is then introduced through the 4mm incision. The lens unfolds and there you are! This is one aspect of microsurgery that I never thought I would witness.

In March I had a L1-3 decompressive laminectomy for stenosis. While the pain relief has been gratifying, I still have not regained the leg strength which I had before the onset of my symptoms in February. I keep exercising in the hope that I can substantially increase the distances that I can walk.

Other than this, we are fine. We did spend some time in Florence, Italy where I took part at the Fifth World Congress of Biological Psychiatry in a symposium on limbic system surgery in the treatment of intractable psychiatric illness.

Our grandchildren are a delight. One grandson will be a senior at Princeton, another will enter Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the Fall and our lovely granddaughter (who turns 20 in two weeks) will be a junior at Mt. Holyoke. All three of these grandchildren are outstanding young citizens and excellent scholars--attributes for which we can be thankful.

We send affectionate greetings to all our friends and colleagues.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom", enclosed within a simple rectangular hand-drawn border.

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Dear Bill:

This year has been an interesting one for the Black family. Chief among the events was our buying a house big enough for each child to have his or her own room; with our big flock this is not a small matter and it turned out to require major renovation to get it ready. We also have had the interesting problem of selling our old house, but I think things will work out.

Professionally I had an unusual year in which I learned a good deal about administrative bureaucracy through the Joint Committee on Education in trying to get the process of CME certification for neurosurgery set up. This, combined with the creation of a self-assessment test in neurosurgery and the increase of our Brigham/Children's resident number to allow a more reasonable life for our residents, resulted in a rather stressed out year, but I'm sure the next will be better.

Katharine is now at the Episcopal Church in Winchester as an assistant and is enjoying this immensely. Our kids continue to do very well. Dia, who is at a private school called Windsor, is now entering grade 11 and will soon be faced with the problem of college choice. Katy, Libby and Peter Thomas, the middle three, are at the Boston Latin School. Christopher is the only one left in elementary school.

Best wishes to all fellow academicians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Peter'.

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Dear Academicians:

The last year has been very interesting.

From a medical point of view things are going well. I have been able to unload the job as Chairman of the Medical Staff Executive Committee and hopefully, within the next weeks I will be able to discontinue as Chairman of the Practice Plan. Both of these jobs took an enormous amount of time and are fairly unproductive in terms of ones own department or his life.

I suppose the highlight of the year was receiving the "Alumnus of the Year" Award from the School of Medicine. Many of my classmates were back for the occasion and it was an all around great time. This, coupled with being elected President of the Society of University Neurosurgeons, has made the year very rewarding.

The practice of neurosurgery at Temple has been going along well. The residents and my associates are a very good group. The residency program is going very well. In the last month we had a new pediatric neurosurgeon join us, Dr. Karin Bierbrauer. She trained with George Tindall and then Dave McLone in pediatrics. This gives us a total of five and we are still searching for at least one additional one.

The downside of the year concerns Lynn and I. We are now separated and I've moved to Bryn Mawr. In spite of this, Megan is doing fine. Her music is coming along nicely and she currently is at summer music camp in Maine. She is thirteen years old now; quite mature and she continues to amaze me as to how things change as one is growing up.

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Aside from the above, things are status quo and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Oregon in September.

With very best regards,


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Dear Academicians:

An eventful year was passing. By the end of March, I have become emeritus, after my professional chair was represented by myself for one year. Professor Dr. Klaus Roosen is my successor, formerly he was professor and chairman of the Neurosurgical University Clinics in Gießen/FRG (successor: Prof. H.W. Pia). In spite of my emeritation, I am steadily busy. The reunion of those two parts of Germany brought forth quite some new tasks, thus necessitating renewals as well as changes of structure concerning the universities within the eastern part of Germany (the former German Democratic Republic).

I was nominated by the Prime Minister of Saxony to the commission being concerned with the problems within the universities of Saxony and, moreover, is consulting the Prime Minister. For setting up a reformed basic law for universities, I am rather engaged with the medical faculties of the Leipzig University and the technical college of Dresden. This is why I am almost every second week for a few days acting in Dresden. In addition to that, I am caring for the archives of the history of the German Neurosurgery which were founded by me, three years ago. Thus, I have been elected President of the German Society for the history of neurotherapeutics and its first symposium had taken place in May of this year. In addition, I am chairman of the ethics-commission of the medical faculty of the Würzburg University. In my emeritus status, time seems to be rather less than before my active neurosurgical period.

At the congress of the German Society for Neurosurgery which had taken place in May of this year, in Bremen, I have given a lecture commemorating Fedor Krause. On that occasion I was awarded the Fedor Krause - Medal which means the greatest honour awarded by the German Society for Neurosurgery. In 1962, Paul Bucy had been awarded that medal, before Herbert Olivecrona and, in 1960 Sir Geoffry Jefferson.

Last week, we have attended the Congress of the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies in Moscow. I assume that Jim Ausmann, Russel Patterson and Phanor Perot will report accordingly.

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My family is all right. Eva is still very engaged in her computer activities. Karen, my daughter, is physician and is married with an anaesthetist, they have three children. My son, Christof, is orthopaedist, married with a neurologist and they have two boys. Thus, the family is still growing. Together with Eva, I intend to go to the Academy-Conference to Oregon which will take place in September, from there we shall fly to the Asian-Australasian Congress to Seoul. We are very hopeful to meet many of our friends at the academy conference and look forward to that meeting.

Kind regards,



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Dear Fellow Academicians:

It has been a very busy year for the Chandlers here in Ann Arbor. Our boys, Scott and Jesse, are now 16 and 13 and have enjoyed this last school year to the max. Jesse is at Y-Camp for part of this summer and Scott is the proud owner of a "previously owned" Jeep Wrangler. He is working one job this summer as a bag boy at a golf course and the other as an assistant to graduate students at the Naval Architecture School. We all enjoyed a week on the island of St. Croix in June.

Bill continues to be busy with work in the Congress of Neurological Surgeons as both the Annual Meeting Chairman for this year's meeting in Orlando and also as President-Elect. We have already made two site visits to Washington, D.C. for the 1992 meeting and Sue is very much involved in the planning of the myriad of events for the 1992 meeting.

Sue continues to work two days a week running children's programs at a local hospital for the treatment of substance abuse. She very much enjoys her involvement at this hospital and continues to provide an important service for the families of the involved patients.

We hope to be able to fit in this year's Academy Meeting in Oregon among our sizable travel commitments in planning the Congress Meetings. It sounds like a wonderful meeting and we hope to see you all there.

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Dear Bill:

At your request, I am writing to tell you and our friends in the Academy about us, our family, pets, etc. As you may know, I am fading quickly from the practice of neurosurgery. Except for one day per week when I scrub with the residents, I no longer take care of patients, not even in consultation. I was involved in the planning of a 40 million dollar renovation project of University Hospital, which took almost two years and has just been completed. Two ongoing positions that take some of my time at the Medical School level are first, as an Associate to the Dean in the Student Affairs Office, and second, as the Chair of the Medical School Promotions and Tenure Committee. Otherwise, I have a pretty flexible schedule. My plan is to retire completely by June, 1992.

Thinking back, I must say that our departmental transition was extremely smooth. In Roberto Heros, we got a dynamic leader, a superb neurosurgeon and a caring person. Roberto devotes many hours to counseling the residents, and has made an unequivocal commitment to excellence in education, research and quality of health care. Within a short time frame, he has already won the respect and admiration of his peers in the Medical School, which is an extraordinary feat.

Jolene and I now have more time to spend together, to think together and talk about issues in a relaxed manner. We have more time to do things, too. This summer, for example, we try to play two rounds of golf per week together. We enjoy that, even though our handicaps haven't improved very much. We bought a house last year in Rio Verde, Arizona, a golf community, and in a few years we look forward to spending the winters there. We now have six grandchildren, three living in the Twin Cities area, and we see them quite often. The other three are in Salt Lake City, where our number one son works in a computer consulting and food business. Of the six grandchildren, only two have dark hair. The other four are blonds. Not being a geneticist, I cannot explain this particular ratio. Our daughter Dana continues to practice family and marriage therapy in Denver. I guess she is dealing with the nitty gritty problems of life all the time, and she has thus far stayed unattached.

June 17, 1991

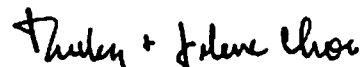
You will recall that in our 1989 letter to you, I told you about a malpractice suit with which I was involved. I said then, "A member of this Academy in good standing, who is a self-proclaimed ethicist, reviewed the case and decided that everybody, including 18 nurses, 2 residents and myself, as well as the University of Minnesota Hospital, were at fault. He came to testify as an expert witness and returned in rebuttal. The jury's verdict was no negligence and they awarded zero compensation. The case is being appealed".

Well, the appellate court decided that the trial judge had made several procedural errors and ordered a re-trial. We, the co-defendants, appealed that decision and last fall, the Minnesota Supreme Court overturned the appellate court's decision. The ominous cloud started in 1986, and so after four years of anxiety and fear (initially there were punitive damages involved, because the expert witness made remarks to the effect that the hospital records had been changed or falsified), this ordeal is finally over. I heard that the two attorneys for the plaintiff, who had spent at least one year and invested about a quarter of a million dollars on this suit, relying solely on the conclusions of the expert witness, have been barred by their law firm from taking further medical liability cases. These two attorneys were judged not alert enough to know that the expert witness reached his conclusions without fully studying the hospital records and without even looking at all of the radiological films. The late Frank Mayfield somehow found out who the expert witness was and wanted to look at his testimony. Sadly, Frank died before I had the opportunity to send him the documents.

Now, finally about the pet. We had a Siamese cat who developed diabetes in her late years (18), and we decided to put her to sleep. For many years after our children left, she became the queen of the hill and was an excellent companion. We buried her in our yard last October, and yet even today, we still feel her presence. We decided that emotionally we cannot afford to get another one. So, that's the end of the pet.

Well, enough has been said, and we are looking forward to seeing you all in Oregon.

Sincerely yours,



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For the Round Robin

Marion expired last summer and it is absolutely the toughest adjustment I have ever had to make... I am trying to catch up on molecular biology of tumors with friends on the Berkeley campus and in the East Bay at Cetus. I am going to a Radiosurgery Workshop in L.A. this Friday... My son, Steve, went to Russia as an exchange teacher and he had a ball. He liked the people and students - he showed them a four step method of making DNA. He got castrated testes and ovaries from a veterinarian and his demonstration worked - "I nailed it". ... My daughter, Ann, in Naples Fla. paints and sells note cards in the Caribbean. Her daughter, Heidi, graduated from Yale in May - I tried to contact Bill and Gwen while I was there but couldn't. ... My naval son is trying to keep 3 ships loaded for transport from Central America up and down the U.S. Coast and to Canada....The dates for the meetings of the Western Neurosurgical Society and the Academy are exactly the same this year - one in Phoenix and one in Oregon. I would like to go to both but will have to choose - close, neighborly friends or admired national colleagues. ... The Western always has one short eulogy for a past member. This year it will be for John Green.

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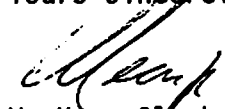
This is in reply for your request for letters for the Round Robin.

I guess the biggest news from the Clark family is a granddaughter, born to our daughter, Sarah. She is a real cutie. Fern and I are leaving tomorrow to go to Europe, ultimately to attend the European Congress of Neurological Surgery held in Moscow. There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Federation immediately before it which will be presided over by another academician, Professor Lindsay Symon. Incidentally Lindsay and Pauline are planning to come to the Academy this fall in Oregon.

Retirement has found me busy as ever as I have discovered a multitude of things I should have done and couldn't. Now I have time to do some of these things.

Fern joins me in best wishes to the all the members of the academy.

Yours sincerely,



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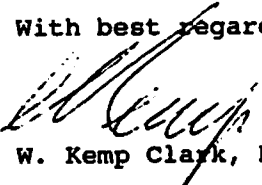
Dear Bill:

I am writing in response to your letter requesting information for the Round Robin.

This has been a relatively uneventful year for the Clarks. As many of you know, I have completely retired from practice. The University has been good enough to give me an office, a telephone and a parking place which is the hierarchical order in which I rake accoutrements. Retirement has been pleasant and I really cannot say that I miss the telephone ringing in the middle of the night, now when it does, it is the wrong number.

Fran and I are enjoying more time in California. It is also very pleasant to have time to spend with ones grandchildren and even ones children. We are in the Pebble Beach - Monterey County phone book so if any academicians are in the area please give us a call, we would love to see you.

With best regards, I remain


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Dear Bill;

I must admit that I never truly believed that I would live long enough as a neurosurgeon, that I would have to complete my rather vague retirement plans. Neurosurgery always seemed like an endless series of challenges constituting a buffet that could satisfy forever. I have however reached that time when a decision must be made. Fortunately my health and brain are in good enough repair that I can consider what to do next. I had thought of doing nothing and that may be the best answer. Just think of being able, if one wishes, to go back to bed in the morning, reading just for pleasure, going to a movie and not having to leave something undone or going on a trip and not having work piling up on some desk. I have been told I would not last two days. That is wrong I am certain I could last a few months but unfortunately I plan to live longer than that. But it is an option. There is the possibility of working in the department but I have had, as a Chairman, a fill of retired professors using facilities in a less than optimal fashion when such facilities are very limited. I could write about, or perhaps join the multitude that are trying to solve the problems of the delivery of health care. We have a plethora of these at Yale. Perhaps the members did not know Yale set up the federal aspects of medicare and the multiple variations of medicare for the old Department of Health and Welfare. We also gave you that great cost control theory called DRGs, and helped set up medicare quality assurance. We are not guilty of the new relative value fee scales but there is still fertile soil at Yale for anyone interested in the problems. I don't know if I can become the zealot that probably is required to have an impact.

I spent a considerable time as a child learning violin and musical composition and until the age of 12 thought music would be my career. Aside from not having enough talent to be a musician, which may be the basis for both having a career in medicine and the belief that the field continues to be of more interest as a hobby than as a vocation, an additional current problem is that I play so poorly that my ear tells me it is almost an impossibility to do well enough with the violin so that some satisfaction can be obtained. But as you know the way to Carnegie Hall is "practice, practice", and although I am not certain that I have the patience to start again I certainly will have the time to try the beginnings of the professional student's career, the endless doctorate. I also have considered doing general practice in the small community

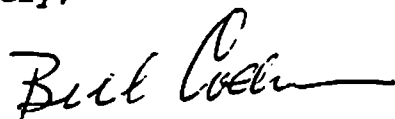
where I live, but I do not feel competent in medicine in general and I am not certain I might not cause more harm than good. That is also why I am not certain that I could help in our clinics that cover our poor areas, for if I am not good enough for the one am I enough better than nothing to be good enough for the other?

I am still writing a book for our course in clinical neuroscience so I have time to think while I complete that. I also thought that since I had written so many grants, letters, reviews and papers that I should try writing fiction. My first few attempts at short story writing are similar to my music, I am well enough educated to know they are poor but not enough to know how to make them good. Perhaps just practice writing could be the start of a second endless doctorate.

But I may not have to make a decision. Gwen believes she has enough to keep me busy around the house and enough places she wants us to travel that I should not have to worry about free time for at least ten years. Perhaps that is the immediate answer, for I did tell her about 40 years ago that when I had things under control I would take more time off. She has added up all the time I did not take off and came to the number 15 years. I do not know how it was arrived at but at present I do not have time to argue. There is too much painting and gardening, too many books to read, Spanish to learn if we are going to South or Central America and our trip to Russia made Gwen interested in the Eastern European countries. The doctorates will have to wait.

Hope the members are all well, see you in the fall.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Coleman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely;".

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12th June 1991

Dear Academicians

The past year has been hectic for the Dan family. Adrienne has had a long association as a volunteer guide (docent) at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, our State gallery. She has a heavy commitment to tennis and recently has decided to fill the odd hour or two left in the week with bridge. She is also a strong supporter of the fund raising activities of the Australian Brain Foundation.

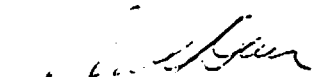
Our eldest daughter Sally (aged 23) left the commercial art gallery for which she had worked since graduating from University and joined the auction house of Christies in Sydney in their Fine Art Department. She now induces a deep yearning in us with the national and international Christies catalogues she brings home almost daily. Our 21 year old daughter, Lisa, is in the final year of her interior architecture degree but has delayed graduation for a year as the recession in Australia has meant enormous unemployment in this field. Kerrie (aged 19) is half way through a degree in communications and wants to be a film director.

Neurosurgically we have had a mixed year. Our university has had decreased Government funding this year and is cutting back on academic salaries. Our hospital is stuttering along a path which will lead to a hand-over from the Federal to the State Government (we have a Federal system too). Whilst the two Governments argue about \$150 million short-fall in funds the hospital is like an orphan. On the other hand I was thrilled to be the inaugural recipient of the Neurosurgical Society of Australia's medal which was presented at it's 50th anniversary meeting in 1990.

Adrienne has long been interested in Australian paintings and Impressionist graphic works. Her knowledge of the subject has grown enormously since we have had a daughter "in the business". My extra curricula passion is bibliography with special emphasis on Australian settlement in early exploration, specific exploration, first national editions of Pickwick Papers and the poetry of Christopher Brennan and David Malouf.

Adrienne and I are looking forward to the Academy meeting in Oregon with great anticipation.

Yours sincerely,



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July 4, 1991

Dear Academician,

We have been negligent in not writing, but will try to do better in the future.

After retiring from the Semmes-Murphey Clinic because of age (it seemed like a good idea when I was younger, but not as good an idea when my time came), I worked with the Baptist Hospital as medical director for their P.P.O. I enjoyed working with the hospital and with the medical staff putting this together. Fortunately for me, there was an excellent administrative staff to work with. There were the usual "hard liners"--from the medical staff those who were opposed to any change, and from the personnel directors of the companies involved who did not believe the physicians were making enough concessions.

Once the P.P.O. was up and running, it has been quite smooth. Most of the physicians were cooperative; discharged their patients within the time limits, and abided by the fee schedules. There were a few exceptions. One plastic surgeon wrote to the insurance commissioner complaining that I was being arbitrary. He didn't realize that the commissioner had no jurisdiction over the P.P.O. operation.

Now with the R.B.R.V.S. on the horizon, I have decided to completely retire. This gives me more time to spend with our children and grandchildren. Our son is a lawyer working in Memphis, one son-in-law has a civil engineering firm, and the other manages a propane gas distributorship owned by his family.

During Christmas Vacation, 1990, Phyllis and I took the two older grandchildren (boys ages 9 & 12) on a Caribbean Cruise. This proved to be a delightful experience. Both of the boys won at Bingo the same night! I hope this doesn't lead to a gambling career.

It has been interesting to have been involved with neuro-surgery from ventriculograms to M.R.I.s. I am sure the future will bring even more dramatic changes.

Richard

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Hans Erich und Karin Diemath

At our department there is still more and more work to do. 3.262 patients have been treated, the number of operations on sundays and holidays have increased of 14,5 % compared with last year and operations at night on sun- and holidays have increased on 34,8 %. This is mainly caused by neurotraumatological operations and treatment.

The number of brain operations were 588, spine operations 659 and operations on peripheral nervous 102, on laseroperations 152, all together 2.055 operations last year.

We make intensive use of intraoperative sonography, which we believe ~~it is~~ very useful.

Now we have used this methods for the puncture of deep seated tumors too, so that we have at present boths methods the stereotactic and the ultrasound method.

Since 1962 we had used the Riechert Mundingger apparatus, but now we ^{are} also operating with a Brown-Roberts-Wells apparatus.

The situation on behalf of the health service is severe, the budgets for hospital - as you know I am the director of the Landesnervenklinik with all different departments - is very difficult by now. The governments of the different counties try to get rid of their responsibility for hospital and want to handle the hospital to privat management societies. This of course means a worsening in the treatment of our patients.

The family is well and healthy.

Our last born girl, 15 years of age, we have had with us at the European Neurosurgical Congress in Moscow. So that she can make up her mind about the paradise of workers. In Moscow it was a great pleasure to see so many of our old friends of the United States, as Bob Pudence and Ed Laws.

To stand on two legs in August we shall take Maren, our 15 years old daughter, to the United States. We start at the IBRO Congress in Montreal, Canada, and want to travel by car down to New Orleans. In between we want to visit many of our friends, so especially our old friend Don Long at Johns Hopkins Hospital, were I was staying for ["]years time, 32 years ago.

We especialy are looking forward to seeing our dear friends Richard and Phyllis de Saussure in Memphis.

By this trip we hope that our little one Maren has the possibility to get to know both systems USA and Russia and she can make up her mind.

To my 60th anniversary my co-workers will held an international Neurosurgical congress in Salzburg on September 21st. Our honorary guest will be Don Long from Baltimore. The topic will be head injuries. There will be referencē; of 17 european countries to report on the organisation and treatment of severe brain injuries in their countries and to discuss their experiences.

We are looking forward very much to our journey to the United States to seeing again many of our old friends.

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Dear Bill,

I don't intend to miss this Round Robin - thanks to the recent "gentle" nudge.

Still nomads - 4 months in OKC then 8 back here. Enjoy some teaching and research at DHMC. Dick Saunders is the Chief of Neurosurgery and is doing an excellent job. Part time work on the pineal structure, and its metabolites, keeps me partially busy.

Enjoy retirement tremendously. We live on Newfound Lake, having winterized a cottage we have had 27 years. A wood lot of over 100 acres on a mountain across the lake has deer, moose and bear. Managed to cut about 5 cords of hardwood last year from this land.

Connie and I have done some traveling down the Danube and Germany. Our prosthetic joints don't allow much downhill skiing or jumping!

We shall try to make the Newport meeting but I doubt that we will because of previous arrangements for travel. I intend to go to China on this Eisenhower program of People to People.

One gets the impression that National Health Insurance, if not the major contention of the 1992 political battle for the Presidency and Congress, will be at least high on the list for debate. I do hope that AMA at least proposes constructive legislation to aid in sound concepts.

Our best to all the Academy family. Our personal family - Dave, the oldest, is returning to college at the age of 38 to major in Solar Engineering. He worked for 5 years in the past as a technician for this program. Carol raises four children - all doing well; and Bob, the youngest, is an audio engineer for Rhino Records in L.A.

Anxious to hear from all in the next Round Robin. We all appreciate your effort.

Cordially,

Bob Fisher



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June 5, 1991

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Dear Bill:

I thought I would send a brief note to you for the Academician. We have all settled in to life in Philadelphia and have seen very exciting growth in neurosurgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Although several new faculty members have joined us, we still are in the recruiting mode. One item of personal interest has been the development of our Interventional Neuro Center. We are now in position to deliver radiosurgery with our linear accelerator, as well as carry out interventional neuroradiology in a spectacular new room equipped with the latest Toshiba unit. This, combined with our surgical facilities, allows us to have a complete approach to the types of vascular disease and tumors that are of great interest to me.

On a personal note, our younger son, Douglas, will attend the University of Vermont starting in September. Although we have all adapted to life in Philadelphia, we are excited about his going to school in New England. Since we still vacation in northern Connecticut, this will be a midway point between Burlington and Philadelphia. Our older son, Andrew, is busily painting and working as a chef in Portland, Maine, and it is not clear when he plans to return to civilization. Nevertheless, Susan and I are very proud of both of them and excited by their outlook on their activities.

Susan and I are looking forward to the meeting in Oregon next fall. We certainly would extend an invitation to visit the department at Penn, and our apartment in Philadelphia.

With kind regards.

Yours truly,


Eugene S. Flamm, M.D.

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July 19, 1991

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Dear Bill,

Once again it is a distinct pleasure to contribute to the Round Robin. The neurosurgical service at The New York Hospital is thriving -- busy on all fronts. We are initiating a hyperthermia-brachytherapy unit, hopefully in operation by the time of the Academy meeting. Hyperthermia appears to enhance the cytotoxic effect of radiation therapy substantially more than has been appreciated in the past. This new unit should provide significant palliation for our recurrent malignant brain tumor population.

Our Comprehensive Epilepsy Center has proved very successful under the able direction of our epileptologist, Doug Labar. I am somewhat surprised at the number of cases we have done and will be doing. Epilepsy surgery is clearly under utilized in this nation.

On the medical political front, I take up the gavel of the New York State Neurosurgical Society next month. This has required considerable time and many committee meetings as president-elect and will demand more time out of the institution next year. After numerous meetings with our State health commissioner's office personnel in Albany I am pleased to see how many able and dedicated people are working in the state government. The state's major thrust has been a desire to link relicensure to a state designed recertification process. While many of you do not think recertification in any form is worthwhile, I believe a useful and beneficial recertification process can be put in place. More on this next year.

Anne has recently had a wrist fusion (dislocated carpal bones) which has placed a severe crimp on her tennis activities. She has, believe it or not, learned a left handed game and would be the equal of most numbers of this learned group. Our two daughters, Eliza (age 4) and Emily (age 2) are thriving and a source of unexpected pleasure and joy to their father.

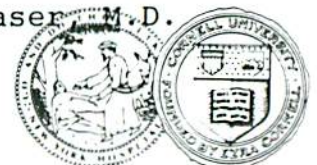
Anne and I have the honor of running the tennis tournament at the '91 Academy meeting and hope that many of you will sign up and play.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

This last year has been a very busy one for Gene and me. This may be because we are moving more slowly, but also it may be that we are doing more things.

Last September we went on a three week trip to northern Italy and France and enjoyed it very much. We were somewhat appalled by the increase in cost of living that has taken place in the last couple of years, but then, I guess, it has happened all over the world. The trip was a most enjoyable one and we did go to many places we had visited in previous years.

As you all know, we have three children, two boys and a girl. After they were married, they were somewhat late in starting families, but we now have five grandchildren, all of whom seem to be very healthy, active participants in their family affairs. We are going to have a grand get-together on our 50th wedding anniversary later this year.

Gene and I have been spending part of our time in California down in Pauma Valley, and the remainder of the time here in Minneapolis. We live in a western suburb of Minneapolis called Excelsior, on Lake Minnetonka which is a very beautiful lake with a long shoreline, many islands, etc. I spend some time over at the University, mostly trying to keep out of the way of Dr. Roberto Heros and his crew. Going over there keeps me thinking I am important and in some way helping out, but frankly I think that he is so well-organized that he can do without my help.

We are looking forward to the meeting in Salishan. It is a very beautiful place and whenever the Academy meets, we are with our friends and that is the most satisfying thing in the world.

Best regards to all,

Lyle & Gene

Lyle and Gene French

July 5, 1991

Dear Bill:

Gulf war, volcanoes, earthquakes (we happily survived the predicted one on the New Madrid Fault - water heater strapped to the wall, monkey wrench near the gas shut-off valve, bottles of water in every room - and not a jiggle!), famine in Africa - The world situation is only slightly more chaotic than our family's last few years. Bob is delighted that the department chairman situation at Wash. U. is finally settled. Ralph Dacey, new chairman and new Academician, arrived in the fall of 1989 and has done a super job. Ralph is pleasant to work with and has made the transition incredibly smooth.

Bob was honored to receive the Grass award at the Senior Society in May of 1990, recognizing excellence in research, which might screech to a halt if he does not nail down NIH for more money. Marc Raichle, his friend and research pal, is recuperating nicely from his scary heart attack, and Bob hopes to continue their PET work when the grants come through. In the meantime his clinical practice keeps him more than busy.



"I know, but all promises are off when Daddy's writing his grant proposals."

Two years ago I filed to run for the school board, hoping to use my educational background to effect quality education in our district. Five candidates filed for 2 seats, and my "Elect Julia Committee" laid out plans for a "Kick Off for Julia" fund raiser on Super Bowl Sunday, a canvass of the wards to get out the vote, a slick slogan, expensive yard signs, and bumper stickers. Wait! Hold it! Doesn't anyone want to hear my ideas for teaching writing, for more effective college counseling, for improving teacher quality? I woke up at 2:00 a.m., palms sweating, heart palpitating, and stomach churning. I knew at that moment that I was no politician and I quit! I slept like a log that next night. Now I'm back to deciding what to do with my post kids-at-home life. Will the eclectic volunteerism be satisfying? Shouldn't I make a statement? A commitment? Some money? (Bob put that part in.)



*"Lately, I've been thinking about becoming
really good at something."*

Last summer (my excuse for not doing the Round Robin letter) I traveled around Spain, the south of France, and Italy with son, Robert, now 21, leaving Bob home to maintain his pathological work schedule. Robert had been in Spain with a study program to become bilingual in 6 weeks. When I met him in Madrid in late June, I realized how successful he was. He could order beer in any bar in Spain. Yo, Rob. Que Pasa? He and I spent 3 crazy weeks traveling through Spain, Provence, and Italy on "planes, trains, and automobiles" and feet! Being the only person over 25 on student-packed train cars, being the passenger in a Renault with a speed-crazed son around the curves on which Grace Kelly died really tested my fortitude, but the Sistene Chapel, Michelangelo's "David", the ruins of ancient Rome, the fields of lavender and sunflowers in the south of France, and the opportunity for a one-on-one experience with my son made it all worthwhile.

This summer he is studying half-heartedly for MCAT's, which I should not tell you as some of you may see him in your offices next spring if you are on the admission committees for your medical schools. For you then, he is a serious, dedicated young man, pre-Nobel prize winner, who wants to heal the world. In reality, to those of you not on admissions committees, he is a great kid who, after a challenging 4 years at Davidson, might rather run ski lifts in Colorado and have Bob send him a monthly stipend, or if he had a hefty trust fund, teach high school history and coach the tennis team.

Mary Connell, age 16, is a counselor in training (we pay, she works) at Camp Seafarer in North Carolina, and in the fall she will be a junior in high school pursuing A.P. European History, A.P. Biology, Trig/Analyt, a second trip to the State tournament with her tennis team, and boys - an easier pursuit, she has found, when Bob lets her drive his new red Miata. August will find us all again at Pawleys Island, S.C., with family and friends, coming and going. Last summer as a result of Hurricane Hugo, we gazed not at sea and sunset but at floating roofs and toilets, listened not to sea gulls and pelicans, but to pile drivers and earth movers.

We hope to find more peace and quiet this year, but with Robert inviting fraternity brothers and Mary Connell inviting friends from camp, I am not banking on it.

Hope to see you all on the opposite coast from S.C. in Oregon this fall.

Julia Grubb
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July 6, 1991

Dear Bill,

Our last letter to the Round Robin described our odyssey of making my transition into the sixth decade of life. The fun continues. Our nest is about empty with our oldest daughter finishing her second year at Amherst, and our youngest daughter leaving at the end of the summer for a year in Grenoble before starting her college career at Williams. During the summers, our kids thrive on their adaptation to the western values of the good outdoor life, the oldest using her equestrian skills as a riding instructor at a Vermont summer camp, and the youngest combining her ski racing talents with the new burgeoning sport of rock climbing. Yet, despite (or, perhaps, because of) all the mental and physical honing, they insist that they not going to be neurosurgeons.

Robyn and I try to keep up. Our summers consist of sticking around during July to observe the new residents getting off in the right direction, then loading up our Subaru with mountain bikes and sailboards and visiting our friends in the West. A highlight of last summer was a fly fishing trip down the Green River in Utah with the Ratchesons and Weisses in June, and then the surprise 50th birthday party that Peggy pulled off for Bob at the Ratcheson/Weiss homestead in the Montana Bitterroot valley.

In the meantime, the Utah neurosurgery program continues to boom. A third member of the Reichman lineage, Mark, joined our ranks, to take over the vascular practice from Ron Apfelbaum and myself. Combining his talents with John Jacobs', a first rate interventionalist, Mark is rapidly expanding the division's vascular practice. In the never-ending academic struggle for money and recognition, our innovative radiosurgery program was recently granted an RO1 to pursue dynamic beam shaping, and Dan Fults (ably trained under Dave Kelly and Eben Alexander) was appointed to Utah's highly competitive Human Biology Program.

The division now boasts six adult neurosurgeons. Additionally, Jack Walker has recruited Lyn Wright to join us on the pediatric side. To ensure neurosurgery's full participation in the growth of the medical center, we are petitioning to become a department so that we can provide a voice for both neuroscience and surgery. The fact that a majority of medical schools have granted such status should help our case.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the Oregon coast.

Sincerely,

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RE: 1991 Academy's Round Robin

Dear Bill:

It has been a good year in Minnesota! We didn't have to fire any residents, nobody has been accused of rape and I have been sued only once.

Debbie is doing great and she and her colleagues continue to be our best source of referrals since they have a huge Neurology practice at Park Nicollet Clinic which is an excellent multi-specialty group of 300 physicians. Unfortunately they are looking for a neurosurgeon to join them but hopefully the cold winter and the mosquitoes in the summer will discourage yet another neurosurgeon from coming to the Twin Cities. I thought there were too many neurosurgeons in Boston! Believe me, it is worse here. The problem is that they are so darn competent that it is hard to bully them into referring anything. I guess I owe that to Lyle and Shelley who trained them so well!

My daughter, Elsie, graduated from college this year and that is the good news. The bad news is that she can't find a job and that she is now realizing that perhaps she should have listened to her father rather than to her advisors in school who kept recommending that she change majors every time she didn't like a course. Well...as she reminds me frequently, at least she graduated in four years and this is becoming a rarity nowadays.

Rob, my son, graduated from high school and he is coming to St. Olaf's College which is about 20 minutes from where I live. As you may imagine, I am ecstatic about his choosing (no pressure at all from me!) to come to Minnesota in spite of his having been accepted at several other beautiful schools on the east coast. Hopefully he will stay his course in pre-med and forget all the foolishness about "exploring", "finding yourself" and all the rest of the advice that kids get in college by those who do not have to pay their tuition.

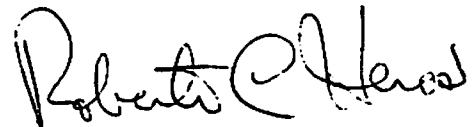
The department is in great shape and, in spite of my constant complaining about not having

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June 3, 1991

enough patients, we are all as busy as we possibly could be and the service has been growing in every respect. This year we were joined by Walter Hall who finished last summer in Pittsburgh and then travelled to Scandinavia with the Van Wagenen Award. He had done excellent tumor work at the NIH for a couple of years and he will be doing our neuro-oncology both clinically and in the lab. In a few months he has already developed a substantial clinical brain tumor service and he is doing very well getting the lab going. The second addition was Walter Low who joined us as Associate Professor in charge of our transplantation work in the lab. He is a terrific team player and has organized a regular series of basic science lectures for our residents which have resulted in a tremendous improvement in their grades on the written boards. Chris Cox, who finished with us last year, stayed on the staff and is doing a great job running our service at the V.A. Hospital. We finally solved a major problem that we had with neuroradiology by recruiting Dick Latchaw, who was Chief of Neuroradiology for many years at Pittsburgh and who is extremely well respected. Dick is a real ball of fire and he is bringing with him three or four individuals including a world-class interventional neuroradiologist, Daniel Ruefenacht. With this I hope we have concluded our recruiting efforts for a few years. It has been grueling but it also has been one of my greatest pleasures.

Debbie and I are looking forward very much to seeing all of our fellow academicians at Shalishan in September.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert A. Heros". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the main text block.



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Dear Bill:

When I was a kid, our family used to travel from Caldwell, Idaho where I was born and raised over to the Oregon coast in the summer to see the ocean, go deep sea fishing out of Winchester Bay, and scoop up Dungeness crabs (which were amazingly plentiful then) with great enthusiasm. It will be terrific to return to the Coast where I had so many fun times.

The Academy seems to get better every year. Maybe that's because I'm getting older. We bring in terrific younger members, have better scientific programs, and take great advantage of beautiful spots to visit each year. Diane and I both love it!

It's remarkable how tight the bonds are amongst Academicians. While we keep bumping into each other through the year at various meetings, there doesn't seem to be any gathering quite so special as ours in September-October. This year will be no exception - that's for sure.

Diane and I plan to visit my Dad in Idaho (he's 85 and going strong) en route to Portland. I've often thought of inviting the Academy there to a place our family has on the Salmon River in the wilds of central Idaho. It would be a terrific place for a retreat. While a bit remote and uncivilized, it does maintain the traditions of the Wild West with homespun hospitality.

Diane, of course, is from British Columbia and still has family there. We'll take good advantage of that on our trip. (If I can escape visiting all of her distant relatives, it will be a trip of even greater success!)

Just a note about our kids: Paul is now a third-year medical student at the University of Michigan and hitting academic homeruns, Allison returns from an archeological dig in Guam in July and will commence graduate school in archeology in the fall at the University of Arizona in Tucson, and Julie begins her senior year at the University of Wisconsin, headed for a career in environmental protection. Diane and I are truly blessed.

We look forward to seeing you in the fall. With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill

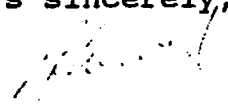
The past year has been eventful for our service and our family. Bruce Hendrick retired from practice on July 1st, 1990, after a successful 35 year career devoted to the field of pediatric neurosurgery. Dr. James T. Rutka joined our service on July 1st, 1990. He is a former Academy prize winner and has established a laboratory devoted to neuro-oncology at the Hospital for Sick Children.

This year's E. Bruce Hendrick Visiting Professor of Neurosurgery at HSC and University of Toronto will be Doctor David McLone. At the forthcoming AANS meeting in New Orleans we will be holding a reunion of HSC Alumni.

Our son Andrew, who is a lawyer and is working as Vice-President of a large real estate and construction firm, will be married on July 14th. Our son Richard, who is practising law, and his wife Rhonda are expecting their first child. JoAnn is really looking forward to becoming a grandmother.

Our daughter Katie, who graduated from McGill University and is presently working as a Trust Officer, plans to return to school in September to study for her MBA.

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Bill:

Re: Round Robin

Greetings to all our friends! Spring has finally sprung in Toronto, so I will send you my annual contribution.

Roy has just concluded the "iron ring" ceremony; this signifies his acceptance as a professional engineer. Grandfather Roy was given permission to make the presentation at the ceremony, as Roy Sr. had been the gold medallist of his engineering class at Queen's University immediately following the second world war. Roy Jr. officially graduates in electrical engineering with computer science specialty, and will take up a position with Northern Telecom in Toronto as an International Network Engineer. He anticipates doing a lot of travelling, and I would imagine Kuwait is a likely initial destination.

Erin is enjoying teaching English in Tokyo so much that she has just signed another year's contract. She teaches junior school during the day and businessmen at night. She is hard at work learning Japanese, and I think this will be a very useful skill in later years. (Kindly note that Tokyo is not in Uganda. I think I reported in last year's round robin that Erin was destined for Uganda, but she is in Tokyo, and the logic of the inter-relationship of the two destinations is completely beyond me.)

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Katherine is putting her MBA to work as a product manager for Proctor & Gamble. Her husband is articling in the major malpractice medical defence firm in town. They are both discovering the facts of life with regard to hours of work, but they manage to see each other on Sundays.

Jean and her husband are expected within a couple of weeks, having spent some time in New Zealand. The exciting news is that Susan and I will be grandparents in August. We have already had an opportunity to survey our first grandchild by means of a fax of the ultrasound examination which Jean had while she was practising obstetrics in New Zealand! They both enjoyed working in New Zealand very much, but are quite convinced that they wish to make Canada their home.

Susan combines her various jobs with amazing facility. She continues teaching pregnant mums, as well as fulfilling her various business roles in the submarine world, cold stamping plants, etc. In addition, she is redecorating the house but I think her mind, despite these numerous responsibilities, is firmly fixed on the arrival of a grandchild this summer.

Susan and I spent the month of August in 1990 in South Africa, visiting my 80-year-old mother. She is slowing down slightly, and now takes a companion with her when she drives the 340 miles to our holiday home on the coast. We had a wonderful vacation in the Krueger National Park, which I consider heaven on earth. If only the politics of southern Africa would disappear . . . !

My personal news is that, after two and a half years as the James Wallace McCutcheon Chair, I am quitting the majority of my surgical practice. I have been appointed President and CEO of The Toronto Hospital. This is a demanding job of significant proportions - the annual operating budget is \$450 million, and the hospital employs 7500 people. My main task will be to totally integrate the University and Hospital programs during the tenure of a National Democratic Party government (a socialist government unexpectedly elected at the last Provincial ballot). I am looking forward to the challenge very much. Fortunately Susan, with her good business sense, will be able to tell me what to do (i.e., no change in the status quo back home).

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I have the honour of being the President of the Canadian Neurosurgical Society and will attend the annual meeting in Halifax this June - a fortuitously pleasant way to end a segment of my life, as I prepare to take up new aspects of health care delivery.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,



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6 June, 1991

Dear Bill,

This is my first essay at writing a letter on our new Macintosh, which Carole is mastering with ease, having already brought under control an IBM clone with "Windows". She wouldn't have lasted very long in Salem a few years back. It is my opinion that it would have been less disruptive if we had adopted a child with F.R.S and acquired five Siamese cats, a couple of dogs and a monkey.

"The seasons pass, the years will roll", as we Ohioans say. We now have three grandchildren to dote on, two in Hoboken, one in Twinsburg, Ohio. David is working at New Jersey at least as hard as I ever did. He may amount to something one day. Will is Assistant Attorney General of Texas in Austin, where he catches perpetrators who prey on the Consumer. Virginia, new-one Christina and Steve DaCosta are in the very early throes of parenthood. Steve, happily, didn't get called back to fly helicopters in the Gulf. He had two tours in 'Nam as a scout for the Seventh Cavalry. Enough.

CAM, as Clinical Professor, has more time off, with a clear conscience, than before, but still works at University. Her interest in spine persists and she chairs the Spine Section of the AANS. I travel a lot as spouse. She copes very nicely with being an Instant Grandmother. Cheap shot!

We will miss the Salishan meeting this Fall (and the Rogue River out there). Will attend the joint meeting of the British Society and the New England Neurosurgical in London. Hope Ben and Peggy Whitcomb will be with us.

All in all, a good year, with my graft still holding beautifully by MRI.

Regards to one and all!

Bill & Carole

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Δεαρ Βιλλ,

Τηισ ις μψ φιρστ εσσαψ ατ ωριτινγ α λεττερ ον ουρ νεω Μαχιντοση, ωηιχη Χαρολε ις μαστερινγ ωιτη εασε, ηαπινγ αλρεαδψ βρουγητ υνδερ χοντρολ αν ΙΒΜ χλονε ωιτη VΩινδοωσV. Σηε ωουλδονετ ηαπε λαστεδ περψ λονγ ιν Σαλεμ α φεω ψεαρσ βαχκ. Ιτ ις μψ οπινιον τηατ ιτ ωουλδ ηαπε βεεν λεσσ δισυρπτιβε ιφ ωε ηαδ αδοπτεδ α χηιλδ ωιτη Φ.Α.Σ ανδ αχθυιρεδ φιβε Σιαμεσε χατσ, α χουπλε οφ δογσ ανδ α μονκεψ.


VΤηε σεασονσ πασσ, τηε ψεαρσ ωιλλ ρολλV, ασ ωε Οηιοανσ σαψ. Ωε νω ηαπε τηρεε γρανδχηιλδρεν το δοτε ον, τωο ιν Ηοβοκεν, ονε ιν Τωινσβυργ, Οηιο. Δαυιδ ις ωορκινγ ατ Νεω θερσεψ ατ λεαστ ασ ηαρδ ασ Ι επερ διδ. Ηε μαψ αμουντ το σομετηινγ ονε δαψ. Ωιλλ ις Ασσιισταντ Ατπορνεψ Γενεραλ οφ Τεξασ ιν Αυστιν, ωηερε ηε χατχηεσ περπετρατορσ ωηο πρεψ ον τηε Χονσυμερ. ζιργινια, νεω-ονε Χηριστινα ανδ Στεψε ΔαΧοοστα αρε ιν τηε περψ εαρλψ τηροεσ οφ παρεντηοοδ. Στεψε, ηαπιπλψ, διδονετ γετ χαλλεδ βαχκ το φλψ ηελιχοπτερσ ιν τηε Γυλφ. Ηε ηαδ τωο τουρσ ιν εΝαμ ασ α σχουτ φορ τηε Σεπεντη Χαπαλρψ. Ενουγη.

ΧΑΜ, ασ Χλινιχαλ Προφεσσορ, ηασ μορε τιμε οφφ, ωιτη α χλεαρ χονσχιενχε, τηαν βεφορε, βυτ στιλλ ωορκσ ατ Υνιπερσιτυψ. Ηερ ιντερεεστ ιν σπινε περσιιστ ανδ σηε χηαιρσ τηε Σπινε Σεχτιον οφ τηε ΑΑΝΣ. Ι τραπελ α λοτ ασ σπουσε. Σηε χοπεσ περψ νιχελψ ωιτη βεινγ αν Ινσταντ Γρανδμοστηερ. Χηεατ σηοτ!

Ωε ωιλλ μισσ τηε Σαλισηαν μεετινγ τηισ Φαλλ (ανδ τηε Ρογυε Ριπερ ουτ τηερε). Ωιλλ αττενδ τηε φοιντ μεετινγ οφ τηε Βριτιση Σοχιετυ ανδ τηε Νεω Ενγλανδ Νευροσυργικαλ ιν Λονδον. Ηοπε Βεν ανδ Πεγγψ Ωηιτχομβ ωιλλ βε ωιτη υσ.

Αλλ ιν αλλ, α γοοδ ψεαρ, ωιτη μψ γραφτ στιλλ ηολδινγ βεαυτιφυλλψ βψ ΜΡΙ.

Ρεγαρδσ το ονε ανδ αλλ!



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July 17, 1991

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Dear Bill and Fellow Academy Members:

It seems like the older that I get, the busier that I get. I continue to serve on the Georgia Board of Medical Examiners. This has been a hot seat during the past year with lots of television and other media coverage regarding some major problems in the State.

I also serve on the Board of Directors of The Physician Owned Insurance Company in Georgia. We are now the largest insurer of physicians in Georgia and one of the largest doctor owned companies in the nation.

Last October, I was elected Secretary of the Board of Governors for the American College of Surgeons at the meeting in San Francisco. This has required meeting with the Board of Regents and I have spent several weekends in Chicago this Spring. In addition to that I am President-Elect of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

I serve as a Delegate to our State Medical Society and as an Alternate Delegate to the AMA. I continue to serve as chairman of the Interspecialty Council of Georgia, having served in this capacity for approximately 12 years.

Ann continues to be busy with tennis, hospital volunteer work, and computer work.

Jane Ann and her husband, Malcolm Mackenzie live in Savannah. Malcolm now works for an insurance defense law firm and so has "changed hats" in his law practice. He is Treasurer of the Savannah Bar Association and active in his local politics. Jane does archeological diggings, computer work, and part time teaching of two year olds in kindergarten. Lyle is now age 6 and is ready to learn to water ski.

Barr Keener has been living in Coral Gables, Florida working as a corporative attorney for Southern Bell. He has recently been promoted and will be moving to the Atlanta Office of Southern Bell. His wife Jessica is working on her second novel.

John Keener has opened his own restaurant in Charleston, South Carolina, The Charleston Crab House". It is probably the number one restaurant in Charleston and if you are ever there always drop in to see John and order what ever your heart desires.

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Jere Keener is in Rota, Spain selling automobiles to U.S. Servicemen.

Bill Keener and his wife Miriam are living in Atlanta. He is working on part time jobs and continues looking for a job in teaching. Hopefully, with his masters degree from Yale in Ethics and a BA from the University of The South at Suwanee, plus his two years at the Japanese University, he should find what he is looking for. He has two children, Ann Tindell Keener, age 5 and Kelsey Douglas Keener, age 3.

Jim Keener is still living in Louisville, Kentucky and continues to do very well as a sales representative for US Amada Company, selling computerized machinery for sheet metal work.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 53rd Meeting of the Academy in Salishan, Oregon.

With best regards to everyone,



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"ROUND ROBIN LETTER"

Dear Bill:

Our new home is nearing the finishing touches after two years of intermittent renewals. We've treated ourselves to air conditioning in one end where there is a new garden room. It opens over a substantially expanded garden and glen that is gradually coming under control - give it five more years.

Inspite of the rumors, the spring, summer, and fall seasons in this part of the world are exhilarating. This year even more so than usual. So we'll stay here and take in some of the many weekend local ventures on the lakes, trails, and summer festivals.

Two weeks before the Academy meeting we'll be "doing" the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, and possibly Glacier National Park with 3 other couples and then a get together with part of the King clan in Seattle.

Our daughters are all settling well with three fine son-in-laws and five grandsons (plus one in the incubator). Susan lives here, so we see them often. Kim is in Norwich, Vermont and redoing a 250 year old home while working and son rearing. Nancy and her clan are in Houston, but we've been able to see them 2 or 3 times a year so far. We had a great visit after the AANS meeting this Spring. Young Robert is a great ball player.

Molly's parents celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary this August, so there will be high times in Rochester then. Molly is finishing up redecorating the house, grandmothering the family near and far, working full-time this month at the University setting up a busy conference schedule, and keeping me pointed in the right direction.

The residents are outstanding. The laboratory and clinical programs continue to expand under Charlie's chairmanship. I turn over the reins of the Research Foundation to Bob Ojeman this summer. Its track record in the second decade will, I'm sure, outdo the first ten years even though the opportunity to support 26 clinician investigators early in their research careers has been one of my most rewarding adventures in neurosurgery. Bob will also needs everyone's enthusiastic support!

I'm enjoying seeing fewer patients, continuing as Medical Director of the hospital, and Chairman of the Medical Board - largely because the

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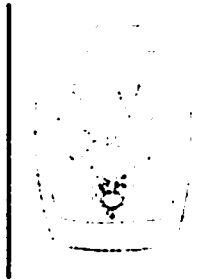
Hospital Administrative staff and the Dean are great to work with and generously entertain a surgical type among their counsels with a mixture of forbearance and expectation. My office; however, is still in the Neurosurgical Department where I am happy and periodically still find adventure and a sense (or an illusion) of discovery. 'Til the Shalishan in October. Our best to everyone.

Sincerely yours,

Molly and Bob King

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July 22, 1991

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

A warm hello from New Orleans where we have already had more than our usual annual rainfall, - over 70 inches and still rising. It has been a busy as well as moist year. As most of you know, Nell and I were married last August. She and her children - Mary and Michael gave up their home in Lakeview and moved to Fairway Drive and we are busy here and happy as well. We enjoyed seeing many of you in New Orleans at the AANS meeting and again in Charleston for the Senior Society in May. Since it had been almost 25 years since the inception of our training program at LSU, a reunion for just trainees and faculty, old as well as new was held in April during the AANS meeting. It was great to see so many friends and to hear what they were doing and what their future plans were. The first trainee Hector J. LeBlanc has returned to the Medical Center as its neuropathologist.

Despite a difficult period economically, New Orleans has begun to rebound. Somehow, despite the fiscal squeeze at Charity, a new intensive care unit for neurosurgery was built. This has been equipped magnificently by space-labs and it is now quite a contrast to round between the wards and the ICU unit. The dedication ceremony was an occasion for many stories and yarns about the "old Charity" and all of its peccadillos.

With Mike Carey away for Desert Storm, Touissant LeClercq filled in admirably and will be staying now that Mike is back. Roger Smith remains involved with the aneurysm and other vascular cases and has re-begun some blood flow work in the lab. Ed Connolly has been busy with the Board and the AANS Spine Section, as well as carrying a large case load. Dick Coulon has increased his Pediatric cases and crippled children's clinic visits in the last year while Rand Voorhies has been doing more of the nerve cases

and has completed several interesting clinical and laboratory projects, some in nerve and some in other areas. Michael Dan a neurooncologist from McGill will join us in September and intends to begin both a clinical and research program in that area. Finding time for writing remains a problem for all of us, as I suspect it does for you.

The nerve work has moved somewhat from graft studies and entubulation with embryonic tissue towards root implantation which is a relatively new and interesting concept. Needed for evaluation has been a reliable physiologic measurement and this, in turn, led to a recently completed study of the number of fibers with central continuity needed to record SEP or ECR activity. Interest is growing in nerve research concerning CNS plasticity in response to injury and hopefully this will open other new avenues with clinical potential.

Alan Hudson as this years President of the Canadian Congress of Neurosurgeons, hosted a workshop and a good round of papers on nerves. This was held in Halifax in mid June. The number of nerve cases to be seen and operated on here has become overwhelming and has already increased as Alan takes on more administrative responsibilities in Toronto. To balance this, a group of neurosurgeons including Susie Tindall, John McGillicuddy, Alan and William Friedman, Eric Zager and Jim Campbell amongst others have been increasing their clinical as well as academic efforts with nerve and this has been refreshing to see and to be a small part of. We continue to have 1 to 2 people at a time here as nerve fellows and that is helping and perhaps will spawn a few more neurosurgical clinicians interested in nerve injury.

Look forward to seeing you in Oregon. Have a great year!

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

Your reminder of the 1991 Round Robin letter arrived today. Here is my immediate reaction - partly to announce two non-neurosurgical events taking place in Oslo yesterday:

1) President M. Gorbatsjov gave his Nobel Peace Prize Lecture in the Oslo City Hall, heavily guarded by KGB and Norwegian Police, and with bullet-proof limousines airborne from Sovjet. He left Norway safely today. Peace has many facets!

2) Norway beat Italy in soccer - a national triumph which probably means more for the average Norwegian than any other affair in the world!

Well- these comments may be signs of geriatric degradation in an old neurosurgeon. My contact with neurosurgery is mainly by reading the journals and an occasional attendance at meetings. The 1990 convention in Budapest of the Academia Eurasiana Neurochirurgica took place last September under the able presidency of Dr. Emil Fasztor. The scientific program - language and speech - was covered partly by eminent members of different professions - linguists, archeologists, historians, musicologists. The social events reflected old Hungarian cultural traditions and were immensely enjoyed by the membership and wives - a relatively small group of 100-125 people.

Next week we are looking forward to having Dr. Joseph Stratford, Montreal, with us. Between us we have decided to refrain from attending the Scandinavian Neurosurgical Society meeting in Tromsø (70 degrees north, the northernmost university in the world), and rather spend the days here and at our cottage at the sea with recollections of the good old days in Canada and other countries.

Children and grandchildren give us no trouble! We are happy to have them around, busy and in good shape.

Greetings from Brit and me to all friends in the Academy.

Yours sincerely

Kristian Kristiansen
Kristian Kristiansen.



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Dear Fellow Academicians:

I believe that my last communication to the society was during a brief tenure with an HMO. You may recall I presented what I thought to be a euphemistic critique of my experience. Even this mild criticism was received with hostility by my associates and administrative superiors and resulted in my departure shortly thereafter.

For the past two years, I have been at the University of Pittsburgh with Peter Jannetta, happily involved in this very exciting department. Even though I am not exactly earning my keep, that is seeing patients and operating, I have been made to feel very much a part of the department.

Peter and his staff have been supportive of my efforts to generate an application of Virtual Reality to neurosurgery. I had hoped to present this material at the Academy meeting, however I have been invited on a once in a lifetime expedition to the South Pacific where I will be searching for Bali-Hai and reliving my A.S.T.P. World War II fantasies.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Theodore Kurze".

Theodore Kurze, M.D.
Professor of Neurological Surgery

June 19, 1991

Dear Bill,

We are enjoying life in Washington, especially the time spent at our get away house on the Chesapeake Bay. It is nice to be close to some of our dearest friends in Baltimore.

Hugo Rizzoli continues to be an active teacher and clinician. He is truly an inspiration. Bart Guthrie has been working with me for two years, and has become a well rounded surgeon, with a particular interest in Stereotaxis. Chuck Reidel will join us in July, 1991 as he completes his residency at the New York Neurological Institute.

Bart, Chuck and I all have laboratory interests in different aspects of Neuro-Oncology and we are assisted by a full-time researcher, Jerry Bernstein. The Washington Hospital Center provides our residents with experience in trauma, and laboratory exposure to spinal cord injury.

Steve Schiff has joined Dave McCullough and Dennis Johnson at Children's Hospital and is developing an epilepsy effort both clinically and in the laboratory.

The Spine Center established at G.W., has been successful and rewarding because it has been an interdisciplinary effort.

Our four daughters are involved in the following:

Elizabeth is an equine surgeon in residency at Penn

Margaret is at Harvard in International Affairs

Victoria is a model based in Munich

Eleanor starts Law School in the fall.

My tenure as Editor of Neurosurgery will come to an end in 1992 with the June issue.

A product is only as good as its ingredients, and I feel very lucky to have had the full support of the Congress, the Editorial Board and all the unsung heroes who kept the presses rolling.

Health Care Policy surely will be a major focus in the coming years and I hope we, as a group, will play a role in maintaining excellence despite the pressures that will be brought to bear.

Ed and Peggy Laws



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March 4, 1991

Dear Academicians:

The year 1990-91 was an active one both professionally and personally. Johns Hopkins acquired a new Dean and a new University President in the same year. That always means changes, strategic planning, and an opportunity to change directions. It has been a busy year, but one that seems to have been very productive.

Harriett and I renewed old acquaintances with our many friends in Australia during the meeting of the International Society for the Study of Pain in Adelaide. The trip was our second round-the-world jaunt of the year and it was good to get home and settle down for a while. We also had the opportunity to visit old friends in Warsaw in the fall and see something of the remarkable changes occurring in Eastern Europe.

Our major undertaking was yet another project in our old house. Living in a 130 year old wooden house is sometimes exciting, but at least we did this deliberately, rather than trying to repair the damage from termites or just old age. On the strength of our decreasing family, we have turned the family room into Harriett's coveted library. At the same time, we restored the old oak floors. Painting an old monster like ours takes a full year, so we have been living with workmen instead of children.

David, our youngest, graduated from St. John's College this year. Elizabeth will complete her Master's program in June. She and her husband are now in the process of applying to a graduate program for him. Kimberly has spent most of the winter in Berlin while she finishes the thesis work for her Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins. She and her husband have another year in Germany while he completes an Orthopedic Research Fellowship and she finishes the Ph.D. He is committed to a career in spine surgery and has another fellowship year after that. It seems like the educational process never ends.

We will look forward to seeing all of you in the fall and catching up through the "Round Robin."

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

This represents my contribution to the Round Robin which I still enjoy receiving even though there are fewer friends left. My activities are largely in volunteer capacities with the Hospice Program, our Church and now trying to build some kind of small rural hospital in association with an excellent medical center and emergency room but without any beds. The two former plantation hospitals nearby are on their last legs and when these fold we will need to go over 50 miles for hospital care. All hospitals on this island are State facilities and the State wants to get out of the hospital business and the legislature has appropriated \$12.5 million for us on a matching basis. It is a challenge.

Katy and I are fine. I am singing the praises of modern medicine after a completely successful single vessel coronary angioplasty in January for a 95% closure. It took a thallium treadmill to make a diagnosis. I never had angina or an abnormal EEG.

Our boys and their families here and in Denver are fine, with five grandchildren between them. The Denver contingent will visit us for my 78th birthday in early July.

This island is preparing for the total eclipse July 11 and tent cities are planned for the expected influx of people. The eight telescopes on the top of Mauna Kea are getting prepared.

Our best regards to everyone.

Aloha,

John J. Lowrey

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Dear Bill:

As I commence dictating this note to you I am surprised at the speed with which this past year has passed.

We now have two granddaughters attending the University of Nevada in Reno which is interesting particularly, since my grandfather was a regent at this University although he graduated from Northwestern University. These present students are now the fifth generation of my family to be associated with the University of Nevada in Reno. These are both very attractive young women who are career oriented at this time, we are very proud of both of them.


While I am still maintaining an office and seeing a few old patients, and doing some committee work, I discontinued teaching at the University which very kindly made me an emeritus professor. I am now working sub rosa to assist the Dean in local problems which confront him and in which I might have some influence.

This year's Rogue River was a huge success with some very nice fish being caught. I think everyone enjoyed the trip very much and we are looking forward to another successful trip this year.

The Academy meeting this year looks very attractive, I have previously attended a conference at the Salishan Lodge and can testify that it is a marvelously comfortable and beautiful place. I am sure it will be a very successful environment for the Academy meeting.

Back to the subject of fishing, at the urging of a guide with whom I have become friendly, I went up in February and fished on the upper Rogue for steelhead and had a very successful trip. On one day we boated and released ten beautiful big steelhead running from seven to ten pounds and lost some other larger fish.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Salishan in the fall. With our best to all.


Bobbie and Ernie MaCK

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July 15, 1991

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Re: Round Robin

Dear Bill,

This has been a very busy year for me. I rented new office space at 1148 Fifth Avenue in January, and finally got the contractors and decorators out so that I was able to begin practicing there July 1st.

Dr. Kalmon Post took over as chairman of The Mount Sinai Dept. of Neurosurgery on July 1st, so the timing worked out excellently. I am continuing my operative work at Mount Sinai as before, with a bit heavier schedule now that the administrative load of the chairmanship has been transferred. Kal is talented and capable, so that I feel the department will prosper, and I will enjoy the relationship.

My new private space is a pleasure; it is the first time in more than thirty years that my office has been out of the hospital. The usual reaction is that I should have done it years ago. Nevertheless, I had 4 truckloads of files and X-Rays in hospital storerooms which I wound up putting in a storage warehouse near my home. I finally junked my first computer, a 1960 antique which had not been turned on in almost 20 years, until the final day, and it actually still worked. A real mix of nostalgia and ambivalence.

With all the changes, as I walk through the hospital now, people are always stopping to ask me why I look so happy and so well. Clearly the weight of the administration with all the new quality assurance regulations, insurance company pressures and budgetary restraints had made leaving the chairmanship unexpectedly pleasant.

Leonard I. Malis, M.D.

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It has been a busy year of lectureships. I was the Franc D. Ingraham visiting professor at the Brigham, a special experience in Cushing's hallowed grounds, where Peter Black is doing such a fine job and was a most gracious host. I was invited guest lecturer of the German Neurosurgical Society in Dusseldorf. Buzz Hoff had me out to Michigan as the 22nd Annual Edgar Kahn visiting professor where a perquisite for the visiting professor is one of the treasured seats on the 50 yard line at the football stadium. I returned again to UCLA as Don Becker's guest, and finally at U.C. San Diego where John Alksne gives a remarkable send off to his completing chief resident and I had the honor of being the visiting professor at this ceremonial occasion.

I also have been a regular in the yearly program of the post graduate course which Leonard Krantzler runs at the University of Chicago and I go to St. Louis University twice each year as part of their post graduate microneurosurgery program. I was the honored guest at the North American Skull Base Society in Florida and had the special pleasure of having Pete Janetta fly in just to introduce me, since his other commitments prevented him from staying for the meeting.

Now that our two children have provided us with three grandchildren, our empty nest has become too small to happily accommodate the visiting tribe. Additionally, since I enjoy (if time permits) designing equipment and building prototypes, my electronic and machine shop in the basement simply cannot absorb any more tools, no matter how necessary I think they could be, and my photo darkroom needs equipment that cannot be squeezed in. Ruth has been the administrator of my department for the past twenty years and now has taken over as my office manager, a significantly lighter load, which leaves her free to do a bit of house hunting. Another move perhaps, if she finds us a suitable expansion.

At the moment Ruth and I are taking off on our boating vacation as we have done each summer. Our Cigarette has developed still larger motors, supercharged and intercooled, nine hundred horsepower each. For the first time I have a boat that goes as fast as I could possibly care to drive it, another lifetime goal achieved.

Sincerely,



Leonard I. Malis, M.D.

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To All the Doctors of
the American Academy of Neurological Surgery :

Dear Dr. Buchheit,

How good you were to send the lovely basket of flowers. They are gracing our apartment and Frank would have been so pleased with your tribute and the token of your friendship and love.

He held dear each one of you and admired your work and cherished your friendship.

Dr. Buchheit, he enjoyed so much your Round Robin and spent lots of time reading about every one of you.

Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Belle C. Mayfield



Frank Mayfield Tribute
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Rudyard Kipling wrote: "If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, and if you can walk with kings and not lose your common touch...If all men count with you but none count too much...Yours is the world and everything in it."

Frank H. Mayfield was one such man. He talked with crowds and retained his integrity. Many acknowledged that he was the consummate politician, but he never compromised his virtue. He did walk with kings without losing his common touch. In the course of his brilliant career, he moved from a farm in Carolina to the heights of medicine and society. His close alliance with members of the political and business world, and his countless affiliations with the sports, legal, religious, educational and journalistic fields enabled him to serve a wide variety of causes and councils with distinction and exactness.

Frank was born in Garnett, South Carolina in 1908, but spent most of his life in his beloved city of Cincinnati. It was in Cincinnati that Frank's ability as a physician, his organizational talents, and his skills of certitude and friendship led to meteoric recognition as a surgeon, administrator, educator and sportsman.

"Frank Mayfield has those critical ingredients that all seek: a fine character, the highest sense of professionalism, confidence in himself, and an appreciation of the intrinsic value of man," wrote John M. Tew, Jr., MD, in 1982 when Dr. Mayfield was named Neurosurgeon of the Year by Surgical Neurology.

A close friend of Dr. Mayfield who trained under him, Dr. Tew, chairman, Department of Neurosurgery, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine commented, "Very few people have the opportunity to have one great friend, but Frank Mayfield was a great friend, the best friend I had. But he also was my hero. He had that ability to bring out the best in you."

Dr. Mayfield's integrity and high standards were apparent to all who knew him. Friends and acquaintances from across the country and throughout the world had the highest regard for him as a physician and as a human being.

"He was a great teacher and the model of what a neurosurgeon should be," said Charles Wilson, MD, professor and chairman, Department of Neurosurgery, University of California at San Francisco. "He was very honorable and taught me your greatest defense is your own integrity."

Marie Tepe, Dr. Mayfield's personal secretary for 19 years, said, "Dr. Mayfield was highly thought of throughout the country and even the world for his medical achievements. Perhaps what made him so incomparable was the combination of his sensitivity to human suffering and the technical brilliance he applied to alleviate that suffering."

Nowhere was this more evident than in his development of the Mayfield clip and clip setter, which brought greater surgical precision in closing off bleeding aneurysms, and the Mayfield headrest system, which improved surgeons' precision during operative procedures. Both are used today by neurosurgeons around the world.

In his own words, Dr. Mayfield described the neurosurgical role in patient care. "The ultimate goal of surgery is to make surgery unnecessary. The objective of surgery is to correct a problem the human is confronted with within the realm of known technology." True to his beliefs, Dr. Mayfield was an active advocate for neurological trauma prevention. He collaborated with Fletcher Platt of the Ford Motor Company in developing seat belts for automobiles.

Many honors document the colleagues' opinion that "He was the neurosurgeon's surgeon and the conscience of neurosurgery." His exceptional world view of neurosurgery led him to participate actively in the development of the specialty. Dr. Mayfield was elected to presidencies of the Ohio State Neurosurgical Society in 1947, the Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati in 1950, and the Ohio State Medical Association in 1959.

In 1958, Dr. Mayfield was appointed to the American Board of Neurological Surgery and became its chairman in 1962. He received their Distinguished Service Award in 1969. He was honored as the Ohio Neurosurgeon of the Year in 1976, and was chosen as the Honored Guest of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in 1979.

In recognition of his surgical skills and his leadership in bringing a national, unified voice to a number of existing neurosurgical organizations, Dr. Mayfield was selected as the first recipient of the prestigious Harvey Cushing Medal by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons in 1977.

Dr. Mayfield earned Distinguished Service Awards from the American Medical Association in 1980 and from the Society of Neurological Surgeons in 1981. Surgical Neurology named him Neurosurgeon of the Year in 1982. The Mayfield Award was established by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in 1983, to be presented annually to a resident for a paper on spine research.

Internationally, Dr. Mayfield was an honorary member of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons, a corresponding foreign member of the Academia Mexicana de Cirugia, and honorary president of the World Federation of Neurological Societies.

For his leadership, community service, accomplishments and awareness of the needs of others, Dr. Mayfield was named a Great Living Cincinnatian in 1980. In his honor, Good Samaritan Hospital dedicated the Mayfield Center for Neurological Surgery in 1982. That same year, he was the first recipient of the Louis Nippert Award for promoting the health and well being of those served by The Christ Hospital, Cincinnati.

No honor ever pleased Dr. Mayfield as much as knowing that he had earned the respect of those he encountered. Respect for Frank was a two-way street. That street led into every nook and cranny of our society. Always conscious of the feelings of others, he was revered by every person who was touched by his warmth and charm: the orderly with whom he shared the clean-up duty in the operating room, the parking attendant at the Institute with whom he had a special bond, his secretary who acknowledged that working with Dr. Mayfield was her greatest privilege, the attendant at the Greater Cincinnati Airport who remembers Dr. Mayfield's kind remarks and always sent his regards, the medical student who credits Dr. Mayfield's ability as a natural teacher just by being himself, the young doctor's wife who needed his assurance that she was an integral member of the healing team, the patient with a terminal illness, and the grandchildren who experienced his unconditional love.

Frank Mayfield will be remembered for his love of family. He felt blessed by having the privilege of sharing his life and dreams with his beloved Queenee, mother of their children, and Belle, who has been an angel from heaven. Frank believed in angels. A family imbued with love, graciousness and dreams is Frank's legacy.

Frank's competitive zeal was well known. Despite an awkward swing, his short game was awesome. He always found a way to win by adjusting the wager, sharpening the needle or making a few putts on the last hole. As a teacher, he had few peers. He had the ability to offer a humorous human interest story with a philosophical message. With the benefit of the story, listeners rarely forgot the message.

Long-time friend Eben Alexander, Jr., MD, professor emeritus, Department of Neurosurgery, The Bowman Gray School of Medicine, remarks, "He was a trusting, persistent, understanding, gentle person who has left his everlasting imprint on neurosurgery, on medicine, and on the many he considered his friends."

For his friends, be they golfers, patients, family, colleagues, statesmen or physicians of the future, Frank was the very definition of friendship. He was both hero and friend; a hero who brings out the best, and a friend who sticks through thick and thin. For each, he was the counselor who always listened and told the hard truth with hope. He taught others that "Life is the question, life is the answer. God is the reason and love is the way."

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July 8, 1991.

Dear Academicians,

The Neurosurgeon - what a great idea! I find it hard to believe that ten years have passed since I left the Medical College of Virginia to follow in the footsteps of John Gillingham in Edinburgh. During that time the Department of Surgical Neurology has become Clinical Neurosciences, with a Chair of Medical Neurology, ably filled by Charles Warlow, academic research staff have increased from 2 to more than 40, and we still all get on! Neurosurgery has headed toward subspecialisation, but we still have only four attending staff to serve our referral population of 1.25m.

Ever a glutton for punishment, plagued by an overdeveloped sense of duty to my University, I agreed in a moment of weakness to become Vice-Dean of our Medical Faculty for two years, without dropping clinical duties. I may have bitten off more than I can chew, but at least I know now that I never wish to become Dean!

Margot returned to nursing when we came back to Scotland. She is deputy head nurse (part-time) in a nursing home for the elderly. Lots of ladies in their nineties, one aged 106, very few men. Our two sons were schoolboys when we left the US. Derek is now a graduate engineer with British Aerospace, and an enthusiastic rock climber. He spent last summer in Yosemite, including some days on the face of Half Dome. Kenneth did pre-med studies at the University of St Andrews and is now a clinical student at Manchester University. He plays rugby of the coarser variety and is an enthusiast for Roman and Byzantine history - an odd combination. We enjoy getting into the hills for the day when it isn't raining too much, and I enjoy a regular swim - very good for unwinding because you can't stay mad and breathe at the same time.

The multiple changes being wrought simultaneously upon our Health Service and our Universities have made travel abroad much more difficult for me to arrange, and the abrupt departure to Saudi Arabia of one of our attending neurosurgeons (he joined the Army reserve for the free dinners and see where it got him) for the first four months of this year stopped it altogether. I hope for some more leisurely time ahead, when we can get over to greet you in person. Meantime, Margot and I send our very best wishes.

yours aye
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Dear Dr. Bill,

Recently Vivian and I and a West European friend were standing together on Ed Connolly's splendid New Orleans Riverside when our son, who is half way through his residency under the sequential guidance of Shelly Chou and Roberto Heros joined us . After some conversation my West European colleague turned to me and said "You should be ashamed of yourself for encouraging, for indeed permitting this talented young man to go into neurosurgery. Look at what faces him - a lifetime of anxiety, a lifetime of incessant toil, a lifetime of neglect of family, an increasingly ungrateful society, an increasingly restrictive and confusing bureaucracy and in your country, as abusive and pitiless and incomprehensible legal system. Why did you do it? Tell me how you could do it?" I protested that John was an independent young man and had I encouraged neurosurgery he certainly would have chosen something else. "So thats it, that how you did it" said our friend, "you forced him into neurosurgery by not mentioning it. You disadvantaged him by your reversed psychology". John grinned at the thought of any one taking advantage of him. "Think of what he might have become had you not done this" continued my inquisitor, "he might have gone into architecture and made Frank Lloyd Wright's mile high building a reality, or gone into the United Nations to fashion a new Society for the next millennium or restore Christianity to the West, or even get rich, - and you condemned him to the galley of neurosurgery".

A few years ago an East European Colleague and I discussed our mutual lives. He thought that it was most peculiar that I should have three children in medical school. He confided that he had advised his to seek another course. "There is no future in medicine", he said "our society does not reward us, but it expects us to work and perform as

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though nothing has changed. We are to give service to a society that knows not service. We are to be role models of an ethic and a system of beliefs that no longer exist. Your molecular biologists tell us we are only a few bumps on a DNA strand away from the chimp. Our leaders tell us we are not made to the likeness of a Creator but they expect us to pick up the role of temple priest and Christian monk. We are expected to dispense love and charity and service. And they treat us like serfs and pay us like mendicant friars. In the new feudal society the physician is the serf - make no mistake about it".

A few years before that I had talked with another European friend from even farther East. He and his wife had no children. They decided not to. "I have a very comfortable apartment" he said " I am permitted to travel abroad and I have a reliable car, but this is not a society into which children should be born".

John joined us again in Chicago for Joan and Brian's graduation from medical school on June 14th. It was a wonderful day and we all sang an allelulia in our hearts.

Looking forward to Portland in September.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Francis White

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July 20, 1991

Dear Bill:

Very little has happened this year except that my back has continued to hurt after two years since I crushed two vertebrae (7th and 8th) and two discs.

I have published two papers, one on the cause and cure of writer's cramp and one on Dr. Semmes and his whiskey - the latter to come out in about two months, both in Eben's journal.

I have finally decided to make the Rogue for the last time this fall. Ernie Mack has consented to nurse me. Will see you then.

Sincerely,

Francis

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Dear Bill:

The Round Robin Letter seems to be always just around the corner. I continue to be busy and most of the patients I see now are chronic and difficult pain problems. I think referring physicians are happy to have a place to refer this type of patient! We have been concentrating in the last year on both spontaneous and traumatic syringomyelia and see almost a case a week. I believe that cystic conditions of the spinal cord are much more common than we probably realized in the past and we begin to get some idea about this with MRI studies in this group of individuals. I recently saw an older man who had suffered a quadriplegia and partial recovery following a fall during a sulky race. He had the smallest cavity in the cord that I have seen to date. I was probably about 1 mm. in diameter but it was well visualized on the MRI study.

Over the past several years the Israeli government has been sending some of their difficult pain patients, mostly military personnel injured in the various Israeli wars and in the near future we'll be going to Israel and helping them set up a Pain Clinic similar to the one we have here at Duke.

This year we made a major change in our boating activities, going from sailing to trawler. After about thirty years of knocking around on sailboats, Irene and I decided it was time we became a little calmer in our boating activity and have gone first class with all the amenities in a diesel powered trawler that will take us from Maine to the Keys. The yacht racing activities continue, however, in that I have become sort of a permanent crew member of a J-42 which is a very fast boat. In February we raced in the Miami-Montego Bay Race. We didn't do very well racing against several maxi's, one of which was run by the son of Ted Turner. I have taken on the job of chief cook and navigator on these races so that I can avoid all the sheet and wench work on the sails and just stand around and look important.

This last year has also an upgrade in the vintage Aston Martin racing. I have set up the Paradise Team for vintage racing using the DB4 Aston Martin which has been rebuilt now with complete overhaul of the engine. These are always interesting projects because one has to search all over the world to find the various parts for these marvelous cars built in the 1960's. The Aston Martin DB4 was really disguised as a race car built for the street. It is quite remarkable when one thinks that a car this age with a 2.5 liter engine could develop almost 300 HP with speeds up to 150 MPH. We believe that by rebuilding the engine this year we have probably pushed the car above the 300 HP level and will probably surprise a lot of our vintage racing colleagues this summer.

We are looking forward to the Academy Meeting in Oregon in the Fall.

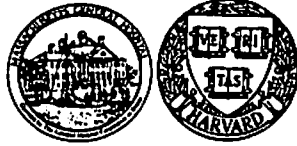


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TEAM PARADISE RACING
DB-4 Road Atlanta

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July 9, 1991

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Dear Bill:

What a great job you are doing with the Round Robin! It brings a special "closeness" to the Academy and you have reason to be very proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Academy and their wives who attended the meeting at Amelia Island for their thoughtfulness in regard to my wife, Jean. As you can imagine, she was very disappointed in not being able to attend the meeting not only because I was president but she looked forward to being with our many friends in the Academy. The plant the ladies sent was beautiful and remains alive and well and the card that was signed at the banquet was a real boost to her morale.

I am happy to report that Jean has resumed most of her previous activities including walking 3-4 miles a day and tennis. Many of you saw her at the spring meetings. Recently, she accompanied me on an eight mile hike to about 9,000 feet in the Grand Tetons. That was a real milestone!

The rest of the family (four boys and two daughters-in-law) remain well and active. Our second son, Jim, will be married in August. David, our oldest, and his wife will be returning for the wedding from Cairo, Egypt where they have been working for the past year for GTE. John, the youngest, is married and lives in New Hampshire where he and his wife raise Golden Retriever show dogs for a hobby. Mike is busy with his work and having a good time with many outdoor activities. All the boys are in engineering and/or computer science.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Oregon this Fall.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert G. Ojemann, M.D.

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It has been a fairly eventful year as far as my household is concerned. Judy has been active in the arts and had national recognition in the February edition of Ornament magazine for her jewelry and as a result has had two international shows with her jewelry. My daughter, Jennifer, has finished graduate school in art in Davis, California, and fortunately has found a job at the University of Minnesota-Morris in Minnesota; just far enough to maintain her autonomy and just close enough to visit periodically. In this day of financial constriction in the arts, I feel that that was a stroke of brilliance on her part to land a job straight out of graduate school. My oldest son, Scott, and his wife, Grace, had their second child which makes me a grandfather x 2 now and my middle son, Gregg, is working for G.E. in New York City on Wall Street. As for me, things are going well. Hypertension and my first coronary were highlights of the first six months of the year; not much time off of work but re-affirmation of the mortality that begins to be apparent not only in our college reunion yearbooks but also on the home front. I look forward to seeing you all at the Shalishan Lodge for the September meeting, and I am also looking forward with great relish being a newly elected member of the American Board of Neurologic Surgery. See you all then.

Best wishes.

Burton M. Onofrio, M.D.

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July 11, 1991

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Dear Bill:

You certainly are a tough taskmaster when it comes to letters to the ROUND ROBIN. Keep up the good work!

One of my main projects for the year has been to try and change Neurosurgery from a Division to a Department. This was a hopeless enterprise while Tom Shires was serving both as Chief of Surgery and Dean of the Medical College. Tom finished his distinguished career in May and has returned to Lubbock, Texas. The position of Chief of Surgery is not yet filled, and the new Dean is Bob Michels, a Psychiatrist. So, I sent the Dean my list of 75 reasons why Neurosurgery, Neurology, the Department of Surgery, and the Medical College would all benefit from having Neurosurgery be a full-fledged Department.

Neurology, Dermatology, and Cardiothoracic Surgery also want to split off. I talked to the Dean about the matter, and he made sympathetic noises. Probably that is what Psychiatrists like to do. The big change from Psychiatric practice, we were told, is that now the patients all have tenure. A three man Committee of senior VIPs has been formed, and he hopes that they will report some time.

I do hope this works out. The Dean told me that if we became a Department that then there would have to be a Search Committee for a Professor. If I am lucky, they will pick someone else. Being a Professor is no cinch, at least in New York State. I can't believe the number of regulatory agencies that are looking at Neurosurgery. We have a strict limit on how long the residents can work, and it is almost impossible to stay within state law with only one resident a year. The state has inspected us twice on this specific subject.



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Enough groaning. Julie is in great shape, the children are all out of jail, and two of the three have jobs. What more could you want!

Looking forward to Oregon.

Sincerely yours,

Russell

July 17th, 1991

Dr. Wm. Buchheit,
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Dear Bill:

This has been a very eventful and exciting year for the Peerless'. After a stimulating and, at times, tumultuous 15 years in London, we have pulled up our roots and repotted ourselves south of the border. I have moved to what is arguably America's most interesting and exotic city - Miami - a Caribbean nation close to the United States. I have joined the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Miami, and spend my days (and a few nights) at Jackson Memorial Hospital. I have been delighted with my new surroundings and colleagues, and instantly busy with an extraordinary volume and variety of patients with aneurysms, AVMs, vascular occlusive disease and tumours. My associates are keen about trauma to the nervous system which spares me from having to display my ignorance and lack of enthusiasm for these all too common injuries. The hospital, although one of America's largest and busiest public institutions, and constantly financially strapped, is a pleasant surprise. The strengths are its excellence in the physical plant and the remarkably fine nursing and medical staff. Of course, I am making my comparison based on my years at one of the premier hospitals in Canada, which was increasingly burdened by the rationing of health dollars from the Provincial Government and Neurosurgery's unique problem of having to exist in a combined department with the financial demands of the Division of Neurology.

My arrival in Miami has reaffirmed the notion that a neurosurgeon's skills and experience are quite portable. Nevertheless, the practice of medicine is quite different. I have been bemused by the fact that the business side of American medicine is infinitely more complex and regulated, more so than the socialist model in Canada. It takes many more support people to handle the paper associated with any one patient in the United States than it does in Canada. The patients are much more demanding, critical and

questioning. I have been most fortunate that Heather Carter, my secretary and right hand for the past 15 years, came with me, ensuring the continuity of my support system and the opportunity to bring Canadian values and organization into the office.

The move to the United States has been, as you might expect, complex. Ann and I are here by the grace of an H1 visa, a category normally reserved for orchestra conductors, ballerinas, rock stars and hockey players. To stick-handle one's way through the complexities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has been interesting. There are even more complexities to obtain a licence to practise medicine in the State of Florida, matched only by the unfamiliar tasks of obtaining drivers' licences, social security numbers and finding a home. Nevertheless, it has all happened and we are comfortably settled in a new condominium in Coconut Grove, overlooking Biscayne Bay. I get up each morning and see the sun rising over Key Biscayne and my sailboat gently tugging at her moorings just below my balcony. I am certain this is as close to heaven as I might ever get.

Of course, I deeply miss my long and special association with Charlie Drake, but now that his surgical career winds down and he has a place in South Florida, I am sure we will continue our friendship with both he and Ruth. In the same way, I am certain our three sons will be spending a lot of time with us in the fine weather, superb sailing, fishing and diving in the South East. Michael, our first born, graduated from Law School this Spring, and has started his career with a firm in London, Ontario. He and his new bride, April, are living at the farm and enjoying the tranquility of country life. Drew, our second born, is travelling throughout the eastern United States and Canada as a Sales Manager for an industrial concern that builds lifting devices. He has already made one trip to visit and to sail with us to the Bahamas. Thomas, now aged 20, continues his studies at the University of Victoria, and has spent the summer with us, working as a mate on a 48 foot Sport Fisherman.

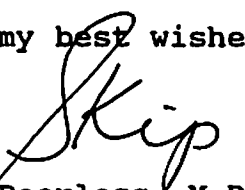
It was time for Ann and Heather and I to do something new and different. A time to visit odd places, make new and different friends, eat odd food, contemplate odd mores and odd politics, pursue alternative rhythms, stir curiosity, applaud passion and slim down and reorganize. It was a time to take off my jacket and tie, roll up my sleeves, get out of my conservative, cautious Canadian routines, nurture peripheral vision, join a new team and get on with it.

All in all, these last six months have been a remarkably stimulating and satisfying experience. We arrived in Miami in February, having left the freezing cold and grey winter of Southern Ontario, with Canadian citizens gloomy about inflation, unemployment, yet another layer of oppressive taxation and the prospect of collapse of Canada's federal system as Quebec

threatens, once again, to separate. And Miami in February? - sunshine, warmth, superb sailing breezes and generous, outgoing, positive people riding an extraordinary wave of patriotism as the Gulf War came to an end. The contrast was stirring. As we crossed the border, the Immigration Official stamped our passports, warmly shook my hand, and said "Welcome to America". What a country!

Please come and visit. We have a spare bedroom with a few vacancies still available in the high season.

With my best wishes,


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Dear Bill:

The following information might be pertinent for your round robin regarding my activities and the Department here at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

The biggest change that is occurring in the Department is the departure of Kal Post. Kal and I have been together for 15 years, and it is a great personal loss to me as well as a significant administrative and professional loss to the Department. Kal has been a tremendous asset in developing the Department here, having taken over the residency program and many of the business and administrative matters of the Department. In addition to that he has developed world reputation in terms of much of his surgery. On the bright side we are pleased and proud of him that he will be taking over the job of Chairmanship at Mt. Sinai where he will be replacing Len Malis, another Academy member. Kal is already in the process of organizing that Department to meet the needs of a new and expanded and exciting hospital situation at Mt. Sinai Hospital here in New York City.

Fortunately although Kal will be a great loss to us we have been able to develop a Department with a great deal of depth and subspecialization. Don Quest has quite well recovered from his mild coronary and is back active in the political arena as well as the clinical activities here in the Department. He will undoubtedly be the Vice-Chairman and Associate Director of the Department following Kal Post's departure. In addition to Don, in our particular group we have Bob Solomon, specializing in aneurysm surgery, Mike Sisti who recently passed with flying colors the American Board of Neurological Surgery and has developed a radiosurgery program here as well as stereotactic surgery and a good deal of the tumor work. Jeff Bruce has developed a tumor lab and is actively associating with me in the treatment of pineal tumors and base of the skull tumors. Paul McCormick one of our rising young stars had a fellowship with Sandy Larson (incidentally this was a fine training period for

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anyone interested in comprehensive spine work) has returned to us and is very actively engaged in all types of spinal work including stabilization. The latter has been in conjunction with a excellent working relationship to Jean-Pierre Farcy of the Orthopaedic Department here at Columbia. That fairly well rounds out my group, in addition to which Ed Housepian, a member of the activity is remaining quite active and is involved heavily in the Medical School affairs, Jim McMurtry, Ron Brisman and Peter Carmel, the latter doing the Pediatric Neurosurgery round out our small but vigorous department.

We have had the benefit now of moving into a new hospital. The facilities here are excellent. High tech. The activities are all on one floor and the patient care all on another floor so we do not have to deal with elevators and all of the problems that they create. We have developed a subspecialization and have counterparts now developing in Neurology to develop team approach to many of the important problems in Neurosurgery. As usual some conflicts still exist between medical school and hospital and we have recently had a cloud of a Dean's tax pass over us without being instituted but that is still a topic of active conversation here as it is in many university centers.

From a personal point of view I am deeply honored, extremely pleased and looking forward to the hard work that the President of the Society of Neurological Surgeons has extended to me. One of the great joys that I have is being a Director of the American Board of Neurological Surgery. I believe that the effort, which is demanding, is one of the most worthwhile things that one can do in the field of Neurological Surgery from the vantage point of a program director, someone interested in the education of Neurosurgeons. It is also a great meeting ground for a lot of the fine minds and good thinkers in Neurological Surgery. As always we have enjoyed the other meetings and collaboration that goes with them during the year. I said that this year I would limit my traveling but the only thing that has been limited is out of country travel while in country has markedly increased. As much as this is important I find it incredibly disruptive in terms of the clinical service here at the Neurological Institute.

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For recreational activities we have a 22 month old son who has unbounded energy and quite frankly makes me incredibly fatigued just to watch him, much less try to harness his activities. One of my favorite pass time activities is skiing and we have been able to combine that with some important meetings last winter. Most enjoyable experience vis a vis that activity was two part. First winning a gold medal in the Nastar race at Snowbird (certainly abetted by the fact that I have turned 60 and have been in a extended handicap zone now) and our helicopter skiing venture which is the fourth time doing that in British Columbia, the latter was one of the most fantastic experiences with superb weather and snow. The only thing that marred it although slightly was an avalanche in an adjacent operation of the same Company that killed 9 people during the week we were skiing. Not withstanding we are all anxious to get back and partake again in 1993. My hobby of sportscar collection and renovation of these beasts is somewhat like the stock market in that there will be a flurry of activity and then nothing for awhile. On the other hand I feel that I am preparing well for my retirement in five years, and as one of my associates in that activity said to me after seeing my shop, "why don't you give up Neurosurgery and go full time into the car restoration business." Fortunately he was not one of my patients, I did not have to take him serious because of that account.

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Dear Bill:

An annual update for the Round Robin is always a challenge. But once the pen is in hand and the mind is set on reflections the task is readily accomplished.

After some assessment of our interests we have concluded that we must always be involved in a new and constructive project. One of our projects this past year has been the acquisition of a new lake home in the Texas Hill Country very near San Antonio. It is no problem to commute and about once or twice a week we journey north to sit on the deck and relax watching the deer feed down on the waterfront. Bass fishing and its associated culinary considerations has been a challenge for both of us. The decorating of the lake cottage has been a pleasant joint venture as well. During our recent visit to Phanor's lovely city of Charleston, we found some wonderful paintings which now adorn its walls.

With the "lake project" about completed, we have undertaken a little deck building at our ranch along with the addition of a tin roof. The tin roof is proof that we are truly optimists at heart as it was added to "hear the raindrops".

Needless to say, the lake and ranch are favorite gathering places for the family which is ever expanding. This past year, we added a new granddaughter and shortly there will be a new grandson in the clan. Fortunately everyone in the family is healthy and seems to be happily doing their thing. Our eldest daughter remains on the faculty at the University in Ophthalmology. Our next daughter's husband has just finished his residency training in neurosurgery here at the UT Health Science Center and they have moved to Sherman, Texas to set up practice. We were sad to see them leave San Antonio and will miss them. We are not in favor of solo practice for young neurosurgeons but as you all know, kids will do what they want to do and I suppose it is best to accept their decisions. Our third daughter and husband still live in Minneapolis pursuing their entertainment careers along with their business livelihoods. Our youngest son is still single and has started his own business called, JetFill, Inc., which makes and distributes ink refills for computer ink-jet printers both in the states and abroad. His company is located in Austin, Texas, so we see him quite often.

On the workfront, all is reasonably well at the University and the service continues to grow. Of course, there are always some problems. Presently the state is trying to take an additional 20% of our private practice funds to balance the state budget. The impact of this upon retention and attraction of quality faculty at the Health Science Center and upon some of our research projects, of course, poses some inconvenience. So moving right along, we will conclude by saying we have a fine group of residents, faculty, and supportive staff dedicated to advancing the field, honoring the tradition, and serving the sick.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Salishan in September.

Sincerely,


Jim and Joanne Story

Thor Sundt

Dear Bill:

I will begin the letter today, May 22, and probably finish it after June 22. The family met in Boston for Christmas, bunking in at the lovely Ritz-Carlton where son John vowed he'd like to spend the rest of his days. After Christmas, we drove to Hanover, for a Journal of Neurosurgery visit and transacted a little business amidst the snowflakes. Shortly after our return, it was time to take our annual R&R in St. Martin, which is truly our only real vacation for the year. Easter found us with great excitement. Easter Day, Nick Leon called Thor from Tucson to ask for Laura's hand in marriage. He is a wonderful, thoughtful, caring young man her age who is Chief Financial Officer for the Jane Goodall Institute in Tucson. Laura is still a vice-president and treasurer of American Southwest Mortgage Investments Corporation in Tucson, and they will reside in her new home near ours, in the Country Club Estates. We are pleased and feel very fortunate to have her nicely settled with such a fine man to share her life. They will be married June 22 outdoors in the Mesquite Grove at the Country Club and we anticipate many old friends joining us for the Tucson wedding. Of course this has involved many trips back and forth and I think we own part of a DC9 by now. She will be including the Grandson, Hal, age 19 months in the wedding, as well as her two brothers, selected by Nick along with his own family. I'll let you know how it goes. The other excitement over Easter was the notification to Thor that he had been elected to the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine. He will be inducted in October. Needless to say he is thrilled. Soon after that delightful surprise, he received a call to tell him he was the Recipient of the Grass Award from the Senior Society. This was perhaps his greatest treasure. He had an opportunity to speak about his basic science research done over the past 25 years. Many people weren't aware of it as most of it was published in basic science journals. At any rate, he was exceedingly grateful and proud.

Son John has left the big law firm and become the second "in-house" counsel for M. M. Sundt Construction Co. The Company is involved in many international ventures and he will be traveling to the Middle East early in July. He now resides in our Tucson house, keeping it ready for our visits.

Son Thor, wife Kathleen and wonderful Grandson, Harald (Hal) have moved to St. Louis for a Cardiac surgical fellowship at Barnes. Someday he will go into practice. They purchased a condo and are nesting about 2 miles from Barnes, very delighted with their move.

In May the Saudi Arabians sent a private jet to take Thor to Riyadh to see the Uncle of King Fahd, and brought him back by their private hospital jet and has been concerned with his care. Prince Bandar flew in from Washington to check it all out and added to the excitement at St. Mary's. They put back up the "Reagan Walls" for security. Nothing is ever simple, is it?

Thor is back on his Chemotherapy and continues to push himself to do surgery and the department and the Journal. At least I can be of real help there. I spend between 20 and 30 hours a week at the Journal and love being part of it. Of course, during wedding planning, I did less. But we are continuing to love the Journal work and take our responsibilities there very seriously.

I will add to this at a later date, I must catch the next flight to Tucson.....

June 27...after the Wedding, and almost back to normal.

The Wedding turned out to be a magical, wonderful affair, performed in the beautiful outdoor setting of the C.C. with green grass as our carpet and the shade of Mesquite trees as our canopy. Beautiful music provided by a brass quintet and then a harp and soprano for Ave Maria and The Lord's Prayer, set the stage for one of the happiest times of our lives. Young Harald, 19 months, complete in white tails, ruffled shirt, and cummerbund and bow tie in the print of the bridesmaids' dresses, behaved quite well until he refused to wear the jacket, and insisted upon removing it enroute, until Laura's cousin and Matron of Honor swept him up into her arms and proceeded down the aisle with him. Our 3 year old Grand-niece spread a few rose petals then was assisted by her father, a Groomsman. Another Grand-niece, age 6, was a perfect lady walking down the aisle with Nick's 8 year old son who arrived from Des Moines. All Nick's 6 brothers and sisters and all their children were present. His Mom and Dad became part of our family immediately. All these little family touches made it a real joy to behold. The Reception was done like a garden party with large baskets and birdcages filled with flowers, colored cloths with white lace toppers, and white chairs. White balloons cut loose at the end of the service added a fun touch out of doors. Of course the younger ones danced into the night to the popular band they had selected. We older folks retired after cutting the cake and Thor and Laura had Their Dance. Friends of Laura's and of ours came from as far away as New Jersey, but the special treat was to have Marianna and Henry Garretson once again be a part of one of our most precious events, beginning with the Rehearsal Dinner, and through the wedding. They had to miss the "morning after" Brunch to return to Louisville. It was all in all a wonderful event that we will relive on Video now.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Oregon and send our love to all.

Laura & Thor

Dear Friends,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all in Portland this year having missed the last two meetings.

We have been travelling a great deal in the past year. In the Spring of 1990 we went round the world visiting Bangkok, Japan, Ann Arbor, Toronto and Yale. In the Fall we had a very pleasant trip to Italy and a few days in the countryside in Piedmont in glorious autumn weather.

Summer in England was, for a change, devoted to the family. We had exceptional months of dry, hot weather in most of the country. The whole family daughters, sons-in-law, grand children and son and daughter-in-law spent a holiday with us in a beautiful farmhouse on the Camel Estuary in Cornwall. There was sailing on the Camel Estuary for Fraser, Fiona and Rosemary, lots of kite flying for grandfather and the children and the best golf course in north Cornwall for the golfer. Our new Japanese daughter-in-law was astonished at our sporting capacity! There was a tennis court attached to the farmhouse and the entire spread of age groups had an excellent holiday. Grandfather and the grand children picked masses of blackberries and brought the home for various family freezers.

In London we have been going to the theatre at least once a month, and have enjoyed some excellent plays. We also managed to get to the opera at Glyndebourne in Sussex.

Pauline is enjoying her choral singing, and Lindsay cheerfully comes to the Festival or Queen Elizabeth Halls to attend the concerts. Pauline has been joined in this by Fiona, our younger daughter. Fiona had a busy summer as an Arabic graduate working with the Kuwait News Agency, a particularly hectic occupation during the Gulf war. Rosemary, our elder daughter, is busy in General Practice especially with the changes going on in the National Health Service; these occasion considerably anxiety both in hospital and in General Practice. Fraser, our son, besides having acquired a Japanese wife has just, as a trainee producer, joined the BBC World Service.

The work of running a department and travelling as President of the World Federation seems to take up a good deal of Lindsay's time, but he has managed to play the Spring and Autumn Meetings at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrew's and this year was delighted to find that he posted the leading score one day with a net 69 off 12. Regrettably, he missed the Senior's Prize on countback.

We look forward to seeing you all in Portland.

Best wishes,


Pauline and Lindsay Synon

SUSAN AND JOHN M. TEW, JR., M.D.

1991 has been a year of great losses and gains. Frank H. Mayfield and my father died in January. Both men began their lives 82 years earlier in North Carolina and along the way made substantial contributions to life and people in their own style and manner. My father lived his entire life on the farm and never wanted to be anywhere else. Yet, he made an impact on the people of eastern North Carolina that made us all humble. My mother is well and continues to keep the tradition intact.

Many of you have read or know the story of Frank H. Mayfield, who was a founding member of the Academy. Bill is printing a portion of the tribute which will appear in the Journal of Neurosurgery later this year. Many of you came to see Frank, have communicated with Belle and the family and have contributed to the Frank H. Mayfield Chair of Neurosurgery, which will soon be established at the University of Cincinnati. We are all so grateful for your expressions of friendship and love. Marc Wigser, who had been our associate for the 23 years following completion of his residency with Eben Alexander at Bowman Gray, expired suddenly last summer. This was a great loss. Marc was a wonderful surgeon, friend, family person, gardener, and had come to be a very important leader in the Institute. Shortly thereafter, Ray Sawaya

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

It shames me to admit that this is my first contribution to the Round Robin; perhaps this relates to some deficiency in my self-image, the lack of a cause celebre or my reluctance to write about my family (of whom I am very proud).

This year I will overcome my shyness to state that Jane and I continue to appreciate calling Rochester, Minnesota "home" and enjoy our respective work in neurosurgery (Dave) and interior design (Jane). Two of our three sons have entered the business world, one in Dallas and one in Chicago, and the youngest continues to pursue dual interests in wilderness adventure and art school.

We greatly appreciate the friendships and associations that have come with Academy membership and look forward to this year's and future meetings.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill,

Your annual plea of desperation for a note for the Round Robin prompts this brief reply. Family continues well, thank the Lord, with the good news that our youngest son Dan is about to have a book published by Prentice-Hall and is already at work on another which I think will be a hum-dinger.

As to pets, the only one in the house is about to join me in celebrating our 51st wedding anniversary.

On my quarterly trips to NYC for pacemaker check-up I stop in^{to} observe, with awe, the splendid up-to-the-minute neurosurgery at the old stand, where I marvel at the volume of fine work on aneurysms and acoustics in particular.

My latest book, on maritime action during the Revolution Of 1775-1783, is still 'going' well. But it yet remains for thoughts of another wee opus to be translated into the written word.

This is about all my 40 year old portable hunt-n-peck 'word processor' can handle in one day, and me too.

With very best of fond memories and good wishes,

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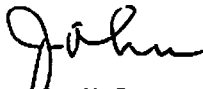
July 17, 1991

Dear Fellow Members AAMS

I suddenly realized this morning the last call for contributions to the Round Robin letter was upon me. I do not have anything very unusual to report but I am happy to say that Lorene and I, our children and our grandchildren are healthy, happy and staying out of trouble so far as I know.


We are looking forward to the meeting of the AANS at Salishan Lodge on the Oregon Coast. The Rogue River Neurosurgical Society will meet immediately after the AANS. Ernie Mack is in charge of registration for the Rogue River Neurosurgical Society meeting. If you would like to join us contact Ernie. There have been an unusually large number of bear on the Rogue this year but they are all very friendly. All they want is their share of the fish and the apples on the apple tree in our yard.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in September.



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Dear Round Robin:

It was a source of deep satisfaction for Joyce and me to be able to host the Academy Meeting at Amelia Island Plantation last year. We look forward to seeing everyone at Salishan Lodge later this year. One of the high points of the Spring season was to be able to host the oral exams of the American Board of Neurological Surgery in Gainesville. I believe it was the first time the Board has come to Florida. Our travel schedule has lightened considerably with the completion of my terms on the American Board of Neurological Surgery and the Board of Directors of the AANS. This has provided an opportunity to refocus on many of the exciting activities being undertaken by our Residents and Faculty, and the Research Fellows in the Microsurgery Lab.

During the last year we recieved pledges for two additional Endowed Chairs to bring the total number of million dollar endowments to eight.

The Rhoton family continues to do well. Our fifth and sixth grandchildren arrived this year. As you would expect, Joyce is doing some baby sitting. Two of our children will be completing residencies next July. We look forward to reading about all of your activities in the Round Robin and to seeing you this Fall at Salishan Lodge.

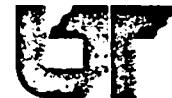
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Dear Bill:

The following is the annual response to the Round Robin Letter.

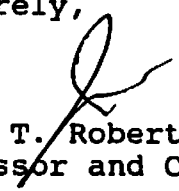
Valeria and I have been exceedingly busy after we took over the reins of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons from the Kellys in April. Not only is the job of President much harder than I ever imagined, but with the obligations involving the Decade of the Brain, etc., it requires more travel than ever. Nevertheless, we are working very hard to have a first rate meeting in San Francisco in April, 1991. This will be the Sixtieth meeting of the AANS and everyone is looking forward to a first rate scientific meeting and social events.

Tom Robertson is getting married in November and moving back to Memphis. Roberta is getting married in October and has moved to Oakland, California where she and her fiance will live. This is of great interest to us since she was born in California when we were in the Air Force. Beth has two daughters and continues to teach school. Clay has returned to Memphis and is actively involved in business. Cathy has two sons, ages 2 and 3, and Dan Robertson is a third year resident in Neurosurgery with Bob Grossman.

Presently, all of the family is well and grateful for being so.

I will give the Semmes Lecture at the Southern Neurosurgical Meeting in Washington, D.C., and in addition have the hard work of preparing a Presidential Address for the AANS. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

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Dear Academy Members:

The year 1991 has had more than the usual amount of changes and crises.

Neurosurgical changes have included the retirement of Ken's treasured partner Lyndon Anthony. Although the Division has adjusted the work load, everyone sorely misses his wisdom, experience, humor and personal strength. The 3-D television, 3-D reconstruction of images, and anatomical surgery workshops are all going well.

After 13 years as a member of the Board of Education of St. Louis, Marjorie chose not to run for re-election in April. She welcomes the release from the strain and frustration of City school problems. There are many volunteer needs in other areas of education, church, health care and other board work that keep her as busy as ever.

We have changed our family number again. Katie was born May 24 to Carol and Eric. She's the happiest, darlingest, etc., etc. August was a special time when all six daughters were home. The five grandchildren enjoyed it as much as the 13 grown-ups. Only our son Ken and his wife Pam were missing - in Bali on vacation.

Unfortunately crisis has overshadowed the entire year. Our daughter, Jody Clark, age 27, has been very sick and is presently back in the hospital. It is unlikely that we will be able to join you in beautiful Salishan. We know you will think of us with hopes and prayers.

Sincerely,

Ken + Marjie

Kenneth R. Smith, Jr., M.D.

was selected to chair the new Department of Neurosurgery at M.D. Anderson and John Heiss went to NIH to begin a fellowship in Neuro-oncology. Wow, we needed to do some fast recruiting. Several academy friends came to our rescue. Noel Perin, a fellow with Paul Cooper and Joe Ransohoff, has accepted a position as Director of Neurotrauma. He will also join Stew Dunsker in enhancing the development of our Spinal Division. Ronald Warnick, also a resident from NYU, has completed a two year fellowship with Phil Gutin and Charley Wilson. Ron will direct the Surgical Neuro-oncology Division. Ron joins Bob Albright from Duke, a medical neuro-oncologist who is also coming to help us with our Brain Tumor program. Brad Mullen, one of our former Chief Residents, is anchoring the Northern Kentucky division of the Institute.

All of this activity has been good for the residency program and our regional development plans. We continue to focus on skull base, neurovascular, pediatric, epilepsy and spinal disorders. The integration of the programs under the aegis of the Mayfield Institute, the University Department of Neurosurgery and associated hospitals is a model of cooperation and good faith. It is a constant source of blessing for our residents, patients and personal growth.

At home we are contracting. Margaret (23) is personal assistant to the president of Designer Toys (San Francisco). Mat (21) joined Baxter Health Care July 15th, in management training, also in San Francisco. Neal (20) is fortunately home this summer. He is taking some courses at UC and working on his squash training. After two years of less than great performance due to injuries, he had a great season. He was undefeated in collegiate play and the team (Harvard) won the NCAA championship. Susan is studying for her second master's degree. This one is very meaningful to her and the many people that she touches each day. She has been very effective as a lay counselor and is studying to be more spiritually directed in this important role.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Oregon this fall.



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ROUND ROBIN LETTER

Dear Academician

Writing from a position geographically somewhat remote from the hub of things but in a time when this region has frequently been the focal point of media attention, has much to command it. To live in a time of change with the awareness it is probably the most significant phase in the history of this country is in itself stimulating. Change brings uncertainty and with that elements of fear. Escape mechanisms to deal with that fear are, however, very human and can be understood. Moves towards a democratic state and with that the return of this complex country to its rightful place in world affairs makes whatever sacrifice may be necessary a worthwhile one.

Having said all that, it may appear as if I have stopped being a neurosurgeon! Far from it. Much of what assails the practising neurosurgeon elsewhere in the world is also our lot here. The Health Care system is in itself in flux and new modes of organisation are being worked out which means that established ways of doing things are questioned and new ones are being instituted, not always with one's approval, neither with one's constant condemnation either. Organisation of a health care system in a developing country where almost 50% of the population is under 15 years of age and where the per capita income is low, one's mind is exercised considerably.

There are some administrators who look upon neurosurgery as esoteric and an expensive luxury when primary health care is what is needed. This view has to be combatted with sound sense and statistics to prove the contrary. It is difficult to deal with this argument with any degree of seriousness when one is fully occupied clinically and surgically and one would have thought that one's claim to an independent existence is justified by the work that one does.

In Academic practice we are having a hard time because many of our promising graduates have gone overseas to practise there because of the attractions of wealth, a trouble-free existence and an apparently rosier future. Others have gone into private

practice which means that many of them are lost as teachers and individuals concerned in the training of juniors. Fortunately in Cape Town we have a very close link with the neurosurgeons in private practice who all have part-time appointments in our department. They provide a splendid balance of teaching because of their extensive experience in other parts of the world and ability to bring different opinions to bear on problems. In January a very senior and trusted colleague died so that we have been left rather short of senior staff but with excellent juniors "coming up".

The workload is increasing but with the violence in the community, head trauma forms too large a percentage of our work. The privilege to deal with the pathologies of the Third World environment by sophisticated diagnostic and therapeutic technology is probably the mainstay for our continued enthusiasm for the task.

In the meantime, the years are creeping on, one's children have commenced to shape their own lives and one feels a bit with Cecil John Rhodes when he said: "So much to do and so little done" but one finds solace in the poet's promise that "The best is yet to be".

Yours sincerely

Kay de Villiers

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May 16, 1991

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Dear Bill:

This is a note for the "Round Robin."

On January 1, 1991, I officially assumed my present position on the faculty at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine, with administrative responsibilities as Director of Neurotrauma in the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS). However, on January 10, I was activated by the Army Reserves because of Operation Desert Storm. I spent the next three and one half months on the Neurosurgery Service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. During this time I was able to do some work getting my office at Maryland put together, but as you can imagine this period of time was somewhat unsettled to say the least. Fortunately, I did not have to go to the Middle East. In 1963, I had just begun my residency in neurosurgery in Dallas and was drafted to serve as a general medical officer for two years in the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. During that time I spent 10 weeks in the Mojave Desert, where I saw enough sand to last me a lifetime.

I completed law school at the University of Missouri in December prior to my move to Maryland. In February 1991, I took the Maryland Bar Examination which was a tedious two days and as challenging, quite frankly, as any exam I have taken in medicine. I was notified in the first week of May that I was successful on the examination. By the time this appears, I will have been admitted to the Bar in Maryland. I believe the combination of medicine and law will give me a unique opportunity to serve neurosurgery. I will be associated with the Health Law Program at the University of Maryland School of Law, and will be working on projects jointly between the School of Medicine and the School of Law. Additionally, because I believe that physicians over the next few years will find peer review problems as onerous and stressful as medical liability problems, I intend to examine various approaches to peer review.

Patty and I are settled in a condominium on the Baltimore Harbor. We have a nice view of the Inner Harbor, the City, and the approaches to the Harbor through the Key Bridge and Fort McHenry. We are on the sixth floor which is the top floor, and the expanse of sky and water makes up for the loss of land, of which we are so accustomed in Texas and Missouri. We have plenty of room and I would love to show each of you the City from our vantage point.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clark Watts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Clark Watts, M.D.

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July 16, 1991

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Dear Bill:

Sorry I'm so late, but it's the story of my life! It has been a busy time for Marty since the opening of the new University Hospital. It seems to be doing well and there are now three new men joining the group. It's an exciting time for all of them.

Speaking of excitement, we made it through yet another natural indignity. The last earthquake sent thrills and chills and lots of noise through our house, but all that really happened, amazingly enough, thank God, was that the pictures on the wall got a little off kilter. We were very lucky considering the amount of, and length of, all the shaking, and that we are only a few miles from the epicenter. A few days later we were treated to a lovely July rainstorm, unheard of in L.A., God knows we need every drop of water we can get!

Marty and I try to keep up with our vigorous diet and exercise program. He jumps on his bike a few times a week and I still attend ballet classes 3-4 times weekly. I work a lot in our garden this time of year, especially now that all the fruit is ripening. Our kitchen is a hive of activity replete with plums, apricots, sugar, melting paraffin, pectin and a steaming dishwasher full of jelly jars. Next week come the peaches. A nice cold winter (all of you in the northeast stop snickering) combined with the ability to outwit the squirrels and birds seemed to have helped contribute to a bumper crop. We just have to stop eating the fruit long enough for some of it to land in the canning kettle!

This year I have become very active working in an AIDS hospice in Hollywood. We have 6 beds now, but will undergo a huge remodel soon, and will at least double our capacity. It is a wonderful place and the patients are fortunate to have that home in which to spend their last few months.

Soon my college roommate and I are going on a road trip through the Southwest, culminating in a rendezvous with Marty at the

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Missoula, Montana airport. It's our 50th birthday present to ourselves and we plan to have a rip roaring good time. Its inception predated the debut of "Thelma and Louise" on the Silver Screen and there will be no guns along with us--- hopefully we will not run into any "desperadoes".

Bob, Peggy and Abigail Ratcheson will already be in Montana by the time we arrive, so we should be in for a rousing time. It's a big summer for us as will celebrate 30 years of wedded bliss, about 25 of which have been excellent! I will turn 50, too (too soon indeed), so we have lots of celebrating to do. I hope the fish will rise to the occasion (pardon the pun), 'though it rarely does any good to complain about it' - we've all learned to lie --- it works better!

Our kids are great; Brad begins life as a TA at the University of Chicago while writing his Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology; Jessica is working in Washington D.C. as a teacher/camp counselor at a Montessori school and will start her Masters in Education this fall. She has also just had a cookbook published entitled, The Leftover Gourmet, which she co-wrote; Elisabeth just returned to Aspen after a few months in the South Pacific. She is writing and performing for ARTC (pronounced "artsy"), the Aspen Ridiculous Theater Company -- an improv group that performs weekly at the local watering hole. She loves it and of course has a real job so that she can pay the bills.

Our animals cling to life here at Happy Acres Estates -- I observe them in their decrepitude and muse, there but for the grace of God -- blah, blah, blah..... I hope some one will be as nice to us as we are to those little hairy devils when we get to be 100!

Take care -- See you all in Oregon.

Much affection,

Debby and Mary Weiss



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July 5, 1991

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Dear Bill:

This past year has been a very busy one. I took a sabbatical in residence primarily to get ready for the meeting of the Congress last October. Preparing three talks without rehashing old material is not easy. To be the honored guest at the 1991 meeting of the Congress was a high point in my professional career.

I am becoming more and more concerned about neurosurgery's fading role in the management of spinal diseases. We have been outflanked, outmaneuvered and outnumbered. It will require a herculean effort to regain even a part of our former position, and I hope that complacency will not lead to our losing even more heavily in this emerging battle. Some of us, myself included, have been fairly naive about joint efforts with orthopedists. I do not see that option as a model of collaboration in the future.

I am troubled by the rift between program directors and the Residency Review Committee. In the few years that I have been a member of the RRC, I have seen no change in policy. My own VA Hospital was placed on probation and then disapproved, but the consequence was positive - we put out a greater effort and increased the volume, leading to re-approval the following year. Certainly it should not be an antagonistic relationship, and until recently, that thought had not occurred to me.

I trust that fellow members of the Academy and families will have a pleasant summer, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Oregon in September.

All the best,

Sincerely,

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July 10, 1991


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Dear Bill:

Just an update as to the practice and life style in Columbus. Our group has become so busy that we have taken on a fourth and fifth neurosurgeon. Dr. Mark Fleming hails from the Tulane program. Mark joined us October 1, 1989 and has made an excellent niche for himself in neurosurgery in Columbus. We added our fifth neurosurgeon on August 1, 1990. She is Dr. Rebecca Brightman who trained at Ohio State University. We thought that her addition might round out our practice, but even as I write this letter, things are bursting at the seams and we need two more in our group.

Myrna and I had a rather amicable divorce in October of 1989, unfortunately. The three children are doing extremely well and two are in Columbus so that we have quite a bit of interaction. My oldest daughter, Jackie, is a nursing supervisor in Student Health at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The only sadness in the last year was the death of our beloved poodle, (Inky) who died at age seventeen. I hope this letter finds the membership of the Academy in good health and spirits. Looking forward to the fall meeting in Portland in 1991.

Sincerely,



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May 31, 1991

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Dear Bill:

I am writing with some information for use in the Round Robin letter of the Academy. Since the last Round Robin Letter, I have been married to a wonderful woman named Christina Jane Johnson. Chris and I were married in the fall foliage in Ludlow, Vermont and fell so much in love with the area that we purchased a farm in the small town of Chester, Vermont. We have purchased a new home in the Villa Park area of Orange County, California, which is about 15 minutes drive from the University of California Irvine Medical Center. I will be one of the few physicians living in Southern California who can commute between my home and the hospital without having to use the abominable freeway system in Los Angeles. Chris has two young sons, Justin age 8 and Ryan age 9, who are living with us.

Although I had some reservations about taking on a young family again after having had three older children of my own now, all grown and through college, it has proved an invigorating experience. The boys will be making their first trip to Vermont this summer, and I look forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to enjoying the different climate, scenery, and surroundings with them in New England.

The year has proved quite active on our service. It was a pleasure to have a fellow Academy member Charlie Drake as our visiting professor in May. Charlie made a big hit with our faculty and staff and was kind enough to operate upon a basilar artery aneurysm while he was with us. Many of the neurosurgeons in Orange County as well as our own residents and staff

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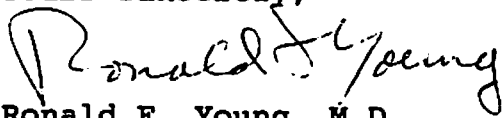
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benefited greatly by seeing such a master surgeon actually at work. As with many other services, ~~will~~ will be adding a neurosurgeon with special training in spinal surgery to our staff. Unfortunately, our superb epilepsy surgeon, Dr. Les Cahan, has decided to leave the academic world to carry out epilepsy surgery for the Kaiser Foundation Group. You may be interested to know that there are about two and a half million subscribers to the Kaiser system in Southern California. As all of you know, this seems to be the way medicine is moving in the future.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the meeting of the Academy in Oregon. For some reason, the meeting dates of the Western Neurosurgical Society immediately overlapped the Academy and since I am the Vice President of the Western this year, it is necessary for me to attend. I am sure the meeting will be wonderful as Oregon is certainly a beautiful area, and I am sorry that I will be missing the meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you next year.

Yours sincerely,



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