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Dear Academy Colleagues:

Lesla and I have been blessed with a great year. While we continue to enjoy good health, we have seen our oldest son complete his first year at Pepperdine University in California. Lesla continues to develop her miniature horse enterprise. These are fine little creatures but it seems that our farm population is growing by purchases as opposed to live births of new horses.

The department here continues to thrive. We are pleased with the addition of two new faculty, Dr. Thomas Ellis from the University of Florida and Dr. Joseph Alexander from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. They will enhance our tumor and spine activities significantly.

We had a wonderful recognition party for David and Sally Kelly as he stepped down from the Chair of the department after 22 years. Friends and colleagues locally and from across the country came to roast and toast him on this special occasion.

I have assumed the Acting Chair position and anticipate that the search process for the formal position will be short-lived and our department will continue to enjoy the rich tradition of stability that we have had for many years.

With kindest regards to all,

Charles and Lesa Branch

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**September, 2000**

**Round Robin Notes from:**

**Theodore S. Roberts, M.D.  
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**Dear Academicians:**

**The year 2000 finds most of my neurosurgical activity at Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center here in Seattle and sharing with my two partners, Drs. Loeser and Ellenbogen. We just developed a Fellowship in Pediatric Neurosurgery here and will be looking for excellent candidates for this one-year program, post their residency training.**

**Seattle remains to be a very bustling city with increasing population to include four-wheel/multiple road vehicles of all descriptions. I would hesitate to add that we have a traffic crisis developing here but I think we're heading in that direction.**

**The outdoor activities remain the high point for most Seattleites, including the boating scene which I was able to get involved with this summer with a couple weeks sailing trip up into the northwest coast of British Columbia to an area called Desolation Sound. Those of you that would have the opportunity to make that trip would be delighted to see the marvelous waterways with surrounding impressive mountains and remoteness akin to the early days of lumbering and inhabitation by the Hiada Indian tribes.**

**Post July 1, 2001, I will be planning on staying mainly with teaching and research activities and pass the scalpel time on to my associates.**

**I hope this note finds all of you in the best of health and enjoying all of your activities.**

**With best regards,**

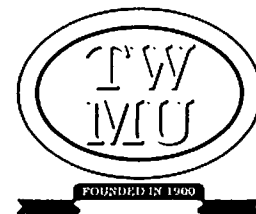
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Dear David:

Our medical school will celebrate the centennial anniversary on December 5th of this year. Tokyo Women's Medical University was established in 1900 by Dr. Yayoi Yoshioka, a lady doctor, for improving women's human rights and dignity, economically and socially by educating girls. Since it was historically a feudalistic age, there were many difficult problems to establish a medical school only for women. During a past century, 8,000 students graduated and have contributed all over the country as doctors. Our medical University has now the largest hospital in Japan. The University has a main hospital in a campus located in the downtown Tokyo and 15 centers such as Neurological Institute and 4 branch hospitals. Although undergraduate students are all girls, students of post graduate course and all staffs are constituted with both male and female as ordinary hospitals.

Since 1992, when I retired from University of Tokyo, I have engaged in managing and administering our University. We have now several plans to develop our University hospital. A new outpatient clinic will be started to construct from the end of this year and will be completed in 2003. Our new operating theatre for neurosurgery has been renovated recently. They have equipped an open MRI, a mobile CT, computer-aided navigation system etc. Regarding with research promotion, I will start a new post graduate course of Biomedical Engineering including Division of Advanced Surgery and Engineering, Gene Medicine, Organ and Tissue Regeneration and Organ Transplantation and Artificial Organs. In this new Institute, cooperative study with various faculties of engineering in other universities and industrial enterprises will be promoted. I am expecting many fruitful new discoveries will be produced in this Institute in coming years.

My family are all well. My wife, Tsuneko is enjoying photography and cooking. My elder daughter Momo is a dentist. My younger daughter Riri married and had a daughter in last May. She is an orthopedist, but she wants to become a sport doctor. My elder son, Fumi is an architect working at Research Institute of Architecture, and my younger son, Kazu is now working as a rotating intern.

Kintomo Takakura, M.D., Ph.D.

President

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