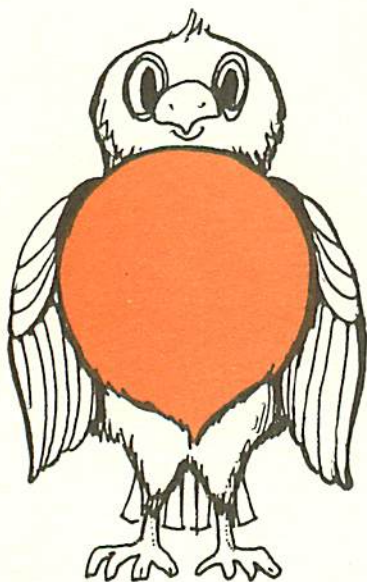
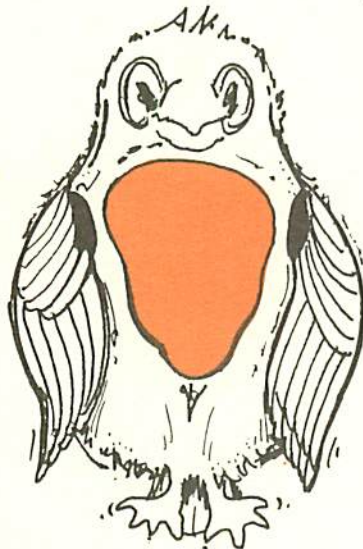
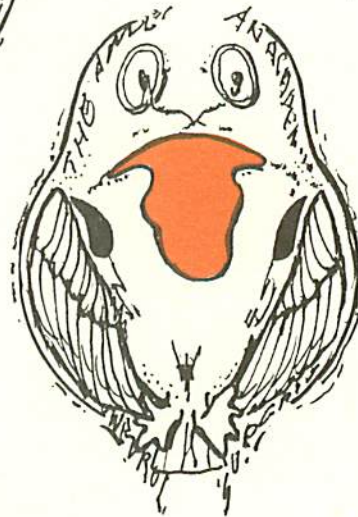
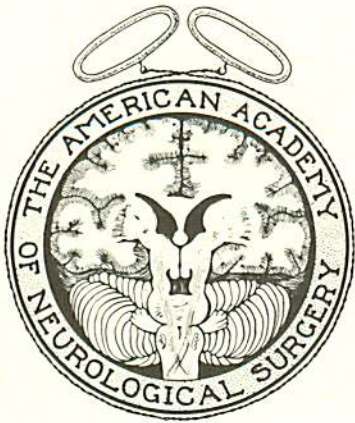


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August 22, 1990

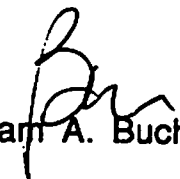
Dear Academicians:

The Mack Society had its yearly outing just a few weeks ago. We went back to Doctors' Island in New Brunswick to fish the Miramichi River for salmon. Ernie led the group, which included Bill Hunt, Ben Whitcomb, Henry Schwartz and myself. A sixth person was Joe Black, a friend of mine from Philadelphia, who like me is just learning to fish. We had a grand time. Although fishing was not very good, I've come to learn that the outcome of the fishing trip is inversely proportional to the number of fish you catch.

Phanor couldn't come because of previous engagements and Gilles Bertrand missed the trip because of a hip replacement. Larry Pool's knees were telling him he should lay off right now. Hopefully, those three guys will get together in the next year, and be back on the Miramichi.

Best regards from the Mack Society.

Sincerely,


William A. Buchheit, M.D.

March 4, 1990.
Sunday.

Dear Bill,

In the forty years I have been privileged to belong to the Academy, there is no single feature of it of more enjoyment to me personally than the Round Robin Letter. Having served as Secy-Treasurer for four years and Editor of the Round Robin for a few years, I have felt it important for all of the members to maintain a close relationship and the RRL offers much ~~in that~~ in helping to do that.

Hence when the call comes from the Editor, I try to respond. I could write a commodious volume on my experience with a small squamous cell node in my neck and my encounter on the insistence of all my friends and advisors with 7,500 Rads ending last Nov. Suffice it to say that every couple of weeks I feel sure I have made some improvement, though one has to be prepared for minor setback now and then. But both my doctors and I are assured I will be well soon.

I am in my sixth year of six total on the N.C. Board of Medical Examiners which meets seven times a year for 3-5 days and is a busy operation. It's a job in which you don't make money, you work hard, you rarely receive any praise or thanks for difficult jobs done, and sometimes people wonder just why they do it. I have enjoyed it immensely, the staff is superb, the other seven members, one of them a non-physician Public Member, are such excellent people with whom to work that it turns out to be a pleasurable experience although one would not describe it as fun.

I continue as Chairman of the Ethics Committee of our Medical Center, a challenging job and one that someday will seem important to all medical centers.

And the Editorship of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY continues to be a great pleasure and, although I am not one to judge it, one in which we can sense progress and improvement.

So my life at 76 is a happy one with my wonderful Betty, and we see a good deal of our four children and one grandchild in spite of their widespread distribution. We will see you in October at Amelia Island. We hated missing the last meeting.

Sincerely,

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Dear Academician,

We missed all of you in Arizona last year because we had our own International Symposium in Pakistan just before the World Federation meeting in New Delhi. It was an interesting experience in Pakistan with a number of people from around the world. It was our first opportunity to see that part of Asia.

Our youngest daughter, Susan, is now finishing her first year of law school at the University of Iowa. She is enjoying it very much and we are very comforted that the Vangilders are around to help her in a pinch.

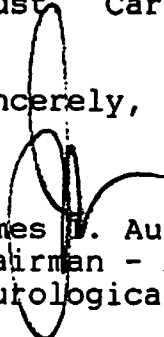
Our oldest daughter, Elizabeth, after finishing business school is now developing her own satellite communications company and back with us in Detroit.

Carolyn has become involved in her own business in the past year and has had some projects with GM.

My own work continues. As everything in medicine and health care becomes more complex, I feel like I know less and less about more and more. Our hospital going through a metamorphosis to a health care system and is basically restructuring itself to become a corporate health care enterprise into the next decade. We are becoming an entire corporate culture with exposure to the Deming methods of managements. Another aspect of the corporate mentality is apparent as the hospital is involved with mergers or take overs of other institutions in the community and is on the verge of serving a population base of 1.5 million people. What the right answer is, I don't know, but it is not what I was used to seeing as I made house calls with my father many years ago.

By the way, he is still healthy as of this writing and celebrated his 60th year in medicine last August. Carolyn and I look forward to seeing all of you in Florida.

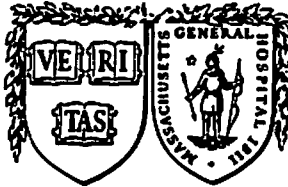
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June 14, 1990

Dear Academy Friends:

In looking back at the '89 Round Robin, I found that my contribution was dated June 14, so it seemed only fitting to dictate this report on that same day.

We missed the Fall meeting of the Academy because of a tour of Ireland, both north and south, which took place about the same time. It was a memorable experience, particularly our visit to Northern Ireland where we were royally entertained by Derek Gordon. Derek was a Fellow in Neurosurgery at the MGH long ago (1957 to be exact) but he still remembered his time with us and went out of his way to be hospitable. He had just retired as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Royal Victoria Hospital where he had been able to renovate the facilities in a most commendable fashion. We had two excursions into the beautiful countryside with him and his lovely wife. On one of them when I was searching for Ballantine roots, we passed by Sean Mullen's ancestral home which is in a delightful part of the world.

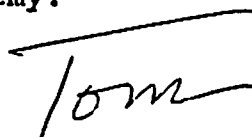
1990 started out on a somber note. Our son, Tad, was killed in a freak automobile accident on New Year's Day. As some of you know, Tad was a Professor at PennState Medical School and Chief of the Department of Pediatric Surgery. He was returning from patient rounds when his Volvo hit a patch of ice, skidded off the road and crashed broadside into a utility pole. This has been hard to take but Elizabeth and I want those of you who did learn about this occurrence and wrote to us to know how helpful your letters were.

Having agreed several months in advance to participate in the Neurosurgical section of the Pan Pacific Surgical Association, we went to that meeting which was held at the Hyatt Waikoloa, a new hotel-resort on the Kona coast of Hawaii in February. We were told that the hotel complex was designed by the architect who created Disney World in Florida and I can well believe it. The three hotel buildings are connected by a little train and a series of motor boats which cruise on a man-made serpentine canal. The meeting was quite relaxed and Elizabeth and I enjoyed the company of Bill and Alice Meacham.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the ABNS was a most enjoyable occasion and thanks and congratulations should go to Dave Kline and Nick Zervas. As a matter of fact, it almost resembled a "mini-meeting" of the Academy!

Finally, I have had a very interesting and educational experience running the Clinic for Neurosurgical Disorders of the Spine here at the MGH. We see a number of failures of disc surgery and I am tempted to write a little paper titled "When Disc Surgery Becomes Pain Surgery -- Pitfalls, Precautions and Prescriptions".

Elizabeth and I look forward enthusiastically to seeing all of you at the 1990 meeting of the Academy.



Dr. Thomas Ballantine

Trained in Boston hospitals

Dr. Thomas Van Ness Ballantine, chief of pediatric surgery at Hershey (Pa.) Medical Center and a professor at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, died in an automobile accident Monday in Hershey as he was returning to his home in Campbelltown, Pa., after visiting patients. He was 47.

Born in Washington, he graduated from Roxbury Latin School, Princeton University in 1963 and Harvard Medical School in 1967. After serving as a Navy Medical Corps officer in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970, Dr. Ballantine trained at Boston City Hospital, New England Deaconess Hospital and Children's Hospital here. He lived in Wellesley while affiliated with those hospitals.

He leaves his wife, Martha (Tyson); two children, Thomas T. and Allison; his parents, Elizabeth (Mixer) and Dr. H. Thomas Ballantine Jr. of Boston; and a sister, Elizabeth B. Gardner of Wellesley Hills.

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My wife Katharine has recently become a priest in the Episcopal Church, having raised our five children and subsequently gotten a degree in classics at the Catholic University of America. She was ordained two years ago and is now the assistant at a church in Marblehead. This commitment means that it is difficult for her to get away to meetings. She finds herself in the position of a woman in a rigidly hierarchical structure, beginning in middle-age. However, the work, itself, is very rewarding.

We have five children: Dia, age 15, who is in the 9th grade in the Windsor School in Boston; Libby, the older of our twins, is at Boston Latin School, a public school which still clings to traditional teaching values of academic performance; Katie, her gregarious right-handed identical twin sister, is also at Latin. Peter Thomas is at the Learning Project, a school in Boston's Back Bay. Finally, Christopher, age 8, is presently in public school at the Quincy School in Boston.

We live in a townhouse in downtown Boston which is too small but keeps us intimately aware of each other's activities. We would welcome visits from anyone (especially children) at any time.

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August 22, 1990

Dear Academicians:

The last year has been relatively uneventful in the Buchheit household.

Lyn continues her academic pursuits toward a Ph.D in Educational Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania. She's doing a terrific job - her high grades resulting from an unbelievable amount of work combined with an equal share of natural ability. She is running one of the Mayor's Centers for Illiteracy - a program to teach illiterate people to read. She is very involved and so far very successful.

Megan is about to start seventh grade. She was off to Music Camp for one month this summer, where she continued her violin studies. She has been taking the Suzuki method, which is interesting in that it teaches kids to play primarily by ear. It's fun to watch a big group of little kids, some of whom are not much bigger than their violins, making rather nice music.

During the last year, I began my term as a member of the Residency Review Committee. This job ranks high on the list of interesting things I've done, in part because of what we're doing, but also because of the people I work with. It's a great privilege and honor to be part of it, and I'm looking forward to the future.

Here at Temple, the Department of Neurosurgery is doing reasonably well. We now have two laboratories in full swing, and all the residents seem to have their acts together. The Medical School, Hospital and the entire University continue to have financial troubles. The University's problems are generated by a drop in enrollment, the Hospital by unreimbursed medical care, and the Medical School because more than half

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of its funds come from the Hospital. All of us realize that this is just a microcosm of what's happening throughout the United States, but when it's happening to your own institution, it seems more vivid. I've been re-elected as Chairman of the Medical Staff Executive Committee and Chairman of the Practice Plan. Both of these jobs keep me in the middle of the financial crisis. Being Chairman of the Practice Plan makes me the local lightning rod. The Practice Plan is the only cash-generating operation in the entire University, and the University can't get enough control of the money. It'll be interesting to see what happens.

I hope this note finds all you people well. Best regards to all.

Sincerely,



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June 28, 1990

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Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a clipping from our Center Times for the Round Robin. It is self-explanatory.

Fern and I are enjoying retirement. The University still provides me with an office, telephone, and a parking space. We plan to spend more time in Pebble Beach. We are in the phone book there. Hope any academicians passing through will call us.

Best wishes,



W. Kemp Clark, M. D.
Professor Emeritus

WKC/sn

Retirement dinner honors surgeon

By Susan Rutherford

Distinguished neurosurgeon Dr. William Kemp Clark, longtime professor of neurological surgery at UT Southwestern and former chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery, has retired after 34 years on the faculty. In gratitude for his many contributions to the medical center, Clark was honored recently with a dinner hosted by Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. More than 100 of Clark's family and friends were in attendance, many of whom are national neurosurgical figures.

Clark is internationally respected for his expertise as a neurosurgeon, teacher and researcher. In 1985 he was elected president of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, an organization comprised of 41 member societies and 18,000 members. The world federation encourages scientific communication between countries for the advancement of neurological surgery, Clark said. He visited neurosurgical societies throughout the world at least once during his

four-year term. He then presided over the world congress in India.

While at UT Southwestern, Clark served as president of both the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Society of Neurological Surgeons.

He joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 1956. For several years he was the only neurosurgeon in the Department of Surgery, and he was largely responsible for building the Division of Neurosurgery.

Born in Dallas, Clark graduated from the Kemper Military School in Booneville, Mo., in 1942 and from The University of Texas at Austin in 1945. He received his medical degree from UT Medical Branch at Galveston in 1948 and performed internship and residency training at Indiana University Medical Center. He trained in neurosurgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

He rose through the faculty ranks at UT Southwestern and in 1974, served as visiting professor in the Department of Neurosurgical Studies at the National Hospitals, University of London.

The author of numerous articles in medical professional journals, Clark also has held positions in several medical organizations. He was a governor in the American College of Surgeons, president of the Forum of University Neurosurgeons and chairman of the American Medical Association's Residency Review Committee for Neurological Surgery. He also served as chairman of the American Board of Neurological Surgeons and as its secretary. He served on the editorial board of the journal *Acta Neurosurgica*, was consultant to the surgeon generals of the U.S. Navy and Air Force and was on the National Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery of the Veterans Administration.

In 1987 an endowed chair to honor Clark was funded by an anonymous donor and established by the UT System Board of Regents. The William Kemp Clark Chair in Neurological Surgery is held by Dr. Duke S. Samson, professor and chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery. ■



At the retirement dinner with Kemp Clark, M.D. (third from left), are family members (from left) son-in-law, Gary Jordan; daughter Sarah Jordan; mother, Mrs. Dilworth Hager; daughter Blair; wife, Fern; son, Peter; and daughters Florine and Elizabeth.

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March 19, 1990

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Dear Bill:

It does not seem possible that the time to write to the Round Robin has arrived again. This year has flown. For a change, at least from the last few years, the Collinses have had a healthy year with Gwen over her chest problems and my gradually developing enough strength so that my bilateral hip replacement waddle is slowly disappearing. I remain grateful for the effectiveness of that procedure as each day I get around the house and hospital.

I have stopped doing surgery, and only do some office and hospital consultations but remain as Chairman of the Department of Surgery. The latter is not as much fun as being Chief of Neurosurgery with constant contact with housestaff and students but I have been able to accomplish a few things. The department is in fairly good shape with the appointment of new chiefs in all sections in the past five years and the addition of twelve new young surgeons. They and the four more that will join the department by this summer will allow all the sections to have academically functional subspecialty units, a project that has been in the works for most of my five years. The concept is based upon the opinion that academic surgeons no longer can relate to the entire area of their specialty, but rather need to subspecialize if a faculty member wishes to develop special expertise and add to the basic fund of knowledge of surgery. This has been apparent in Neurosurgery for many years and I was rather shocked to see that subspecialization had not extended to all the other surgical divisions. One problem is that it requires an increase in the number of faculty for one faculty member cannot constitute the required academic environment. Another problem is that it interferes with over all coverage and teaching of areas of specialty required for residency training. At Yale the community, part time faculty, have been very helpful in providing the housestaff with the coverage and more common "bread and butter" surgery. The faculty emphasis on more esoteric areas has helped to decrease some of the adversarial positions that were a problem in this city. The cost is the most difficult problem as is the ability to have enough surgery for the young faculty member to develop.

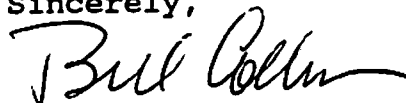
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Another project that has helped with both requirements has been a regional residency teaching program that has helped our community hospitals to cover RRC special requirements and allow some expansion of our surgical clinical and financial base. The program is in addition a quality assurance for both teaching and medical practice in the affiliated hospital. In some hospitals and specialties it includes a chance for young surgeons to expand their surgical opportunities, the lack of which as mentioned above has been a problem, particularly in general surgery. I would recommend that Academy members that have programs consider the expansion of their faculty's effort into affiliated hospitals not as surgeons as much as organizers of morbidity and mortality conferences, teachers of housestaff, and presenters of important new concepts to the hospital medical staff as a means of helping to develop subspecialty areas. The major efforts of the faculty have been by senior professors and entry level faculty with the latter receiving most of their support from the program. I am running on too much but the opportunity is there and the CEO's of the hospitals are in general agreement that an outside, academic review process has merit and helps the quality control of practice problem that is coming to the fore with increasing intensity.

I was shocked to hear of Frank Wrenn's and his wife's death, but perhaps if one has to go it should be trying to help a loved one.

My best to the members and I look forward to the fall meeting.

Sincerely,



William F. Collins, Jr., M.D.

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Hans Erich und Karin Diemath

1989 was a fairly good year for all of us.

Our department established a new record of 2115 operations. All neurosurgical indications were included, from braintumor to neurotraumatology, stereotactic brainoperations as well as operation on periphere nerves, spinal surgery and pain surgery. The intraoperative sonography is working well and done by neurosurgeons, laser operations till now 1400.

Last year a new building for MRI had been built, a Philips Gyroscan 1,5, which is carried on interdisciplinarily, ~~whereat~~ about 20 % ^{are} ~~are~~ done by Neurosurgeons themselves.

The goverment always lack of money could not pay all the costs, therefore partly it was financed by a privat buildingstone action and by two fonds.

The election of the goverment (Landesregierung) unfortunately caused some changes, so my friend Landeshauptmann Dr. Haslauer (govenor) resigned spontaneously, although he held still the absolute majority.

Green deputies came into our parliament and they interfere in all kind of things in an absolute disconstructing manner and un-

fortunately mainly in questions of hospitals and of public health.

The family is well and happy. Our eldest daughter Karen, married happily to Dr. Gerhard Pierer, a plastic surgeon, lives in Graz. They have two nice girls, Eve 7 years old and Nora 5 years old.

Our son Hans Peter, a lawyer since a year, working for our government in the department of public health, is very fond of his work. He now again stays alone. He has a little daughter Anne, five years old, who stays with her mother, who had left him for "emanzipation".

Our youngest, Maren Christina, almost 14 years old, is very good in school but very keen on horses and spends much time by riding and lately passed a riding examination.

Last summer holidays we spent in our alps, with mountain wandering accompanied by our "nepalesian temple dog" how he was named for his looking, but in reality he is a very nice cross breed. This dog Balduin is very easy to keep and follows us on all our tours even over the glacier.

We attended quite a number of congresses unfortunately not in the States, but we really intend so next year, all the more an old cooperation with my old clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital might be renewed.



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Dear Bill,

I appreciate your reminder regarding the Round Robin. Things are going well for me here in Ft. Lauderdale. Cleveland Clinic Florida is progressing steadily. The local medical hostility seems to be ameliorating. Our patient registration increases each month. We finally bought North Beach Hospital, the hospital we've been using for all services except cardiac surgery.

We've been fortunate in having Michael Feely join us in Neurosurgery from University of Cork, Ireland. He trained at Cleveland Clinic finishing in 1976 and also spent some time at "Sick Kids" Hospital in Toronto. We're recruiting currently for another neurosurgeon to replace me at the end of 1990. I reach age 65 years in August and plan to retire. Carolyn and I will go sailing for a year and then return to the Mississippi Gulf Coast where we still have our home. We acquired a 1980 Pearson 36' Pilot House which is great shape and should suit our purposes very well.

We celebrated my Dad's 90th Birthday in February by having a Dohn Reunion in the Orlando area. It was a great occasion for all the various generations who attended. My Dad is quite independent and still going strong. Good genes!

I look forward to being in Amelia Island this Fall having missed last years meeting because of the International Congress in New Delhi. Our trip to India was a wonderful new experience for us.

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We took a week's tour on the "Palace on Wheels", a train that tours from city to city in northern India - A unique way to see the country which we recommend highly. Best Regards.

Sincerely yours,



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June 25, 1990

Dr. William Buchheit,
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Dear Bill:

I am still working although at much less the pace of former years, restricted to my hobbies of aneurysms, AVMS and a few basal tumors. Since my 70th. birthday is in July, 1990, I am allowed to continue to June 1991, since the rule at University Hospital states it is all over in the June after becoming 70. I have not made up my mind about continuing for the extra year. Skip and the others say they think I should. Since most of my cases come from elsewhere I do not think I have interfered with the progress of the young surgeons which old surgeons too often do. But I have seen too many old surgeons try to continue when they are faltering; Skip has firm orders about that. It is always best to get out of it when riding reasonably high on the curve and not when sliding on the down slope. Ruth says she does not know what she will do with me when I do quit - although I am playing much more golf and have been working sporadically on a book on the overall experience here with posterior aneurysms, over 1600 cases. By and large I have not been high on books since they are usually out of date when published, but I have been persuaded that the collection may be unique and warrants such an airing.

Ruth is on the go all the time, back at University, even after getting her B.A. in 1986; managing a beautiful large Heritage estate for the city, the garden, a little bridge, a little golf, travelling with me and to see her 11 grandchildren in Toronto, Detroit and Dallas.

Jim is now on staff as the fourth surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and working on brain oedema, hydrocephalus and robotics. I was very pleased that he won the Pudenz prize of the AANS.

Steven and Martha are nearby near Detroit. He sold his interest in the car partsbusiness, spent nearly two years getting his M.BA and now is managing a small plant for Siemens.

Tom, the engineer, and Cindy are in Toronto now. He was picked up by IBM and is deeply involved with the electrical side of their new building under constuction. He is talking about going back for an M. BA.too.

John and Marybeth are in Dallas since he moved part of his business to the U.S. He is doing no law now. He bought a new Bonanza A36 loaded with good King radio including storm scope and moving map display. I am very envious - never owned a new aeroplane - mine are '74 (Cessna 414) and '64 (C310) respectively - both with old King equipment although working reasonably well.

I have missed the 1st two or three Academy meetings because of other committments but if we get back from China on time I will try to make Amelie Island in October.

With warm best wishes for all,

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Academician,

1989 was an exciting year. Dr. Hwa-shain Yeh, one of my associates, and I were invited to lecture at the Military Universities in Shanghai, Xian and Beijing. We went with our wives and toured during the first two weeks of November.

The oriental hospitality was outstanding, and the experience was incredible. Although the hospitals may need some plaster and some paint, they were clean. The patients were in 8-12 bed wards and the diversity of disease was remarkable.

Most of the medical universities have parallel instruction in both Western medicine and in traditional Chinese medicine. It was our observation that in neurosurgery, all the surgeons elected Western techniques and procedures. Acupuncture was not used by any of them for the neurosurgery, although some did prefer local anesthetics, even for anterior cervical spine surgery.

There is some limitation on their capabilities because of a lack of expensive high technology equipment. Most of the high tech equipment they have is manufactured in China, and includes operating microscopes and all surgical instruments. All the major hospitals have CT scanners and most have or have ordered MRI scanners.

The surgeons themselves are well informed. They all read Western journals. It is most difficult for them to obtain American neurosurgery journals. The journals that are obtained are copied and shared.

Currently one of the hot areas of research is neural regeneration in the central nervous system. They are looking at it with respect to chemistry, physiology and pathology.

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One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the Beijing Neurosurgical Institute, which has 300 beds for neurology and neurosurgery. There are 8 neurosurgical operating rooms and most of them do one or two operations per day.

The people of China are most pleasant. There is not much in the way of entertainment, and books for leisure reading are not generally available. Electricity is scarce and at night you will find one light bulb in a room.

The people have a difficult existence but progress is being made. We were surprised that the Chinese did not hesitate to voice displeasure with the governmental bureaucracy, but they also recognize that improvements had occurred compared to previous years.

While we were there, the Berlin Wall came down and Eastern Europe was experiencing the beginnings of the revolution of, "Die-Communization". We were surprised that the English edition of China Daily told us of that news. Indeed, in the hotel, in Beijing, the international edition of USA Today was readily available.

Altogether it was a fascinating trip.

Ellen and I look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure: Picture



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Dear Bill,

One would think that after stopping surgery almost two years ago, there would be time to get off the Round Robin letter and all the other items which sometimes had to be put aside because of the press of clinical activities. But in fact, as many of my friends have experienced, retirement from surgery seems to invite an increased pace of other commitments and interests. I continue in a busy consultation practice, still much involved also in our major brain tumor research program with PET, MRI as well as MR spectroscopy. With Ted Rasmussen I am having the great satisfaction of reviewing the extensive series of patients with epilepsy treated by surgery - a wealth of interesting data to be extracted from some 3000 cases that have had the benefit of Ted's meticulous follow-up attention. And I have made a clear start on the research and writing on the history of the Montreal Neurological Institute for its first 50 years.

We also have under way an annotated bibliography of Wilder Penfield which we plan to have published by the McGill University Press for 1991 that marks Penfield's centennial. I have continued having fun working on my favorite (and the first) neuroscientist, Thomas Willis and his influence on the famous continental medical centers in the 17th and 18th centuries. This has involved study visits to libraries in Geneva, Padua, Bologna and Venice to check out their Willis holdings. We are planning a twin set facsimile and commentary of a second Willis book, comparable to the one that we turned out on Cerebri Anatome in 1964.

Faith and I had an unusual tour of Japan last fall arranged around the annual meeting of the Japanese Neurosurgical Society at Morioka which was an impressive week long session covering all aspects of neurosurgery. The hospitality of our Japanese colleagues was most generous. In addition we travelled for much of the time in Japan with Lucas and Jeanine Yamamoto - Lucas has been my research colleague for over 25 years in our radioisotope and PET studies. Through him and through the MNI Japan club, which now numbers over 40, we were able to have experiences that would not otherwise be available to tourists, visiting south of Morioka an elegant modern hot springs resort and having a tour of the northern most part of the route which

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the famous 17th century Haiku poet, Basho, took on his tour. And after the world stereotaxic meeting, we moved nearby to Yamanashi Medical School where one of our former research fellows, Hideaki Nukui is professor of neurosurgery and with a lively young neurosurgical group runs a modern well equipped neurosurgical unit in a ten year old medical center. Highlights of that stay included a firsthand look at the hand paper-making museum nearby where the bark of the mulberry tree is used to make strong fibre which is acid free using century old techniques. One day was devoted to a drive through the lush fruit growing countryside on the inner slopes of Mount Fuji. We then joined our daughter Pat, in Kyoto, where she was staying with some Canadian friends. After that we had three busy days in Taipei with Chung-Jen Shih. Both he and his son trained at the MNI. He became eventually Chief of Neurosurgery in Taipei and is now Minister of Health. We visited the recently opened Veterans hospital with superb modern facilities and saw the new University center and hospital under construction to be opened toward the end of this year. The neurology and neurosurgical group here are highly active with an immense volume of clinical material and an enthusiastic student and resident group. We were there on the night of the Festival of the Lights, with the buildings in the entire centre of Taipei brilliantly illuminated with thousands upon thousands of lights - an unforgettable sight.

Faith continues part time nursing at the Montreal General Hospital and has taken up water-colors again. Our eldest son, Christopher, continues in his program of cardiovascular surgery in Toronto where he is head of the heart transplant group. After touring with us in Japan, our eldest daughter Pat returned to her legal work in Vancouver. Janet, our middle daughter, and her husband Bob Haley, continue in the theatre, at the Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake. She has just moved from the drama department at the University of Alberta in Edmonton to a teaching and directing position on the Drama Faculty at Kent State University and is principal of the Academy, the instructional section for young actors and drama students operated in conjunction with the Shaw Festival. Michael is into the Ph.D. program in comparative literature at Toronto, ranging from Dante to James Joyce in a stimulating department where Northrup Frye has been holding sway for some years. Anna, after nursing for some ten years, has now returned to McGill University with a major in psychology which she hopes to combine with her neurosurgical nursing to develop a special patient support program.

The Institute and Hospital are flourishing - I was told last week by the night-supervisor that we had 100% occupancy - the young neurosurgeons are doing all sorts of exciting maneuvers very competently. The research teams are working vigorously in some most exciting areas especially in the three dimensional imaging,

neuromuscular diseases and immunology. And, of course, epilepsy continues as one of our highly focussed activities with spin offs into Brenda Milner's neuropsychology, neuropathology and, neurotransmitter and neurophysiological studies of the temporal cortex and amygdala excised during surgery. Blessed with an excellent administrative staff for the hospital, we have a newly appointed Director of Nursing who is full of ideas and energy and an excellent team of residents in neurology and neurosurgery, including several who are keen medical historians. One index of success over the years has been the over crowding of our laboratories - there is again urgent need for expansion; the new Brain Imaging Centre opened at the end of my term as Director is now jammed with staff, researchers, graduate students and technicians. The PET Unit that Yamamoto and I started in 1975, is finally coming into its own with some astute scientific questions and protocols being developed. It is a great satisfaction to me to witness the ongoing support for PET from the Medical Research Council, the NIH and recently the team working with Brenda Milner, that received a major grant from the PEW-McDonnell Foundation. If Wilder Penfield and Bill Cone, the co-founders of this institution, could drop in to see how things are running, I believe they would be well satisfied with the outfit that they started some 55 years ago.

Faith and I look forward to seeing you and our friends in October.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

First, we want to congratulate you for continuing to do such an excellent job as editor of *The Neurosurgeon*. The issues seem to improve every year.

I suppose the best news from the French family is that we both have successfully negotiated my first five years of retirement. We both have our original parts and are able to enjoy life and each other. Next year the big event will be our fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Actually, the most significant event of the past year has been the realization of the Lyle A. French Chair in Neurosurgery and the awarding of it to Dr. Roberto Heros, our new head of the department. Incidentally, Roberto has permitted me to keep my office in the department so I do maintain a close relationship with my colleagues there. Also, I do a modest amount of consulting with neuroscience groups and give a few lectures, so the office serves me well.

We haven't had anything unusual happen to us this last year. Right now we are out in southern California where we play golf, garden and generally keep physically fit (Gene sews). About the middle of May we return to our home in Minnesota for the Summer and Fall.

As most of you know, we have three children (one girl and two boys), all married and with children of their own. Our daughter is in Seattle, but the two boys are in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area so we get to visit them often.

We won't get to the next Academy meeting at Amelia Island because we will be in Europe. So we're looking forward to 1991! I'm certain the 1990 meeting will be a success.

Best regards,

Lyle & Gene French

Dear Bill,

4/17/90

I am remiss in not having responded to previous requests for a contribution to The Round Robin. I will attempt to correct this deficiency.

Silvia and I are living in Casper. For a brief period of time we had a home in Albuquerque, New Mexico but found that we could not manage both Albuquerque and Casper and we are now happily re-ensconced in Casper. Actually, we had never really left Casper since we had continued to maintain a small place here. Our present home is modest but comfortable and is situated along Garden Creek which runs from the falls of Casper mountain through the center of Casper down to the North Platte river. The creek has heavy cover along much of its extent and this serves as home for a fairly large deer herd. We are treated to the delightful sight of anywhere up to eight or nine deer in the backyard almost every day. Some of them have become so familiar that we have names for them. For animal lovers such as we are it is quite a treat to see this on an almost daily basis especially considering that we live in the center of town.

For many years Silvia had The Oregon Trail Fine Arts Gallery here in Casper. She had many customers across the country and even though the gallery is no longer open she continues to broker art, sell through other galleries and act as a consultant. When the gallery was open I served as her assistant sales person, packer and crater.

To bring you up to date on my activities, I retired from active surgery in 1984. In order to stay active in matters allied to neurosurgery I proposed the establishment of a Rehabilitation Center as a part of The Wyoming Medical Center here in Casper. The proposal was accepted and prior to opening it I served a "mini-residency" in Rehabilitation Medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque. I served as Medical Director for the next two years before retiring from that position. My friends here in Casper accused me of retiring so many times because I liked the retirement parties!

At present I am doing some medico-legal evaluations for lawyers and some medico-legal defense work in malpractice cases. I am also involved in preparing a manuscript for publication concerning the life and adventures of my great uncle travelling to and from and living in New Orleans during the pre-civil war period. There are other writing projects waiting in the wings when this one is finished. Of course, my life-long interest in woodworking continues and I hope to have my shop in full operation by this Spring and Summer.

Our family is rather widespread. Our son Michael and his wife Lucy live in Tucson, Arizona. He is a secondary school teacher and does cabinet work in the summers. Our daughter Suzanne also lives in Tucson and, believe it or not, is an auto mechanic - and from what I hear a good one! Our daughter Sharon is married and lives in Morton, Pa. She has been an engineer for Boeing-Vertol for about seventeen years. Mary Ellen also lives in the Philadelphia area and works for an air freight forwarding concern. Her husband Buddy is a gifted restorer of old houses. Nancy is married to a

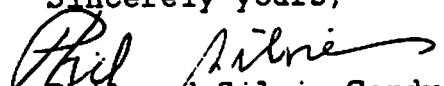
married to a Veterinarian who has an excellent animal hospital in Lakewood, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. They live on a 300 acre ranch near Castle Rock. Our oldest daughter, Geri, was tragically lost to breast cancer three years ago. We have five grandchildren in various stages of development and activity.

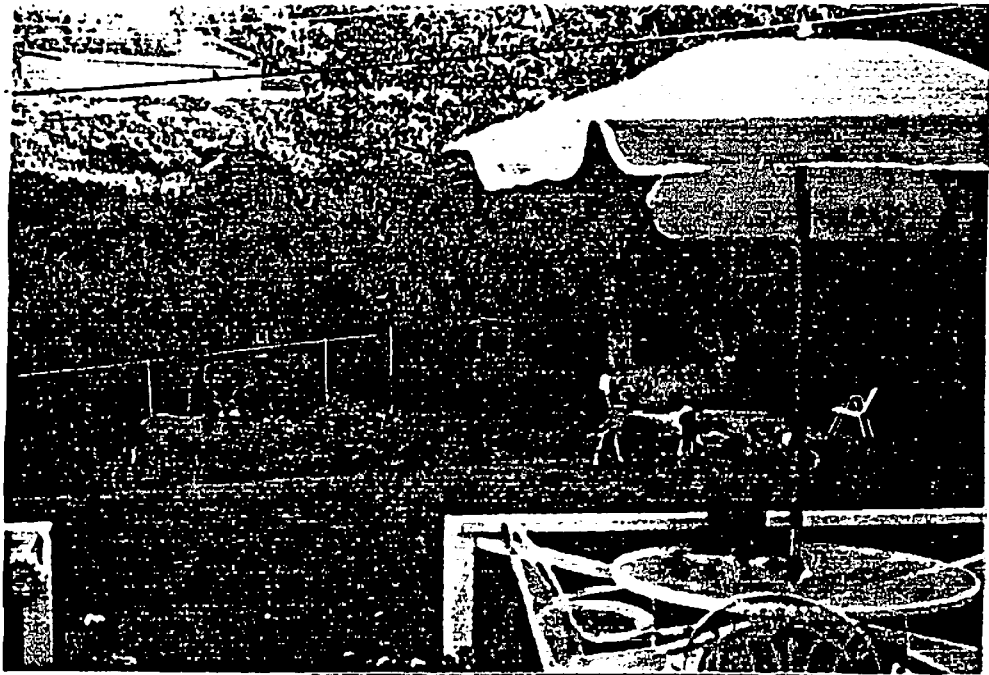
As if all of the above were not enough to make me feel my age, I was honored in November, 1989 in Wilmington, Delaware as the first neurosurgeon in the state of Delaware. I started there in 1949 and remained in practise there for 13 years. After several academic positions and a return to private practise in Casper in came full circle back to Wilmington after 40 years for this nostalgic event. Now there are about nine neurosurgeons and 12 or 13 neurologists in the state. Silvia and I enjoyed our return visit to the east but are now confirmed westerners and feel as though we have always lived in Wyoming.

Silvia and I have many mutual interests. Our most consuming interest is amateur archeology. (Translation: we find and collect Plains Indian artifacts.) By this time our collection is quite extensive. At some point it will probably be donated to our local museum at Fort Casper. The history of the Plains Indians is an all consuming interest. We are also active in our own small way in promoting the welfare of the Indians on The Wind River Reservation in Northwestern Wyoming. Aside from these interests on the local and state level we are hopeful that we will be able to manage another trip to Spain in the relatively near future. Over the years Spain has become our second country and we have visited there many times. Before Silvia and I were married she had worked and lived in Spain on a number of occasions.

There is much more I could write but this epistle is already far too long. Crop it as you see fit, Bill. I am hopeful that Silvia and I will be able to attend one of the meetings in the not too distant future and we will look forward to seeing all of our old friends at that time.

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ROUND ROBIN

Dear Bill,

Thank you for keeping the Round Robin alive. Altho we oldsters get depressed at times from the demise of friends, we remain interested in the way the present world revolves. While no startling news can come from the Hambys, at least things aren't too dull here.

Roy Selby has been kind enough to prod me into sharing his enthusiasm for the new AANS Museum. He has admitted my woodcarved tableau "Nutcracker Suite" that I made in 1945 as a centerpiece on the Banquet table when my old "Boss", Jim Gardner was inducted as President of the Soc. Neurosurgeons. He also had Don Dohn interview me for a VCR tape about the early days of American Neurosurgery. This seemed to go too heavily into the Cleveland Clinic, so he is planning another one. I will try to do better.

Our golf doesn't improve but we are still allowed on the course. We remain healthy and are becoming accustomed to Community Living. Our best regards to the gang.

Condiially,

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Dear Bill:

This letter is in response to your recent request for a contribution to the Round Robin of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery.

The past year has been a milestone in my own career. After serving for over 25 years as professor and executive of the Division of Neurosurgery at Stanford, I finally reached the age of 70 last June and resigned from my full-time faculty appointment at Stanford. I became Emeritus Professor of Neurosurgery at that time and moved into new offices adjacent to the Stanford University Medical Center. I gave up active surgery and have been conducting a consulting practice. I am busier than ever, see patients six days a week, and enjoy being able to work at my own pace and to be relieved of the administrative duties and responsibilities of running a neurosurgical program.


In July, Shirley and I enjoyed a wonderful tour of Scotland, accompanied by one of our daughters, her husband and our two teenage grandchildren. We also greatly enjoyed the Academy Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, last September and are looking forward to the coming Academy Meeting this fall in Florida.

The October earthquake was survived with no injury and no serious damage.

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of John Green, Frank Wren and Howard Brown.

We look forward to seeing many of our old friends at the Society Meeting in Ann Arbor this May and again at the Academy Meeting in Florida. Best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,


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RE: 1990 Round Robin Letter

Dear Bill:

Debbie and I are well settled in Minnesota now. All the talk we had heard about the cold winters here proved to be gross exaggeration. The winter was actually quite balmy except for a few days in December and we had so little snow that they had to import it for the snow sculptures of the St. Paul Winter Carnival (I heard they actually had to import it from north Florida which seems to have gotten more snow this year than we did).

Debbie is quite happy with her job at Park Nicollet Clinic which is a multi-specialty group practice of 300 physicians! They call themselves "the other great clinic in Minnesota" (I am not sure which the other clinic is). She is in a group of four neurologists and has been delighted with the quality and enthusiasm of her colleagues. They have an extraordinarily busy practice and we get more referrals from them in a week than we get from our own University Neurology Service in several months--it is a very "academic" service at the University!

My next big family project is to convince my son Rob to go to College either at Carleton or at St. Olaf. Both are excellent colleges located about 15 miles from our home and they both have a very good pre-med program which seems to be what Rob is interested in--no pressure at all from me in this respect.

I could not be happier with my decision to come to Minnesota! Of course, I knew that the Department was in very good shape and that my colleagues were first-class and that is why I took the job. However, I did not know how very good they really were. My challenge has been to keep up with them and to live up to their standards. They have been extremely supportive and have made things very easy for me. Shelley is still quite active and helping us and the University in innumerable ways. Lyle still checks in every now and then to see how he can help to keep me out of trouble. Ed Seljeskog, Bob Maxwell, Don Erickson, Gaylan Rockswold, Steven Haines and Tom Bergman complete the full-time clinical faculty.

We have recruited Chris Cox, our current chief resident, to cover the VA Hospital on a full-time basis. Walter Hall, this year's Van Wagenen winner, will join us

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in January to develop a neuro-oncology program. Walter Low, a very productive senior neuroscientist from Indiana, will join us to reinforce our experimental neurophysiology and transplantation programs. This completes our recruiting efforts for now.

Life in Minnesota is wonderful and the people are lovely. All in all, we could not be happier.

We look forward to seeing you and our fellow academicians in the fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberto".

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June 6, 1990

Dear Bill:

It is that time again and, as usual, I am looking forward to reading the 1990 Round Robin. All's well with the Hoff family. We've had a busy and exciting year.

The highlight of the year for us was hosting the Senior Society in Ann Arbor in May. It was a lot of fun sharing Ann Arbor with all of you. We had such a nice time.

In August 1989, the Hoff Clan had a great family reunion in McCall, Idaho. Fishing, white water rafting, and just enjoying the beauty of the great northwest was a thrill for all of us.

The children are all growing up and going every which way. Paul will commence his second year in medical school at the U of M in September. Allison is employed by the University of Colorado at the Crowe Canyon Archeological Site. Julie will enter her junior year at the University of Wisconsin in Biology and Environmental Studies. She is enjoying the summer at home with family and friends. Buzz and I are looking forward to the Brain Edema meeting in Switzerland (Bern) June 20-23 and then are off on a European vacation.

We look forward to seeing you all on Amelia Island in the fall. Have a relaxing summer. See you soon.

Fondly,



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Dear Bill:

I was really sorry to have to poop out of the Tucson meeting last year for a weak excuse such as recurrent allergic pneumonitis. I am told finally they finally consider the diagnosis of "Farmers Lung" which for a city kid that is intolerable.

Nevertheless, after a full recovery I did make it to the Ninth International Congress of the World Federation in New Delhi. I had not been there for ten years and was very impressed with the improvements I saw all around me. Particularly impressive was the up swing in the Indian economy. It never fails to impress me how a country with so many diverse peoples and languages can still be the worlds largest democracy. Professors Tandon, Banerji and Bhatia are to be congratulated for an extremely well organized and run meeting. The only grouching I heard was from my Japanese colleagues who found India not at all comparable to Japan in terms of amenities, but theirs is a rather high standard to match.

In March of this year the Neurological Institute moved its in-patient facilities and operating rooms to the new Milstein Pavilion of the Presbyterian Hospital. Although we have lost something in having an Institute in name only [we do still have our offices in the Neurological Institute Building] there are many advantages to this upgrade. It is one of the most modern and beautiful facilities I have seen with wonderful views of the city and the river. It has also made interaction with other surgical services much simpler.

I just returned from a two week trip to Moscow and Yerevan. I was pleased to visit first the Burdenko and Sasha Konovalov's hospitality was greatly appreciated. The purpose of my visit was to attend an International Congress on Disaster Medicine which was interesting but lead to no firm conclusions. The second purpose was to re-visit Yerevan the capital of Armenia to follow-up on the results of our efforts to provide medical relief in the form of equipment, drugs and now educational fellowship programs for post-graduate medicine for young health professionals. The first four of the proposed fifty have been at Columbia University. Others may be placed in different universities around the country for a three month period of exposure to western

medicine. The situation in the Soviet Union is rather grim in that there is great dissatisfaction with the central government in all of the Republics. The problem in Armenia is complicated by severe depression amongst the population because of the loss of life at the time of the earthquake, the persisting fighting and blockade by the neighboring Azaris and complete disillusionment with the communist system which is shared by all the republics.

Despite these unstable signs there should be great opportunity for progress.

Marion and I look forward to seeing our friends in the near future.

With warm regards.

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Dear Bill:

Susan and I were very disappointed to miss the last Academy meeting and hope to see our friends this year.

Jean has almost completed the second year of a two-year family practice internship. The standard internship is of one year's duration, and this family practice plan requires an examination at the end of the two-year program. Jean and her husband are planning to spend 1991 in New Zealand. Within the next few years all medical students will have to take a two-year internship in Ontario as part of their pre-licensure education. This will mean that we will have a few extra bodies around the hospital to help our overworked residents.

Katherine has just completed her MBA and will be married this summer in a synagogue. She has completed her conversion classes, in the process of which mother and father have become experts on the Old Testament! She starts as a product manager at Procter & Gamble, and her husband commences his legal articles.

Erin graduates this spring with a double major honours degree, and will then be a cook in a lumber camp in the far North so that she can accumulate some cash. Thereafter she will go to Uganda to work for a few months and continue around the world before settling back in Canada.

Roy has completed his third year of electrical engineering at Queen's University and will be working in Ottawa during the summer for an electronics research laboratory. He is interested in micro as opposed to macro electricity, and I imagine will end up in the computer industry.

Susan is back teaching in a school for single pregnant mums. A daycare centre is attached to the live-in home so that post-natal students can continue their education. Susan therefore has to combine teaching with social counselling, parenting, and grandmothering. Quite a handful! The submarine business continues to grow and I think there are now 8 units functioning in various parts of the world, with the most recent being the second submarine in Hawaii, and the next projected in Arruba.

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My job has become a lot more interesting, after a year of unmitigated pressure. By the end of the year all the major moves will have been completed. A 95-bed neurosurgical unit will be part of a major neuroscience thrust at The Toronto Western Division of the hospital and, as of July, no neurosurgery will be done at The Toronto General Division, the seat of Canada's original neurosurgical unit. The break in this chain of tradition caused some raised eyebrows, but the new unit, under the command of Charles Tator, has a tremendous future. I have brought all of cardiac surgery to The Toronto General Division, and we will be doing 2100 pumps per year in that unit. The site consolidation of major services allows for the development of new programs, and everyone is starting to settle down after a couple of years of intense unrest.

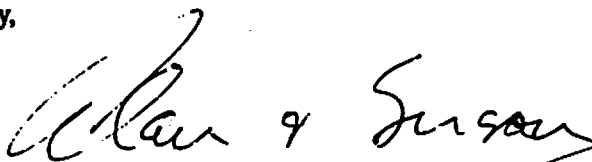
We have been watching the rapid political change in South Africa with great interest. My mother, now 80, has fought against apartheid and against the government all her life. The political change, therefore, is an emotional moment for her, although she would much prefer to have seen the current South African government stripped and publicly flogged. Instead, the current government merely took over all the policies of the opposition and did a 180° change of direction! This beautiful country now enters a period of great difficulties, possibly difficulties greater than those experienced under the regime of apartheid.

In Canada, the focus of attention is on a document called the "Meech Lake Accord". The spectre of secession by Quebec is once again raised, causing unease amongst the Anglophone neurosurgical population, because of their many close personal friendships with colleagues in *la belle province*.

I look forward to reading the Round Robin, and hope that these brief notes are of interest to our friends in the Academy.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,



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June 13, 1990

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Round Robin Letter
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Dear Bill:

The years roll fast! Carole and I have been married since September of 1988. We thought it would probably be a good thing. It turns out to be much better than that. She has rearranged her commitments so as to have more free time, and we get a certain amount of time in Maine that we wouldn't otherwise have. I am still faculty, but haven't assumed any patient care since New Year's day 1988 when the heart team at New York Hospital finished up at about 5:00 a.m.. The administrative load in clarifying an operation that began in one year and ended in another has been remarkable!. Either maturity or time on the pump has removed any excess of ambition I may have but I still have enough to enjoy things immensely.

Will and Jan are in Austin. He is an Assistant Attorney General of the great state of Texas, in consumer protection. David is happy as an Assistant Professor at Downstate with Abbott Krieger. He and Carol Santangelo have two lovely little girls. Carol works in legal aid in lower Manhattan, so that the two of them go in opposite directions from Hoboken every morning. They seem to like the big city environment. Virginia and Stephen DaCosta are a permanent item. Steve is a Viet Nam veteran, a helicopter pilot, and some relative of John C. DaCosta the great Philadelphia surgeon.

As for me, unlike most people my age, I seem to be getting better. I am sure this will not last indefinitely, but I am certainly enjoying it while it happens. We both look forward to the next meeting of the Academy.

Sincerely,

William E. Hunt, M.D.

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May 10, 1990

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Dear Bill and Fellow Academy Members:

This past year has been very busy. I was appointed to the Composite Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Georgia by Governor Joe Frank Harris in August 1988. This requires a considerable amount of time spent at the State Capitol in Atlanta. We have 11,000 doctors in active practice in Georgia and another 7,000 outside of the state. We also regulate Physician's Assistants, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Respiratory Technicians. Last year I spent 23 days down at the State Capitol for Medical Board Activities.

I was recently elected President-Elect of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and am continuing to serve as Secretary and Editor of the Bulletin. Also, I serve as Governor-At-Large from Georgia to the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors and last October at the Meeting in Atlanta I was elected to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and I am the only neurosurgeon on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors.

In April, I was re-elected as Alternate Delegate to the AMA from Georgia. I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Medical Association of Georgia, Physicians Insurance Company.

In October 1988, I was appointed as Clinical Associate Professor of Neurosurgery at Emory University School of Medicine.

Ann continues to be very busy with her tennis, hospital volunteer work, and computer work. She maintains the computerized role of 1300 members of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. She continues putting all of our personal financial records and tental property records on our IBM PC Computer. I have connected to the National AMA Net with our modum and also to the National Library of Medicine for access to the Library's medical literature.

Jane Ann and her husband Malcolm Mackenzie continues to be busy in Savannah, where Malcolm works hard as a trial attorney. He has been elected as Secretary of the Savannah Bar Association. Thus far, he has stayed out of the malpractice business. Jane has been doing archeological diggings of old Indian graves and other constructions sites in Savannah, under the auspices of Columbia University of New York. She also does part-time computer work in medical offices. Their son, Lyle Keener Mackenzie, is five years old now and turning into an all American boy.

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Barr Keener and his wife Jessica have bought a 1925 boom house in Coral Gables, Florida. They are working hard fixing it up. Barr works as a corporate attorney for Southern Bell, primarily in regulatory work. He travels from Miami to Tallahassee and also to Atlanta several times a month. Jessica has her novel in the process of being published. She is also writing short stories. Barr is on the Board of Directors of the South Florida Museum and also on the Alliance Theater in Coral Gables.

John Keener is managing a new restaurant at 102 North Market, in Charleston, South Carolina. It recently re-opened after extensive damages from the hurricane, Hugo. Drop in to see him if you are visiting in Charleston.

Jere Keener has been in Germany for 2½ years now. he is in Manheim and sells primarily Japanese cars to U.S. servicemen.

Bill Keener and his wife Miriam are living in Atlanta now with two children, Ann Tindell Keener, age 4, and Kelsey Douglas Keener, Age 2. Bill has been working at part-time jobs. Hopefully, with his Masters Degree from Yale in Ethics and his BA from the University of the South at Suwanee, he will find what he is looking for.

Jim Keener, the youngest, is living in Louisville, Kentucky and is doing well as a sales representative for the US Amada Company, selling computerized machinery for sheet metal work. He has recently won the award for the number one salesman in the Southeast and one of the top salesmen in America.

Out closest friends are in the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons. We are looking forward to the Fifty-second Meeting at Amelia Island this Fall.

With best regards to you all,



Ellis B. Keener, M.D.

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Dear Academicians:

1989 and 1990 merge into one another like a blur! After seven years at the University of New Mexico with a Level I Trauma Center and no neurosurgical house staff - and with no prospects of getting a residency program - we decided that enough was enough! There was simply not enough time to do the things that interested us. Fortunate enough to land a Johnson & Johnson Focused Funding Award (\$200,000 for a three year period) that is totally unrestricted, like a McArthur Award, we opted for a position with more time for research at an institution with a viable neurosurgical training program, congenial colleagues, and all the key supporting elements. Loma Linda University has provided an ideal platform for our agenda as well as helping us past the real estate barrier, a major fact of life in Southern California. The agenda is straightforward: development of our clip for vascular anastomosis, further studies on amino acid percarboxylations and atherosclerosis, and an attempt to improve Navajo Pediatric Health Care. Two colleagues have joined me in these endeavors, Drs. Yong Hua Zhu and John VanBuskirk. Dr. Zhu is a graduate of Shanghai First Medical College and a truly outstanding vascular surgeon. In January 1990, both he and I were invited to the Canniesburn Hospital in Glasgow to demonstrate the clip to the British Microsurgical Society. We did the vascular anastomosis for a breast reconstruction with our device in competition with the 3-M Unilink device. Our device worked and the Unilink failed - over closed circuit TV! As a result of this competition, 3-M just paid us a visit. In the meantime, the clip is being utilized for venous hypertension of the lower extremities. This work is being done in Professor Browse's unit at St. Thomas's Hospital in London. We have made two trips to England within the past year and have learned a great deal about venous insufficiency.

Marie-Claire is adapting well to Southern California. We live in a lovely town called Redlands that used to be the navel orange capitol of the world. The town is delightful, our home is quite nice but the air gets thick in July and August. One other advantage of Southern California is proximity to friends, relatives and children. Our son Jonathan is in graduate school in San Diego; Claudia graduates from Medical School next year and is looking at neuroradiology residencies in our region. Claudia won the Oldendorf Award (American Society of Neuroimaging) while a medical student! She did the first MRI studies of Wallerian Degeneration on an 8.3 Tesla machine at Los Alamos. She has a great future ahead of her in neuroradiology. Our daughter-in-law Trinh has her Vietnamese clan here in southern California. She plans to go to medical school in southern California, and our three year old grandson David wants another trip to Disneyland. Our oldest son Stan manufactures chromatography equipment, Danny remains in Denver running computers for the Department of Health and remains a Bronco fan despite their disappointing superbowl appearances.

We all love our life here in Southern California and that includes the two cats and the dog brought from New Mexico.

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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

The Last news from the Kristiansens (1988) was edited by Brit, - now it's my turn. We are grateful for your efforts to keep us up to date on the vigor and performance of our old friends and on the eminence of the new elite in the Academy. The weekly staff conferences at Ullevål Hospital and other professional meetings provide the necessary contact with medicine in general and neurology/neurosurgery in particular. Last fall Brit and I attended the 9th International Congress of Neurosurgery in New Delhi, and enjoyed this opportunity of postgraduate education and social reunion with friends from all parts of the world. Our Indian hosts had done an admirable job preparing this large convocation.

In September 1988 we had a grand experience studying the Etruscans in Italy under the expert guidance of Annalidia and Gian-Franco Rossi. In a few weeks we will again be in Rome to expand our knowledge of pre-Roman culture. Archeology and medical history are favored subjects during retirement age. The Scandinavian Medical-Historical Congress in Bergen, Norway, last year had infectious diseases as the central theme with particular emphasis on Armauer Hansen and his discovery of the lepra bacillus in Bergen in 1873. The leprosy museum in this city is a unique institution also with regard to the many neurological manifestations of the disease.

Brit joins me in sending kind greetings to our many Academy friends.

Yours sincerely
Kristian Kristiansen
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Dear Academician:

The past year has been an eventful one for my family and myself. Our eldest daughter Lena, 32, moved in March from Luxemburgh to New York City, where she works as a legal counsellor in a big bank. She had been trained in Helsinki and Paris in international commercial Law, after which she spent two years in Brussels and Luxemburgh where she got training in the European Common Market Law. Now she has a 3 years appointment in New York, after which she wants to return to Scandinavia. There is a strong activity in Sweden and Finland for joining the European Common Market, and Lena's training seems to be optimal for getting a good job. In addition to the Scandinavian languages she is fluent in English, French, German and Russian. She is an ancient chess champion of Finland. She flies a Piper Cherokee and trains steeple chase in the Central Park.

Our son Jens, 31, works for his Ph.D. degree in molecular biology in Helsinki. After having spent two years at the Nobel Institute for Molecular Biology in Stockholm he moved last summer to his home university in Finland. He recently visited the Rockefeller University in New York, where he was promised a research job. We are proud of his achievements.

Our youngest daughter Susanna, 20, began last autumn her Law studies at the University of Stockholm. Then she met a young French boy. That is why she now has enrolled at the Sorbonne University in Paris, where she after one year of allround studies of French culture and language intends to take a Law degree.

Kerstin, my wife, works as managing director for my clinical practice. She has a Ph.D. in Swedish literature, and therefore she also has some academic duties. In February she will be an invited lecturer at the University of Mons in Belgium, where she is going to speak of Stig Dagerman, an existentialist Swedish writer who died in 1954, only 32 years old.

I have private practice at the old Sophiahemmet Hospital in Stockholm. My recent interest is directed to Parkinson's disease and the ventral posterior pallidum, where Lars Leksell placed stereotactic lesions in 1956-57. When his 20 patients were examined 3.5 years later by three neurologists, 19 of them showed a good reduction of all symptoms, i.e., tremor, rigor and bradykinesia. Since 1985 I have operated on 40 Parkinsonian patients in the same target. 25 of them have been followed-up for more than one year. I was able to confirm the findings of Leksell: 22 of the patients, i.e. 88 %, were more or less completely relieved from all the symptoms, not only from the rigor, but also, and often to a still higher degree from the bradykinesia, tremor and the L-dopa induced hyperkinesias. The motor improvement is often so remarkable that the patients feel they are completely cured. All this makes the common theories of pathophysiology of Parkinsonian tremor, rigor and bradykinesia incorrect. I shall show my preliminary results at the Movement Disorder Meeting of April, 1990, in Washington D.C. I am also preparing an article on the topic.

The past year I travelled a lot to demonstrate my stereotactic system, which has been received with positive interest. Many of you may only know the Leksell Stereotactic System from Scandinavia. However, the Laitinen System has until now conquered five of the total seven stereotactic units of Sweden, and all five units in Finland. I am proud, of course, of this success, particularly when the Leksell System is generally known to be good. At present, I am working on a trigeminus module to my noninvasive CT-Stereoadapter, which makes possible to define the stereotactic coordinates of the foramen ovale and foramen jugulare for the rest of life. The foramina can be reached any time later on with a high accuracy, without need for X-ray or fluoroscopy.

Because of the stereotactic world congress in Maebashi, Japan, in October 1989 I was not able to attend the Academy meeting in Tucson, Arizona. The Maebashi meeting was very successful. When Ron Tasker retired as President of the World Society after his four years of leadership, he could notice an enormous development of the field; almost all neurosurgical units today use stereotactic technique for brain tumor biopsy. The Maebashi meeting also showed that stereotactic irradiation of brain tumors and arteriovenous malformations with Linac is becoming more and more common. It is likely that that the photon beams of Linac will in a near future replace the extremely expensive gamma irradiation. Still the stereotactic accuracy is an important problem to be solved, but we are on the right way.

Looking forward to seeing you at Amelia Island Plantation, Florida, in October.

Yours sincerely,

Lauri V. Laitinen
Lauri V. Laitinen, M.D.

Legend: Fig. 1. Board Meeting of the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, Maebashi, Oct. 4, 1989. From left to right: Jan Gybels, Louvain; Phil Gildenberg, Houston; Ron Tasker, Toronto; Chihiro Ohye (New President), Maebashi; Pat Franklin, Houston; Gian Franco Rossi, Rome



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April 23, 1990

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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

I am providing a follow-up pertaining to the activities in our household that were mentioned in my submission to the Round Robin two (2) issues ago.

I remain over-burdened in a solo private practice, which is being phased out over the next five (5) years. As the vicissitudes of medical practice seemingly worsen, and the rewards contract, this planned phasing out process seems at times to be progressing quite slowly.

The enjoyments of organized neurosurgery, on the other hand, have been most rewarding to Carmen and myself these past two (2) years. The Cincinnati meeting remains unforgettable, and was followed by an equally enjoyable meeting in Tucson. The social, as well as the scientific programs, arranged by the Sundt's, was especially suited for Carmen and myself, and for my resident guest, and his wife, who accompanied us. Organized neurosurgery followed this wonderful experience in Tucson with the Ninth International Congress in India, which provided an opportunity for us to visit with neurosurgical associates in Nepal, and after two (2) weeks there, I came home, infatuated with this area. I had been prepared for the excitement of visiting this historical fantasy land by Griffith Harsh, who seemingly makes yearly treks to this area. Happily, neither Carmen nor myself became ill or came home with any problems, which I attributed to repeated exposures to travel in Mexico, which Carmen does not accept, nor appreciate, as an explanation of our apparent stamina.

Outside of neurosurgery, my project with the show Russian wolf hounds (Borzoi) has been rewarding. Both of my candidates have progressed on to championships, the male being syndicated for stud purposes, and the female is to be leased for periodic campaigning to enhance her value, and for the production of show quality puppies.

My thoroughbred breeding and racing adventures have provided numerous thrills, some lasting joy, but is not supporting itself, and is to be phased out in the next three (3) years, unless, like the Borzoi, some champions appear on the scene.

April 23, 1990

William A. Buchheit, M.D.

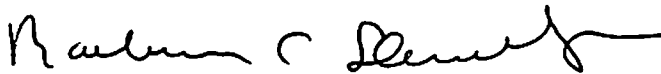
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Carmen keeps busy with her Latin and South American gallery activities. She travels to most of the shows, and to all of the auctions. This involvement has identified itself as being a life-long committment, with more than enough intellectual, emotional, and financial stimulation to keep her happy and quite busy.

Finally, our twelve-year-old daughter, Eliza Lee, gave up the piano and ballet for cross country running. She has adjusted to this quite severe cultural change quite well. She is competitive in her running, and is doing quite well in school.

Carmen and I look forward to the Fall meeting, and to the receipt of the next volume of the Round Robin.

Sincerely,



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April 9, 1990

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Dear Bill:

The Division of Neurosurgery at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington DC is seeking applications for a position of Assistant Professor.

Qualifications must include completion of training in an ACGME - Accredited Neurosurgical Program, passing of the primary examination of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, one year of investigative work in the Basic or Clinical Neurosciences and an interest and experience in pediatric Neurosurgery.

The Georgetown University Medical Center is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and there is interest in identifying qualified minority and women applicants.

I appreciate your assistance in advised qualified candidates.

Most sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

This is my annual submission for the Round Robin which I continue to enjoy and with which I think you are doing a great job.

Bobbie and I continue to do as well as people do in our age group. The remainder of the family and the grandchildren all progress satisfactorily at this point.

Two outstanding occasions happened in the past year which I must report. First was the meeting of the Rogue River Neurosurgical Society, the first in twenty five years. It was attended by John and Lorraine Raaf, Russel and Julie Patterson, Francis Murphey, Bill Buchheit, Bill Hunt, Cone Pevehouse and yours truly. It was a particularly marvelous gathering with great story telling, great fisherman, wonderful food. The famous Crooked Riffle Lodge has not lost its mystique and I think we were all somewhat overwhelmed by it. After leaving there I managed, with some difficulty, to get some Rogue River Buckles made which are comparable and perhaps even better than the originals and which will be awarded to each new member as he attends a meeting of the Rogue River Neurosurgical. Another meeting is being held this year in connection with the San Francisco meeting of the American College of Surgeons. The meeting was exceptional as it was run in perfect fashion for the fisherman and the great meals, splendid fizzes, great cocktails, and a marvelous selection of wines, thanks to Cone Pevehouse.

The second memorable occurrence this year of a non-academic character was the celebration of my 77th birthday. This took place at the famous Ruby Marshes in Eastern Nevada, one of my favorite bass fishing spots. In attendance were Phanor Perot; my favorite urologist Joe Reinkemeyer; one of my great duck shooting buddies, Kenny Onstadt and yours truly. While we did not encounter the greatest of weather, the bass fishing was good and in particular the wine selection was outstanding as might be expected with Phanor in attendance. The last night in camp was particularly remarkable by celebration of my birthday at which time toasts were commenced with Tattinger's champagne, followed by marvelous dinner which was washed down with bottles of '49 LaFitte Rothschild, '53 Chateau de La Tour Grande Cru and '78 Mouton Rothschild. As you can see we were well fed and well oiled by the time the banquet was completed. On the morning of departure we signalled a suitable departure for this great occasion by having for breakfast what is known out here as cowboy quiche, which I think might be called a fritatta by Italians, this accompanied by a suitable wine namely Tattinger's champagne.

June 19, 1990

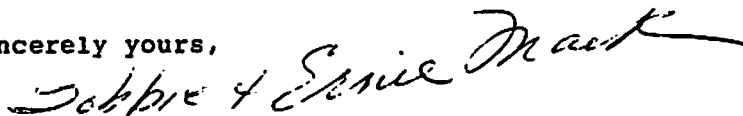
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William A. Euchheit, M.D.

As far as academic affairs went this year, I thought the get together of members of the Board in Boston was great and I enjoyed it tremendously. Seeing old friends who had been on the Board in past years was especially enjoyed. I think as a result of that gathering that I would feel very comfortable about the future of the Board.

Hoping this finds you well and looking forward to the Academy meeting in Florida this year we are,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobbie & Ernie Mack". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed names.

Bobbie and Ernie Mack



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Dear Bill,

Another year goes by. On looking back over the years that have gone I find that subjects which I once explored as areas of possible neurosurgical interest are now in mainstream in very competent hands (molding of the skull - 1960, base of the skull tumors - 1966, anterior approach to the spine - 1966, metal in the spine - 1966). Our percutaneous modification of Tarnhoj's procedure now has a twelve year follow up and I believe its simplicity for both the surgeon and the patient will, in time, and until such time as a better drug comes along, gain a more widespread utilization. My main interest remains in the vascular problems, particularly in the intra vascular approach which I have pursued in one form or another for about thirty years (slow progress). I note that at least one center is getting set up to explore the DC electric thrombosis of aneurysms by the trans femoral approach. I will follow it closely -though it might be easier to apply to AVMs. We believe we now understand the dural AVM pathology. Something happens in the sinus (a thrombosis). The vessel wall produces a vasogenic hormone which causes profuse blood vessels to grow out from the venous end or come in from the arterial side. When one occludes the sinus all of the vessels vanish without a trace. We now know that the abnormal vessels of the AVM can also vanish without a trace once the venous side is occluded. Bernard Pertuiset has also shown this or something similar to it. We wonder if we should not consider the venous sac wall to be the nidus and all of the tangled vessels simply the feeders--since we cannot histologically differentiate them

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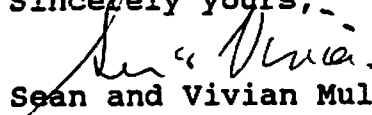
into separate arterial and venous components. If this were true our approach to AVMs might change. Arterial and venous occlusion in situ would suffice. Lots of careful work to be done on this one. -- too much for someone contemplating retirement or at least stepping down from the chairmanship.

More than two years ago I thought I should prepare for a smooth transition by volunteering to step down as chairman just as soon as the administration could find a successor, adding that an outside search and departmental status were absolutely necessary. Whereupon everything unmentionable hit the fan -- self interest, space avarice, territorial acquisition, power struggle, with a measure of mendacity and character assassination thrown in. It was unbelievable. A search committee was appointed and dissolved or self destructed. A new one has not yet formed and will not be formed until the existing Department of Surgery has been scrutinized, with ENT and Orthopedics also seeking exit. It may be that that I will yet rival Joe Ransohoff in tenure but I doubt it! I wonder why I was surprised? I had known these characters all along, from those old schoolboy friends Cassius and Brutus on down to J.R.. and his modern dynasty, or to quote an even earlier source "There is nothing new under the sun".

On the home front our daughter and youngest son will hopefully graduate from Medical school in '91, while our older boy will continue to absorb the imprint Shelly Chou and Robert Herros will impart to him in Minneapolis. On quiet weekends we watch our trees grow. Their pace is most relaxing.

We look forward to seeing you in Amelia Island.

Sincerely yours,


Sean and Vivian Mullan

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April 12, 1990

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Dear Bill:

1989 was a rather eventful year in that I experienced by first surgical operation with removal of cartilage from the knee. I don't know why I put up with it so many years. It was done through the scope watching on the video screen and I was amazed how well they could get around inside the joint. I believe that knee is better than the old one now. It was an interesting experience to be a patient and we probably all need this experience probably early on in our careers.

I am confining my activities mostly to pain surgery and we are getting close to the 600th DREZ operation. We have been working on our contribution to the Neurosurgical Atlas of the AANS. Included are some very beautiful hand drawings of the operative exposures done by one of our artists here at Duke.

The spinal cord cyst project has been going slowly, unfortunately. We are able to produce cysts in the spinal cord in the experimental situation mainly by injecting small amounts of blood in the center of the cord, but we still do not have any idea about how the mechanisms of the cysts progress and produce the fluid

Intraoperative monitoring has always been of special interest and we have looked very hard at the somatosensory evoked potentials recorded directly on the spinal cord. Now we are monitoring the motor evoked potentials in a special way intraoperatively by activating the pyramidal tract by directly stimulating the dorsolateral aspect of the cord and recording from the lower extremity. This type of monitoring may be more predictive of motor deficits than somatosensory monitoring.

There are no new grandchildren to report this year. All the family seems to be doing well. Jim Nashold will be leaving Brown and coming to Duke for his residency in Neurosurgery.

This year I got my competition license for Formula 4 racing at Limerock. It was quite interesting to have the experience of driving an open race car although I don't plan to keep this up in the future, at least that's what Irene tells me. We had a wonderful trip to Monterey, California for the annual Aston Martin Owner's Club Meeting. Over two hundred Aston Martins from all over the world were brought there and all of the original race drivers, including Sterling Moss, and the originator of the automobile, David Brown, who is in his nineties and very active. That was a marvelous week of tooling around in automobiles.

Sincerely,

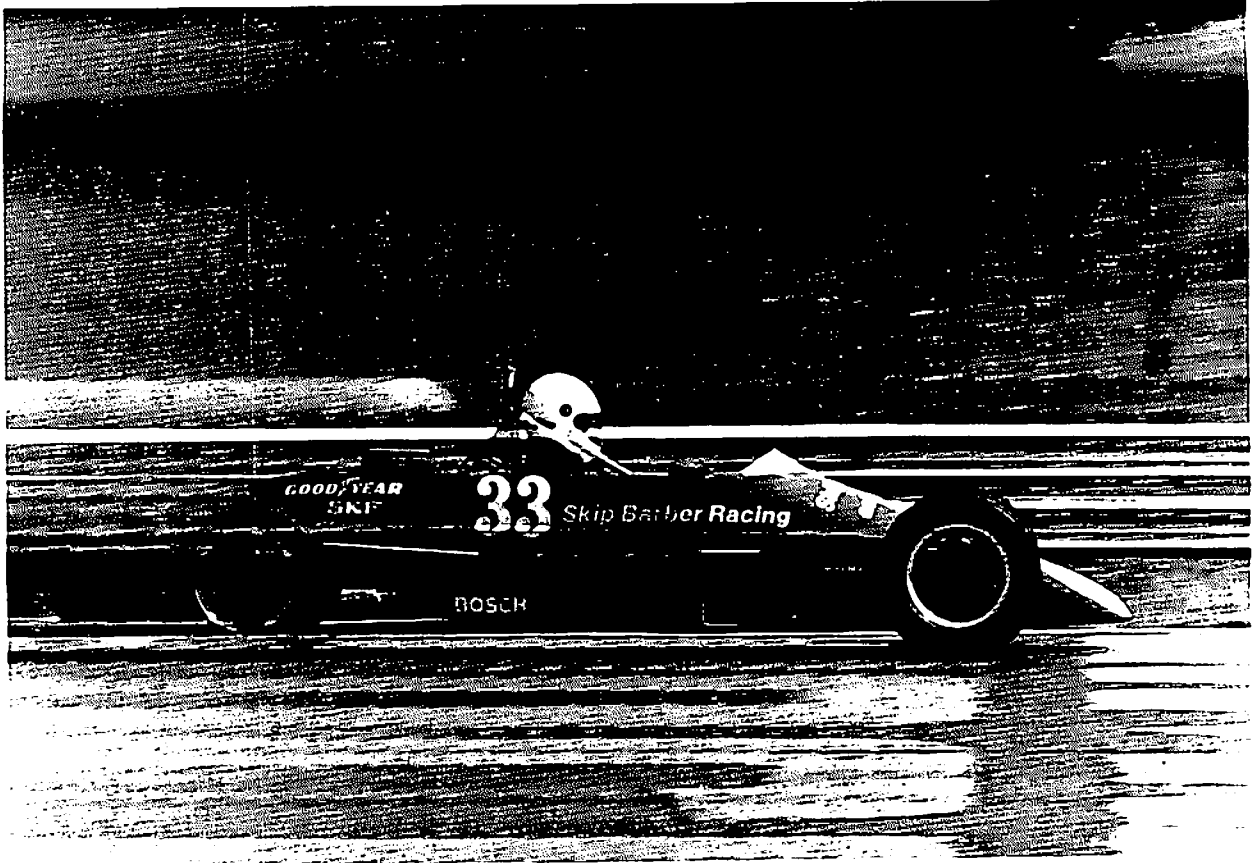


Blaine S. Nashold, Jr., M. D.

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Limerock 1989



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Dear Bill:

I was shocked to hear of death of Frank Wrenn and his wife and was saddened by the passing of John Green. It seems that each year brings a reminder of the finite quality of life and a deeper appreciation for those friends who remain behind as linch pins for advice and camaraderie.

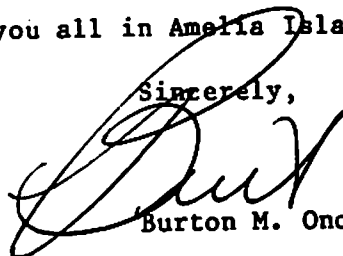
As for Judy, myself, and our children, this has been an exceptional year for rebirth. We became grandparents in September with Scott and his wife becoming parents of a little boy named Joseph Riley which sounds more Irish than Italian heritage.

My son Greg is working for General Electric in New York City and Jennifer is in the Graduate School of Art in Davis, California, having gotten an achievement grant for her second year of graduate education. Judy has now gotten a Chicago gallery handling her sculpture and will be having a show in the next two years. She also has a gallery on Madison Avenue in New York who will be handling her jewelry. She has several pieces of her jewelry in a museum collection in Holland at the present time in a multi-national show and, among her other achievements, she is part of a two-person exhibition of sculpture in Minneapolis at the present time. A diet and gallbladder surgery this year didn't slow her down and she, in her sleekness, looks more like Twiggy which has only added fuel to her enthusiasm and boundless energy.

I became a licensed and bonded auctioneer this year with the Rochester Art Center Auction of which I am one of two auctioneers achieving \$45,500 toward the running of the Art Center. I will also be an auctioneer in an art auction in Minneapolis later this year. Rochester remains a professionally active site and my duties as a member of the Board of the Minnesota Medical Association and President of the Zumbro Valley Medical Society have added spice to the local professional scene.

I look forward to seeing you all in Amelia Island later this year.

Sincerely,



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June 25, 1990

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Dear Bill:

First of all, Julie and I want to congratulate you on breathing new life into the Round Robin. It always is a great treat to receive, and the way you have been able to get people to contribute is marvelous.

Life in the New York Hospital continues to center around our enormous budget deficit. The hospitals in New York were in negative balance by \$750,000,000., last year, and New York Hospital was a big contributor. A study of the numbers suggests that Neurosurgery is the most profitable area in the hospital, and so we are seeing some sunshine from the administration, who wants to foster growth. This is reflecting in more operating room time.

One of the more interesting problems is that almost all of the back surgery is same day admission. The carriers won't pay for a pre-operative day. This means that they arrive in the operating room with somewhat sketchy workup from the attending neurosurgeon, and have not been seen by the resident. Somehow, we have to remedy this, otherwise a good part of the learning experience is diluted.

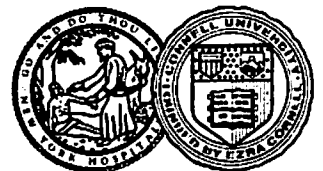
Julie is still pleased with her eyrie high over 57th Street. We get an occasional word from our son, Xander, in Nicaragua. Hugh finished a Masters Program in Computer Science and is starting a Ph.D Program at Carnegie-Mellon. At present, he is working for IBM out in San Jose. Ritchie should get her Ph.D by the time this is published. She has a research appointment at Cornell in Ithaca after that.

We are looking forward to the meeting in the Fall with great anticipation.

Sincerely yours,

Russel

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April 13th, 1990.

William A. Buchheit, M.D.,
Editor, the Round Robin.

Dear Bill,

Despite my advanced --- or should I more appropriately say --- my retarded age, I have done a remarkably youthful deed; to wit, I have had, in October, a granddaughter. Her Dad, Eugene Pool, is Dean of Students at Brown & Nichols School in Cambridge, Mass. Our two other sons thrive in their respective fields --- computers and book writing, while Angeline keeps busy on her school, college, and music committees.

Quant á moi, I am trying to write still another book, this one on maritime actions during the War of Independence --- which has turned out to be a theme of considerable interest. It is inspired by a bunch of old family letters written during the Revolution by a g-g-aunt. Her young husband, my g-g-uncle Tom Pool, sailed on privateers out of New London. They were the bulwark of our coastal defense before we had a Navy.

Otherwise I plug along, with pacemaker, playing at bridge, drawing, and losing out in the quest of trying to learn how to play the piano. Can't fish anymore because of clanking wobbly knees. Prostate surgery waiting in the wings. Otherwise in tip-top shape!

Looking forward to the 50th for the Board of N.S. in Boston, with my best regards and fond memories to all---

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May 29, 1990

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Dear Bill:

Yes! Hunter and I (allegedly retired) are still active after 48 memorable years. We look forward to celebrating our Golden Anniversary in 1992. After our Navy experience in Bethesda I joined Hunter in Pasadena in 1946, a most fortunate choice.

Pasadena is an affluent, scientifically oriented community of concerned people. Their generosity enabled us to establish the Huntington Institute of Applied Medical Research which thrived and became the Huntington Medical Research Institutes (HMRI) which is actively engaged in programs in experimental neurology, cardiology, cell biology and experimental and clinical immunotherapy. More recent, due to Hunter's efforts, we have the C. Hunter Shelden Magnetic Resonance Laboratory (see photograph).

Hunter's current research interests are focused on stroke problems, particularly the revival of idling neurons in the ischemic zone and the role of the astrocyte. He and his staff have developed a good stroke model in weanling pigs. I am assisting Hunter in a rather limited way because of other commitments. We have our offices in the MRI-MRS buildings.

Rita and I sold our ranch in Paso Robles and are ensconced in a town house in South Pasadena. I spend about half of my time as Medical Director of P-S Medical in Goleta. We have a cottage in a canyon two miles back from the ocean on the Dos Pueblos ranch where our neighbors are many species of birds as well as bears, mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes, foxes and some smaller mammals. It is not unusual to find a rattlesnake in the back yard.

Rita is active as a volunteer at the Page Museum and the L. A. Opera League. She recently received an award for outstanding achievement at the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History for her osteological activities in assembling the skeletons of dire wolves and antique bisons recovered from the La Brea tar pits.

We enjoy reading about the activities of our Academy friends in the Neurosurgeon and treasure our collection. Last year I was fortunate to obtain Dave Reeves' bound collection from his library at the Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara. These volumes are now in the capable hands of Cone Pevehouse.

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May 29, 1990

Rita and I send fond greetings to all of the Academicians.

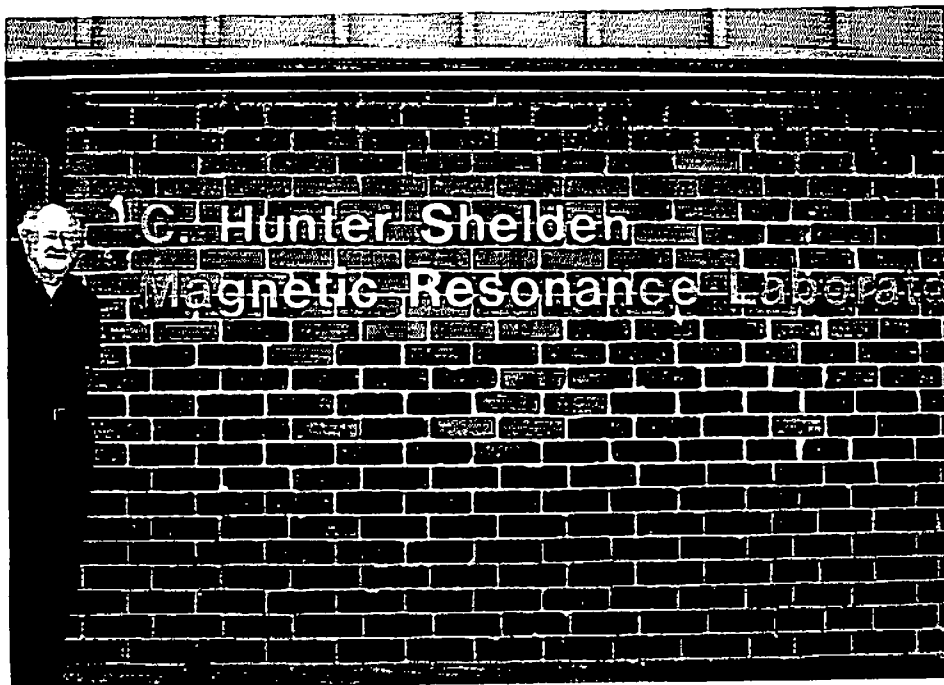
Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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Dear Bill and Fellow Academicians:

The Quests have had an active year since the past delightful Academy meeting in Tucson. I had a wonderful surprise 50th birthday party, planned and executed by Ilona without my knowledge, with a large turn-out of a great many dear friends, past and present. Our entire family had the chance to get together for a post-Christmas week in a wonderful resort on the west coast of Mexico. We then had the opportunity to ski in Sun Valley in February and visited one of our favorite areas, Santa Fe, New Mexico on several occasions over the past year.

Our oldest daughter, Wendy completed her sophomore year at Bucknell University. She continues to garner honors and will be off to Brussels for her semester abroad in September. Amy, our second daughter achieved much acclaim for her soccer abilities and helped her team become one of the New Jersey State finalists. She was named to a number of "all-state" teams for her efforts. In June she graduated from high school and will be off to Denison University in Ohio in September. Our youngest, Susan finished her freshman year with flying colors, was co-captain of her soccer team and is looking forward to her next year in high school. Ilona and I continue to try to keep up with our children.

The Neurosurgical Service here at Columbia continues to flourish and I could not be more delighted with my colleagues and professional activities. I was honored this year by being selected to the Board of Directors of the AANS and hope that I can do my part for that organization.

We look forward to seeing our friends in the Academy at Amelia Island.

Yours truly


Donald O. Quest, M. D.

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Dear Bill,

I have not written any letters to you over the past two years as we were all extremely busy arranging the World Congress of Neurosurgery. I think I should now write to you about the Congress that was held in Delhi last October. My colleagues in India and I were quite worried and anxious about conducting the World Congress of Neurosurgery, which we had invited to New Delhi. The anxiety increased, when Neurologists also decided to have this World Congress in New Delhi the same month. As the World Conference of Neurosurgery, was being held for the first time in India, we expected a large number of participants to come with their families to enjoy the hospitality and the varied culture of our ancient land. Hence we had made preparations to receive about three thousand guests, though we had also prepared a plan for two thousand guests.

While we began receiving a large number of registrations from European Countries, Japan, South America, East Asia etc., strangely, there were unexpectedly few registrants from the United States. This was due to an unfortunate combination of circumstances. The Indian Television was everyday headlining the disturbances that were taking place in the Punjab; and the newsreports headlined from Delhi, created a scare that there were some serious disturbances IN THE CAPITAL ITSELF. In addition, the American Diplomatic channels also were discouraging Americans from visiting India. Because of this the Organising Committee decided to mount a propaganda for the Congress and the Members of the Committee including myself attended the Annual Congresses of the four Major neurosurgical societies in the United States. We were able to convince many that it will be safe to travel to India and that the participants will have a most useful and enjoyable time. This helped and the number of registrants increased dramatically.

Due to various reasons, we decided not to invite any politician to inaugurate the conference and decided on a Senior educationist of the Country Dr. Kothari to give a short inaugural address. This decision turned out to be right as elections were announced before the World Congress and the politicians were busy with their own problems. Dr. Kothari gave an inspiring address requesting neuroscientists to further explore the links between mind, intellect, emotions and the brain.

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Following the Inaugural sessions, there was an entertainment item; "BRIDES OF INDIA", which was indeed superb. It fascinated the entire audience and even the Indians amongst us were spell bound at the colourful pageantry that covered the culture of India from the snow bound Himalayas down to the palm fringed beaches of South.

It was perhaps a personal affectionate tribute to me that almost all friends from most of the Countries of the World were there at the Congress. Apart from the large contingents from the U.S.A., Europe and Japan, there were many from South East Asia, South America, and Eastern Europe and Africa. In a rare gesture of friendship, Sasha Konavelov had brought in a team of 27 neurosurgeons from the U.S.S.R. and Prof Wang of Beijing also led a strong team from China.

The World Federation and I, as the President of the Congress, paid glorious tributes to the Organising Secretary Prof.A.K.Banerjee and his team mates who had contributed to the tremendous success of the Congress. Professor Sambasivam had arranged a most interesting Scientific Programme, which was conducted punctually and precisely, with enthusiastic participation from the participants.

The Congress also attracted good public interest and a large amount of coverage on the Press and the Television.

After forty years of struggling to establish neurosurgery in India as a flourishing speciality, the grand moment of culmination came when on the final day of the Congress the entire Executive Committee of the Federation gave a standing ovation to the Organising Committee and to Indian Neurosurgery. I am indeed most fortunate that I have so many friends all over the world and I have been able to see neurosurgery grow in India from almost nothing to a stage where it was possible to conduct a successful World Congress, whose very motto was friendliness.

Yours sincerely
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May 8, 1990

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Dear Bill:

You have a tough job, indeed, trying to get a bunch of prima donna neurosurgeons to give you their contributions to the Round Robin Letter and I certainly fall in that category. I really apologize.

I guess two major events at the NYU-Bellevue Center include Lori and my offspring - "Jake", who is just celebrating his first birthday as of this writing. He is walking, grabbing at everything as his mother's beautiful eyes and his dad's big mouth. His mom completed dental school with flying colors, passed her Boards at the 95 percentile and is now just about completing her first year of postgraduate training at the NYU Dental Center in prosthetics. Fortunately, we have a great nanny who is a very gentle lady and spoils Jake unmercifully.

Another major event, of course, is the spectacular development of our Functional Stereotactic and Epilepsy Center at the New York Orthopedic Institute, a fully affiliated hospital with NYU, located on 17th Street and Second Avenue, about a six-minute walk from the major Medical Center. This unit is staffed by Mike Dogali in Neurosurgery who was trained at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Orrin Devinsky, our epileptologist, who came from Cornell via N.I.H. These two put together with the help of the administration at OI are a very first rate unit with a reconstructed, dedicated operating room, seven monitored beds, a fully reconstructed eight-bed ICU and the unit is going full blast. Thanks to Dr. Abe Lieberman, who left New York to join the staff at the Barrow Neurological Institute, we were able to recruit

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another young neurologist, Dr. Rick Fazzini, whose specialty is that of Parkinson's disease. Dr. Saran Jonas, Acting Chairman of Neurology, has been extremely cooperative and by July of this year we will have two Neurology residents as well as a neurosurgical resident working in this unit.

Other than this, the department is flourishing. Dr. Jafar Jafar who joined us to replace Gene Flamm, is building an excellent practice in vascular surgery and is collaborating with Alex Berenstein and Insup Choi, our interventional neuroradiologists, in a very collegial fashion. Rick Abbott, in the Department of Pediatric Neurosurgery, is advancing in the field of superselective rhizotomy for spasticity both in the upper and lower extremities in conjunction with a very brilliant neurophysiologist in the Department of Anesthesia, Dr. Vedran Deletis. With Deletis, we are also planning to initiate a program of deep brain stimulation for the treatment of post-traumatic coma at our Head Trauma Unit in Bellevue.

Other than this, things are rocking along as usual. Everyone is busy and about as happy as one can expect.

I am sorry for the tardiness and brevity of this note.

As always,


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William A. Buchheit, M.D., Secretary
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Dear Bill:

Congratulations on the outstanding job you are doing with the Round Robin. It is always exciting to read about the activities of our friends.

This has been an exciting for Joyce and me. We were thrilled to have President Jimmy Carter and Rosalyn Carter at the AANS Meeting in Nashville. He did a wonderful job with the Cushing Oration.

Joyce continues to be busy with our family and grandchildren. I look forward to spending more time with our patients, Residents, and in the lab after concluding my tour on the AANS Board. We look forward to seeing everyone at Amelia Island Plantation for the Meeting of the Academy, October 3-7, 1990.

Sincerely,



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April 20, 1990

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Dear Bill:

In regards to the Round Robin letter the following comments should be made:

The Robertson family has been very busy the last year. Valeria is doing very well in her real estate business and is also trying to build an office building. We will never get out of debt. Both of us remain healthy. The children are doing well. Our son Clay moved back home from Houston. He is in the security business here in Memphis.

The other children have been very successful. Tom has his own company in Reston, Virginia. Roberta is getting her MBA from the University of Chicago and will graduate in August. Elizabeth has gotten his masters and is advancing in the public school system as an experienced teacher. Daniel is finishing his first year of neurological surgery training with Dr. Grossman in Houston. His wife Heidi has been accepted to Baylor Medical School beginning this fall. Catherine has two children and is working as a study coordinator assistant in our department.

I have been fortunate enough to be elected as President-elect of the AANS and hope to do a good job supporting David Kelly who will be the President. As Chairman of the Residency Review Committee, I have great empathy for all training program directors. Looking forward to seeing you as ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J. Robertson'.

James T. Robertson, M.D.
Professor and Chairman of Neurosurgery
Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology
Semmes-Murphey Professor of Neurology

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July 2, 1990

William A. Buchheit, M.D.
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Dear Bill:

Please enclose the following for the Round Robin:

The Robertson's continue to do well, in general, and everybody is healthy. Valeria and I were involved in an accident on Memorial Day week-end, but fortunately no one was hurt. The car was totaled. It was a Sunday morning and we were turning into the Church parking lot when the accident happened. Fortunately we lost nothing but the car.


All of the children are doing well. Roberta will receive her M.B.A. from the University of Chicago on the 24th of August, 1990 and hopefully come back to Memphis. She has done very well in her schooling.

The grandchildren are growing and everyone is busy and hopefully productive.

I was elected President-Elect of the AANS and will succeed Dave Kelly who is doing a super job. He will be a hard act to follow.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Sincerely,



James T. Robertson, M.D.
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Henry G. Schwartz, M.D.
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May 22, 1990

William A. Buchheit, M.D.
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Dear Bill:

Mea culpa! I have been the most derelict of academicians in responding to the pleas of the extremely industrious editor of the Round Robin.

Fresh from the 50th anniversary celebration of the Board, I think a vote of gratitude is due the magnificent job performed by Dave Kline and Nick Zervas in making the celebration a huge success. Cone's presentation made it quite clear that the role of the Academy has been a significant one over the years. The ancients among us are entitled to a modest degree of pride in our membership.

Both Reddie and I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting in Boston and regret that we were unable to go on to Ann Arbor. It was good to be included among the surviving octogenarians listed by Cone!

We are counting on attending the meeting in Florida in October.

All best wishes as always.

Yours very sincerely,



Henry G. Schwartz, M.D.

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May 14, 1990

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Dear Bill:


I am sorry I have not been a very regular contributor to the Round Robin but I have certainly enjoyed everyone else's comments about their activities. The reason for the present contribution is the fact that Bob Pudenz and I have been together for nearly fifty years. We are still speaking to each other and actually collaborating on one or two research projects which are of particular interest to us. Bob is still vitally interested in the hydrocephalus problem not only from the therapeutic standpoint but also relative to further development of hardware.

I am still involved in a stroke program which we began a year or two ago. We are not interested in clinical applications as yet but rather are attempting to understand the basic problems such as oxygen delivery in the periphery and the course of oxygen molecules after they leave the capillary. One of our goals is to devise methods whereby magnetic resonance spectroscopy can be developed to the point where it is able to deliver additional clinical information on a noninvasive basis.

Betty is involved in furnishing a new condominium which we bought in Pasadena as well as a place in Pauma Valley where we play golf. Our three boys are still involved in aviation in one form or another. Jay is in Phoenix doing structural analysis of aircraft particularly related to cracks and other defects which have gained considerable publicity recently. Our middle son, Jim, is involved in computer analysis at Boeing in Seattle and our youngest, Geoffrey, lives in Park City, Utah, and is a pilot for Delta Airlines. The latter is co-producer of our three grandchildren who because of their residence in Park City have become avid ski enthusiasts.

I am not actively involved in any teaching programs but last year was invited to speak before my oldest grandson's sixth grade biology class. He suggested that I speak on "The Brain" because it was the thing I knew the most about. There was a great deal of interest but I couldn't tell whether I had been successful in conveying my message and the most notable comment came from one of the girls who thought it was very good even if it was just before lunch.

Sincerely,


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May 23, 1990

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Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a recent photo of Bob Pudenz and myself which I had intended to enclose with my letter of May 14 for the Round Robin, and which you may use for publication if you wish.

Sincerely,



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March 26, 1990

ROUND ROBIN LETTER

Dear Friends:

As this year has sped by, we have been more and more aware of God's goodness and life's pain. The world of death and disease is always a part of a neurosurgeon's life, but as close friends and family also become part of that world, it is more traumatic. But God's goodness has been very close in the birth of another granddaughter—our pediatrician daughter finally took time out.

Our youngest, Patty, is successfully completing her first year at Trinity University in San Antonio. We have missed having her home but are thankful for her good first year as a grownup.

From a larger perspective, we felt especially the pain and suffering of parts of India juxtaposed against awesome beauty. So we are especially thankful this year for our work and opportunities to serve, wonderful travel, music and beauty to enjoy, family and friends to love. Life is good.

Sincerely,

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April 5, 1990

William A. Buchheit, M.D.
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Dear Bill:

I have enclosed a follow-up for your Round Robin for the year 1989-90.

The Department continues to function well with progressive sub-specialization. My colleague, Dr. Robert Solomon has been doing all of the aneurysm surgery, I continue to be involved in the AVM surgery of brains and spine. We have a new spine person coming on who took a year fellowship with Sandy Larson, that's Paul McCormick. Jeff Bruce will join us and work on the tumor area along with Dr. Michael Sisti who has developed our lineac radiosurgery program and the stereotactic program. Don Quest continues his interest in carotid artery disease and meningiomas and Kal Post, who is the Vice Chairman of the Department is active in base of the skull acoustic and transphenoidal surgery. We are developing an epilepsy program with the neurology service and this is further assisted by our move into the new hospital building which just occurred. This gives us an entirely new operating room, neuroradiology, ICU and patient care floor activities. Our offices will still be maintained in the Neurological Institute.

We have a fine group of residents who participate in the six year training program which includes two years in the laboratory: one prior to entrance into the program, usually done here, but possibly at NIH, and the other during the five year training program. Virtually all of our residents over the past five years have gone to academic positions and are doing extremely well. We are quite proud of this group of intelligent and well-trained individuals.

On the family side, my wife Bonita and I had a baby boy in August and he has developed into the real joy of our life. In addition to that, I have a lovely grand-daughter who is six months older than her uncle, whose name is Charlie.

William A. Buchheit, M.D.

April 5, 1990

Regarding social/business activities we have been fortunate this winter to have three solid weeks of skiing. I could not enjoy the first since I had a rather severe bout of some unknown bug related to the flu, however, the last one was held in the Canadian Rockies at Canadian Mountain Holidays' new lodge for helicopter skiing. We had approximately 40 neurosurgeons organized by Bob Spetzler and an excellent meeting with visitors from all around the world.

We are looking forward to the 50th anniversary of the American Board of Neurological Surgery now meeting in Boston and hope to see all of our friends from the Academy there.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Bennett M. Stein, M.D.

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ROUND ROBIN

Dear friends,

We were very sorry to miss Thor and Lois' meeting in Arizona last year. However as you know it came very close to the time of the World Congress in India which, as one might expect, was preceded by a number of small meetings. We had quite an extensive trip on the Indian sub-continent starting in Pakistan and going on to Kashmir, then to Delhi and finally to Trivandrum. It was in many ways a most outstanding experience. Having travelled all the way to Kashmir with the twin objectives of discussing 'Acoustic Neuroma' and playing golf at the highest golf course in the world (Gulmarg), Lindsay was sufficiently ill advised to get on our pony which he swears fell, occasioning him to develop a greenstick fracture of his right clavicle. He maintained that while it was painful it improved his golf swing.

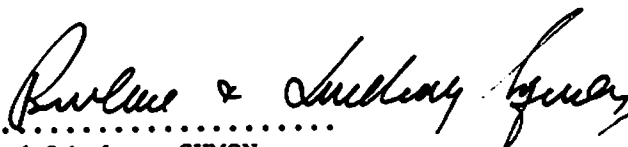
The other highlight of course was his election to the Presidency of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and the good wishes and support of many of his friends. They will find themselves asked to undertake a variety of tasks, principally in teaching, and we hope that all of you will be involved.

We were particularly saddened by the news of Frank and Betty Wrenn's unexpected death, a great loss to our little Society and to the neurosurgical community in general.

Pauline continues active in her various tasks. She continues to be actively involved in conservation work in Hatfield House and elsewhere and to run a series of choral concerts in Queen Square. It is quite astonishing how talented neurologists and neurosurgeons are in the musical field and these concerts have really been a great success.

We now have three grandchildren, the third, Emma, born to our younger daughter and now six months old. The two children of our elder daughter, Jonathan and Lucy, ^{are} respectively now three and five years old, and the little one are a great source of joy.

We are much engaged in international travel over the next few years. It is not possible for us to come to Florida this year so we will miss the Rhoton's meeting but we promise to come to the Academy in 1991 and meanwhile we wish all our friends in the States well, and hope to see them either in Europe or next year in the U.S.A.

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Pauline and Lindsey SYMON

Dear Bill:

While Thor is busily working in the Journal of Neurosurgery office, I will attempt to give you a brief review of our year. It has been an exciting, rewarding year for our entire family. Beginning with the Academy meeting in Tucson, we were absolutely delighted to be able to share our beloved desert country with so many dear friends. The Banquet with Susan and Frank Borman as our honored guests was a perfect ending. Someone said " It was such a warm, personal evening it was as though we were all old friends sitting around in a living room, chatting." No statement could have pleased us more.

October found our entire family gathering for the Congress meeting in Atlanta, where Mike McWhorter and his team honored us by asking Thor to be the Honored Guest of the Congress. His former Residents gathered one evening for Cocktails and Reminiscences. The week was probably the greatest joy of Thor's career and our children greatly appreciated the honor we were allowed to share with him.

Only several weeks later, in Boston, young Thor and his wife, Kathleen, presented us with possibly the dearest, most beautiful, most intelligent, and most precious Grandchild ever produced. Young Harald Thorsten Sundt weighed in at 6lb. 5oz, with eyes which have remained blue, and wavy strawberry blonde hair. I was able to be there before, during and after the auspicious event and now understand how obnoxious a Grandparent can become. He is named for his Great Uncle Harald (Norwegian spelling) and his middle name means "Thor's joy". I will spare you more details, except to say we traveled to Boston Dec. 28th when Thor first met the young man and I was able to be there again in early March. We think Grandmothers (and Grandfathers when not too busy!) should be allowed to visit every 2 to 3 months providing they only stay a few days.

The middle of March found us on the trip of a lifetime to the United Arab Emirates as guests of Sheikh Saaed of Al Ain, Abu Dhabi. Traveling by the Concorde, and being treated beyond our wildest dreams gave us memories we will always cherish. You really don't want me to bore you with them.

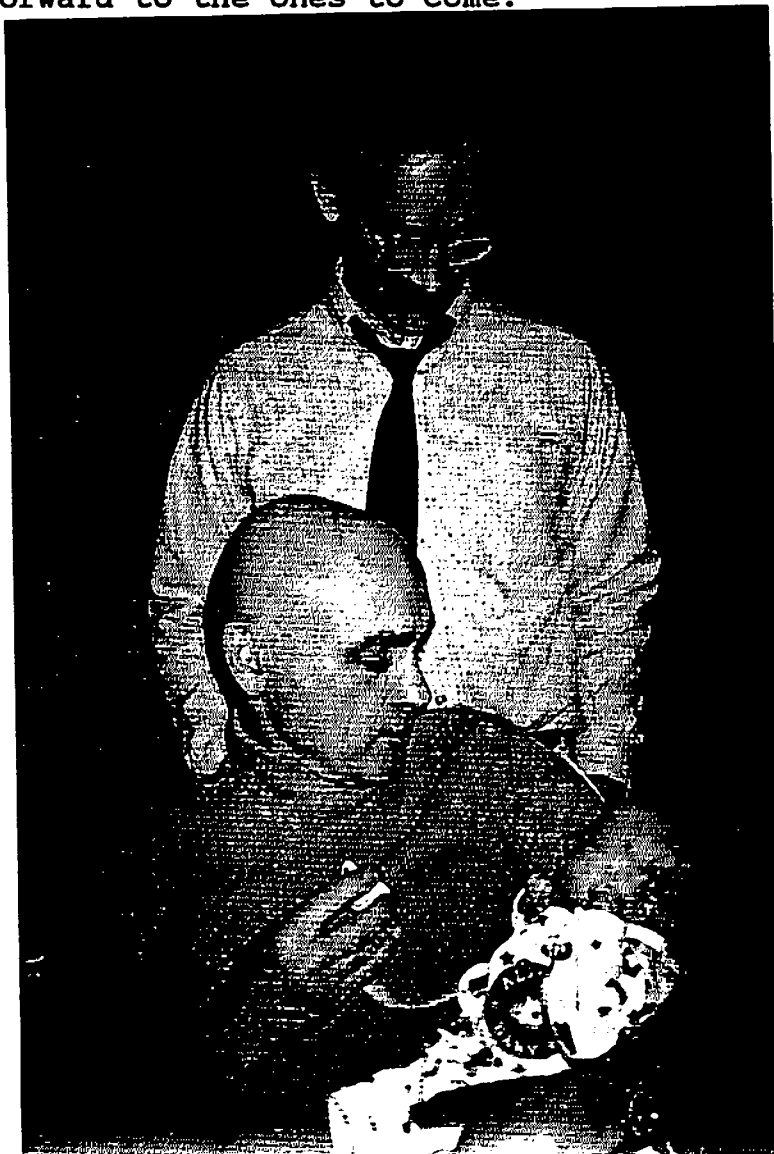
Workwise, Thor continues to carry his full load in surgery, within the Department, and has added the Journal responsibilities. I am able to help out several days a week when needed and he has enjoyed the Journal work more than anything I can recall. We spend many evenings, and weekends at the Journal office and it has been most gratifying to him. He is determined to do an absolutely top-notch job. We are averaging about 90-100 manuscripts received per month.

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But the feature of the year was the move of all orthopaedics and neurosurgery with, eventually, most of neurology, from the Toronto General to the Toronto Western Hospital, now jointly named the Toronto Hospital Corporation, compensated by cardiac surgery's move in the opposite direction. This afforded an excellent opportunity to sort and clean house but was very upsetting at the time. This move has been in the plans for about five years since the two hospitals merged, but only began to be implemented after Alan Hudson assumed the McCutcheon Chair as Surgeon-in-chief. I never realized how many books and files I was actually using until I began to unpack and reorganize. Unfortunately much needs yet to be done. I am sure that having all our neurosciences expertise in one place with Charles Tator as Head of Neurosurgery will compensate for the present

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disruption and will eventually lead to a very strong neurosurgical unit.

On the home front, Mary continues to teach art at Branksome - a girls' school which she herself once attended, and awaits the completion of a brand new building containing art class facilities she helped to design. Unfortunately a serious strike threatens to keep things in limbo past fall opening. She is planning a drawing and painting trip to Newfoundland this summer with her friend, one of Canada's leading artists, Kate Graham. Moira is struggling as a stockbroker against Canada's unfavourable economy; we really did not need Meech Lake in addition to GST and high interest rates. James has moved to Montreal to work in the National Research Council biomedical engineering laboratory there. Ronald is planning an exchange studentship in Germany this fall at the conclusion of his Masters in Eng. Physics (but he has not got his thesis finished!). Alison is balancing the pros and cons of law and a PhD in Philosophy at the University of Toronto. Meanwhile they are very aggressively competing for the use of our Manitoulin Island camp over the August 1st holiday weekend. And Pop our old cat finally caught a mouse in the house.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Florida - it has been a long time since I was last in Jacksonville.

Sincerely,



Ron and Mary Tasker

RRT/jnp

July 28, 1990

Dear Bill -

Every year seems to get busier then ever . I thought retirement was supposed to provide moments for quiet contemplation !

The meetings in Boston and Ann Arbor were just great. I think the anniversary meeting for the Boards was marvelous - thanks to all for all the effort and planning that went into it. It was so enjoyable to see all the old cronies from those meetings of the Boards when we were less constrained by regulations than is now the case and perhaps we had more fun.. I'm not sure we did a better job of examining in those days - but I think the personal rewards for the members of the Board were significantly higher. Maybe its just that we had better people on the Board at that time ! Bill - I am so glad that you have such warm memories of your exleriences when you took the Boards ! And you have really turned out awfully well consiudering considering the fact that I didn't examine you !

I'm sorry Jan couldn't join me in Boston since she would have enjoyed seeing so many old friends. But she was living it up in Northampton having a wild time with the girls at her 50th Smith reunion ! Fortunately most of you were also at the Ann Arbor meeting since she joined me there. I haven't been to Ann Arbor in some time and I must say I was impressed. A lovely campus and an impressive new hospital. (I would have thought that Ford might have planned for more than a tiny, single restroom next to the lovely auditorium !)

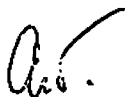
We didn't spend as much time at home this year (which has had a negative impact on my investment activities and, particularly, on our golf games !). In February we went down to Belize in Central America. It is certainly off the beaten path but wonderful rain forests, fabulous Mayan ruins - most of which are unexcavated. It gives a real sense of antiquity to hike through the jungle to find the overgrown remains of a city that once housed 100,000 people. They also have a fabuocous barrier reef - second longest in the world next to Australia. We spent some time on various islands on the reef - and took a dive boat 50 miles offshore on an overnight trip to a beautiful atoll a part of which houses a massive colony of frigate birds and boobies. They were nesting when we were there and we could climb up a rickety tower where we could look out over the forest canopy at hundreds of birds nesting - some within a few feet. Lovely coral and excellent snorkling as well as superb scuba diving (although we are too sensible for the latter !).

Next week we take off on our boat for the waters of northern British Columbia. Beautiful scenery - fjords, snow-capped mountains, waterfalls. We live off the land as much as we can since fishing villages for restocking supplies are few and far between and usually no fresh vegetables available anyway. So we catch prawns, Dungeness crabs, mussels, clams, unlimited oysters and occasional salmon. The trouble is that 1 fish keeps the two of us satiated for two days, so

we throw away the remainder. Then we're really not ready for salmon again for a couple of days !

Then home for a week and we're off to France for a little over 3 weeks. We're taking a barge down the Canal du Midi - 124 locks to get us down to the Mediteranean - and you have to help the lock-keeper open and close the locks (which is hard work) so its nice to have another couple along. Then we're off by ourselves driving through the crest of the Pyranees of Spain (Andorra) before heading out to sea to the islands of Majorca and Menorca. The only bad part is that means we miss the meeting at Amelia Island. We tried to squiggle our reservations around so we could make it but its just not possible. Our love to everybody.

Yours,



Arthur Ward, M.D..



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Dear ACADEMICIAN:

I have experienced a number of significant events and accomplishments since I last wrote. While some of the notes may appear dated because of the passage of time, hopefully the sum will demonstrate relevance.

In 1988, I took a sabbatical. I spent the first 9 1/2 months in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs in the Department of Defense officed at the Pentagon. There I had an opportunity to study the organization of a large, structured, and well defined health care delivery system. Of special note to me was the complexity of health care policy decision making on such a global scale. Despite the fact I felt, at the time, relatively familiar with military medicine from my years on active duty and in the Reserves, a view of the process from the other end was extremely enlightening. The issues dealt with are not dissimilar from those we face in the civilian sector, whether it be in academic medicine or private practice. I believe, because of this experience, I have a much better understanding of some of the issues we face today in the practice of medicine in general and specifically neurosurgery, whether they be cost containment, fee structure, quality assurance, manpower allocations, questions of cost versus expense, etc.

The last 10 weeks of my sabbatical I spent in the Division of National Security of the Office of Management and Budget. Here I received a more detailed exposure of how decisions regarding the delivery of health care within the Department of Defense are analyzed from a national budgetary standpoint. Of significant interest to me in this experience was the mechanism of interdepartmental reallocation in times of budgetary constraints. While I was in this office I developed a paper analyzing some of the major conflicts within military medicine that perhaps have contributed to the preception of "melt down". The follow-up to this effort has been an opportunity to work with the Brookings Institution to develop a consensus conference on military medicine to be held this fall in Washington, D.C.

Through Charlie Plante's good graces Patty was able initially to work one day a week as a volunteer at the White House in the Office of Communications. After President Bush's election she was placed full time in his office organizing his personal communication files. As a result of her activities there we were invited to a number of interesting activities involving visiting heads of states, holiday events, etc.

As you can imagine, being a surgeon, a program director and chairman, I approached the time away with some trepidation. But, I came back home to Missouri convinced that all of us should do this at least once. The opportunity to view the world around me from a different vantage point ended up being immensely more valuable to me than the time occupied by the viewing. Perhaps none of us are as critical to our operations as we

believe. I was able to stay in contact with my office for day to day administration by the use of a computer link through modem. Each night I would download from my secretary's work station the questions that needed to be resolved. The answers were sent back that night ready for the staff the next day.

My life and focus since my return from sabbatical has been significantly changed. One of the reasons for taking the sabbatical was to look to the future. There were two areas of thought which I needed the time to address. First it appeared that I, based upon local resources and state priorities of education, had accomplished about all I could accomplish at Missouri. We have a good residency program. The neurosurgical faculty is involved actively in the neuroscience education of medical students in all four years. For example, we are primarily responsible for a required semester-long introductory course in clinical neurosciences in the second year. As a result of our Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program in Missouri, the medical school has become very closely allied with the state's Department of Health. We have a very active and intellectually sound medical ethics program, not only in the School of Medicine but in the University's undergraduate curriculum. We have a good state-wide trauma network with an excellent registry based upon head and spinal cord injury. Basic and clinical research programs are productive.

A second area of thought was more personal. Quite frankly, I have seen too many of my senior colleagues, not just in neurosurgery but in other surgical specialties, who did not know when to leave the operating room. My observations indicate one of the major reasons for this is that we as physicians and surgeons fail to prepare ourselves for a professional life after the operating room. So, we stay on too long. As a result, personal and professional tragedies occur. I decided some time ago, early in my career, this would not happen to me. The question was: how to prepare for that time? Just prior to taking the sabbatical I entered law school at the University of Missouri on a part-time basis. I continued the study of law at the Washington College of Law, American University, in Washington, D.C. while on sabbatical. I have continued the study since my return. This, in association with my background in medicine and medical ethics, will allow me to continue to contribute long after I lay down the scalpel.

on these issues. In addition, opportunities to cooperate with the faculties of the Department of Neurosurgery and the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins have been established. Finally, proximity will permit me to continue my relationship with the Brookings Institution (the above conference is my third with them).

In closing, permit me to wish all of you an exciting meeting this fall, and the best for next year.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

The past year has been a pleasant and productive one at the Weir household. My first grandson arrived during its course. My younger daughter is thriving in school and ballet, she is now 12. My 10 year old son is living in that marvelous world of baseball and hockey cards and is starting to show some interest in golf. My wife, Mary Lou, has taken some courses in real estate.

It has been an active year in my department. We have been developing transplantation and have just begun liver and islet cell transplants. It has also been a busy year for travel with an exotic trip to India for the World Congress.

Like many of you, I am engaged in that juggling act of trying to do justice to neurosurgical practice, research and administration. It is not always relaxing but it certainly is challenging and rewarding.

I wish all fellow academicians the very best.

Yours sincerely,

Bryce Weir, M.D.

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From Peggie and Ben Whitcomb
May 9, 1990.


Dr. William A. Buchheit
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Dear Academician:

As we get up into the octogenarian class we take pride that several of our antique members, by virtue of their wisdom and reputations, continue on in some capacity to give sage advice (usually of a conservative nature) and to enhance the academic atmosphere of their institutions by still teaching. This is good because basics show little change and papers with new terminology often hide old ideas. The molecular biologist and the geneticist are our most exciting producers today. However, in our art the new technology and instrumentation of the past decade has facilitated greatly what we so laboriously accomplished in the past.

In family news we are still frustrated by Peggie's TIAs of ten years. We find no carotid or surgical implications but have definite MRI confirmation. Fortunately, she has no neurological residuals--she skis and golfs and is my memory bank. Our four children are now middle aged: Stuart, a designer in Portland, Or, married to a girl from Ireland 27 years ago in Don Matson's house. They have three sons--two still in college. A daughter, Kathy, a physical therapist, in Ft. Collins, Col. married to a urologist born in Poland and an outstanding mountaineer. They have a son and daughter--both in college, alas! another daughter Judy, our only M.D. is a surgeon in Anchorage Alaska. She is married to an oil engineer, a rebel from Alabama. They have a son aged 3 1/2 who, she states, can swim the length of the pool without floatation or assistance. He is entered in the class of '98 in Alabama. A son Benjie III is married to a lovely Italian girl. They are both sea captains and in the off seasons she is a dental hygienist and he a carpenter in N. Y. state. A most enjoyable international family. As with many of you who have grandchildren in college, a little help with the tuition may be necessary, which means--do we put the boat in the water--or buy a much needed new car? YOU GUESS!

Cordially,


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July 11, 1990

Dear Academicians,

We've had an eventful year, with interesting trips and events to break up the daily routine at the hospital.

We were surprised that the "artwork" by son Mike, which is hanging in the Smithsonian, was reproduced on the front cover of the July 4, 1990 issue of JAMA (Exhibit A). Although he is maintaining his straight life as an investment banker, Mike is continuing his writing. In June, he and his coauthor won a script writing contest, winning the opportunity to produce their short movie script for the TV cable network, Showtime. Its about some elderly men in a retirement home who start a boxing club to relieve boredom and maintain physical fitness. I was pleased to find out that there is something to look forward to after retirement!

Mike's wife, Sheila, who is a movie animator, has just finished work on Robo Cop 2 and has a short break before her company's next project. Despite broad hints and even more open communications from Gloria, we are still grandchildless.

Son Jeff is still working at Sun Microsystems, but is making noises about starting his own company related to the commercial uses of neural net computing. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Cable Communications Cooperative of Palo Alto and has been working on the idea of selective advertising, such that in any television advertising slot there would be any one of several types of advertisement, with some selection of which ad would go to what customer's home, based on that customer's background and personal preferences.

Daughter Betsy has finished the third of her five-year Ph.D. program at Yale in modern Italian literature. She spent the period from September to July in Venice, studying the works of an Italian poet, Andrea Zanzotto, who is now in his 70's and living near Venice. She had the good fortune of sharing an apartment with a young woman who works at the Guggenheim Museum and who is the European representative of the American artist, Jenny Holzer. Jenny Holzer was the United States' entrant in this year's

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Biennale, the international competition for modern art held every two years in Venice, and she won. Betsy was caught up in her room-mate's interest in art, and as a result she found work translating for the international art magazine, *Contemporanea*. Also, the two of them did the translations for the catalogue that will accompany the Titian exhibit on its trip from Venice to Washington.

Gloria continues to work at my office, which unfortunately has kept most of her other interests on hold. She has found time, though, to be active in the Auxiliary to the Durham-Orange County Medical Society and the North Carolina Medical Society Auxiliary.

We look forward to seeing you all again in Florida this October.

Sincerely yours,

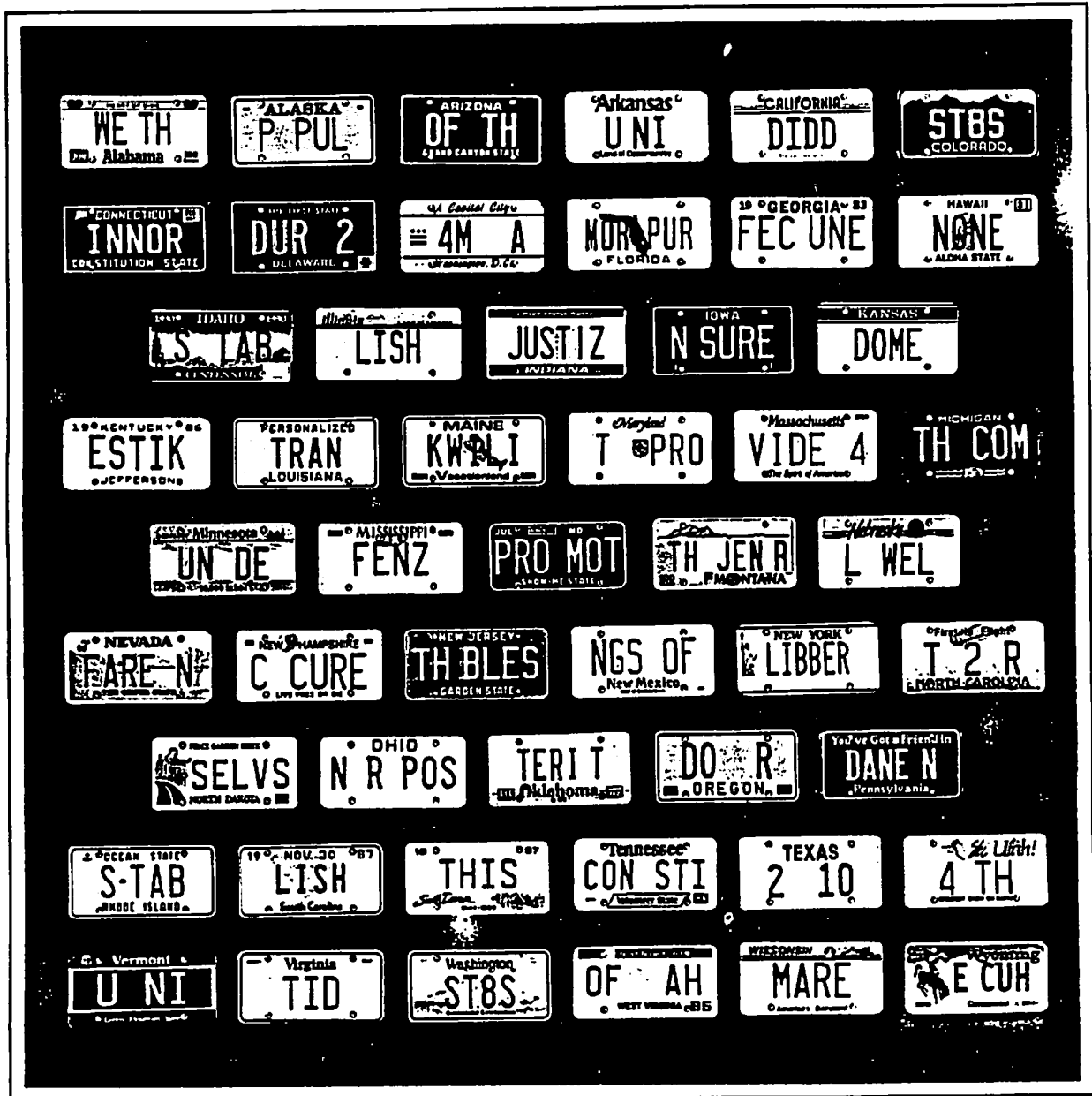
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Dear Bill:

With less prodding than usual, I send my contribution to the Round Robin. I never do this without remembering how much the Round Robin meant to Dean Echols, who always referred to it with a particular fondness. The Academy was smaller in those days, and I think we miss something by having a larger membership.

This has been a year with good news and bad news. The good news was my being selected as the Honored Guest for the Congress meeting in Los Angeles. This is an enormous honor for me. I plan to talk on glioblastoma, cryptic vascular malformations, and non-secreting pituitary adenomas. Under bad news is my pending divorce and the deterioration of my hip that led to a hip joint replacement and the end of my running days. Actually, I am certain that I could run again, but I'm afraid of loosening the cement. I am trying to find a replacement sport, and although swimming may fit the bill eventually, at the present time, it is a poor substitute.

I was particularly saddened by John Green's death. I had the honor of giving the first John Green Lecture, and at that time, John was vigorous and in good health. He was a wonderful person, and I among many of his friends will miss him very much.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

I am writing in reply to your request for a contribution to the Round Robin. As a relatively new member of the Academy, having been elected to membership in 1986, I have been hesitant about providing an entry for the Round Robin given the august character of the membership. Having been a member for four years, however, I think it is an appropriate time to provide an initial contribution.

Since January of 1986, I have been the Chairman of the Division of Neurological Surgery at the University of California, Irvine. The U.C. Irvine California College of Medicine is a relatively new school, having been established in 1969. I have the honor to have been preceded as chairman by three other distinguished Academy members, John T. French, Robert W. Porter, and Eldon L. Foltz.

I am happy to report that neurosurgery is flourishing at U.C. Irvine. At the time I joined the faculty, there were only three full time faculty members, Doctors Foltz and Porter as well as Doctor Mike Pritz. Since that time, we have added four new faculty members and two neurosurgical fellows. We have also added a second Ph.D. to our neurosurgical research laboratory team. Our neurosurgical case load has increased from about 350 per year to about 850 per year and we have added the Children's Hospital of Orange County as one of our affiliated teaching hospitals. Although the residency program graduates only one person each year, I am proud to say that every resident who has trained in this program has attained board certification. Orange County is a most pleasant place to live with a very active, growing population, very mild sunny weather, a beautiful ocean coastline and the beautiful San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains only a few minutes drive away.

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Re: AANS Round Robin
March 19, 1990

My three children are now in their 20's and have all completed their university training. My son Scott, the oldest of the three, is pursuing a course in retail marketing in athletic wear. My second child, Ann, is pursuing a career in the business end of health care and my younger daughter, Karen, is beginning a career in modeling and acting.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the 1990 meeting. Madame Denise Albe-Fessard, noted for her work in neurophysiologic recording from the human brain, will be visiting our department during the month of October. This will be Madame Fessard's second visit to our department and she has been the source of much inspiration and excellent human experimental neurophysiology with our group. Over the past ten years or more, I have become a confirmed Francophile. I have enjoyed many visits to France and have become acquainted with many neurosurgeons and neuroscientists in France. My friendship with Madame Fessard has grown out of that experience. I hope to be able to report on our work at the 1991 meeting of the Academy.

It is an honor to be a member of the Academy and I hope I will be a credit to it.

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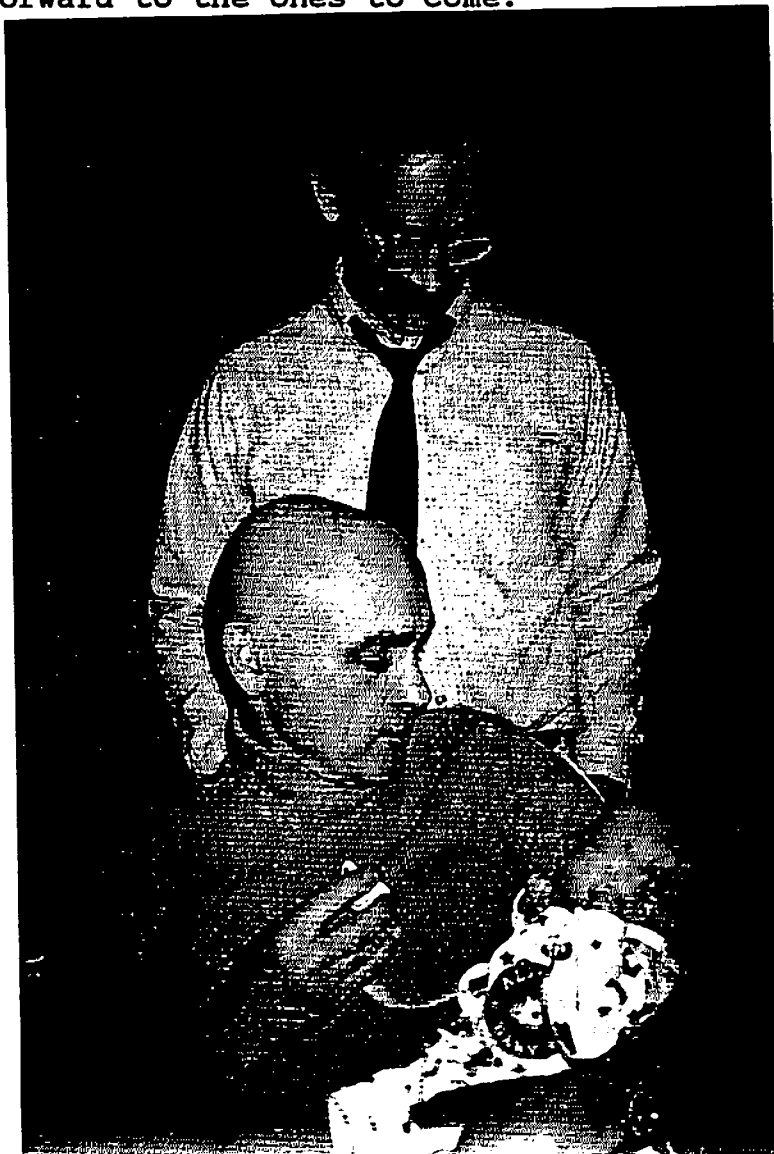
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Dear Bill,

1989-90 has kept us hopping. The October meeting of the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery of which I was president had its every four years' meeting in Maebashi, Japan, causing us to miss the Academy. We then went on to New Delhi and ended up with a two week holiday in Rajasthan on a tour of Indian nature preserves - a fantastic experience of black buck, tigers, crocodiles and rare birds - and the unforgettable highway driving. I had never imagined what it was like to share the highway at night with unlighted camel-carts, bulloch carts, domestic animals, people carrying bundles and the trucks! Then in November, Professor Tsubokawa organized a truly splendid 20-year birthday party for his unit at Nihon University, to which I was invited. En route I visited a former fellow in Taiwan. The three-yearly meeting of the International Association for the Study of Pain, of which I was on council, fell in Adelaide, Australia in April 1990, and there have been a variety of other meetings nearer home. It is a great pleasure to visit with so many former residents and fellows during these events.

But the feature of the year was the move of all orthopaedics and neurosurgery with, eventually, most of neurology, from the Toronto General to the Toronto Western Hospital, now jointly named the Toronto Hospital Corporation, compensated by cardiac surgery's move in the opposite direction. This afforded an excellent opportunity to sort and clean house but was very upsetting at the time. This move has been in the plans for about five years since the two hospitals merged, but only began to be implemented after Alan Hudson assumed the McCutcheon Chair as Surgeon-in-chief. I never realized how many books and files I was actually using until I began to unpack and reorganize. Unfortunately much needs yet to be done. I am sure that having all our neurosciences expertise in one place with Charles Tator as Head of Neurosurgery will compensate for the present

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disruption and will eventually lead to a very strong neurosurgical unit.

On the home front, Mary continues to teach art at Branksome - a girls' school which she herself once attended, and awaits the completion of a brand new building containing art class facilities she helped to design. Unfortunately a serious strike threatens to keep things in limbo past fall opening. She is planning a drawing and painting trip to Newfoundland this summer with her friend, one of Canada's leading artists, Kate Graham. Moira is struggling as a stockbroker against Canada's unfavourable economy; we really did not need Meech Lake in addition to GST and high interest rates. James has moved to Montreal to work in the National Research Council biomedical engineering laboratory there. Ronald is planning an exchange studentship in Germany this fall at the conclusion of his Masters in Eng. Physics (but he has not got his thesis finished!). Alison is balancing the pros and cons of law and a PhD in Philosophy at the University of Toronto. Meanwhile they are very aggressively competing for the use of our Manitoulin Island camp over the August 1st holiday weekend. And Pop our old cat finally caught a mouse in the house.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Florida - it has been a long time since I was last in Jacksonville.

Sincerely,



Ron and Mary Tasker

RRT/jnp

July 28, 1990

Dear Bill -

Every year seems to get busier then ever . I thought retirement was supposed to provide moments for quiet contemplation !

The meetings in Boston and Ann Arbor were just great. I think the anniversary meeting for the Boards was marvelous - thanks to all for all the effort and planning that went into it. It was so enjoyable to see all the old cronies from those meetings of the Boards when we were less constrained by regulations than is now the case and perhaps we had more fun.. I'm not sure we did a better job of examining in those days - but I think the personal rewards for the members of the Board were significantly higher. Maybe its just that we had better people on the Board at that time ! Bill - I am so glad that you have such warm memories of your exleriences when you took the Boards ! And you have really turned out awfully well consiudering considering the fact that I didn't examine you !

I'm sorry Jan couldn't join me in Boston since she would have enjoyed seeing so many old friends. But she was living it up in Northampton having a wild time with the girls at her 50th Smith reunion ! Fortunately most of you were also at the Ann Arbor meeting since she joined me there. I haven't been to Ann Arbor in some time and I must say I was impressed. A lovely campus and an impressive new hospital. (I would have thought that Ford might have planned for more than a tiny, single restroom next to the lovely auditorium !)

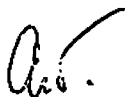
We didn't spend as much time at home this year (which has had a negative impact on my investment activities and, particularly, on our golf games !). In February we went down to Belize in Central America. It is certainly off the beaten path but wonderful rain forests, fabulous Mayan ruins - most of which are unexcavated. It gives a real sense of antiquity to hike through the jungle to find the overgrown remains of a city that once housed 100,000 people. They also have a fabuocous barrier reef - second longest in the world next to Australia. We spent some time on various islands on the reef - and took a dive boat 50 miles offshore on an overnight trip to a beautiful atoll a part of which houses a massive colony of frigate birds and boobies. They were nesting when we were there and we could climb up a rickety tower where we could look out over the forest canopy at hundreds of birds nesting - some within a few feet. Lovely coral and excellent snorkling as well as superb scuba diving (although we are too sensible for the latter !).

Next week we take off on our boat for the waters of northern British Columbia. Beautiful scenery - fjords, snow-capped mountains, waterfalls. We live off the land as much as we can since fishing villages for restocking supplies are few and far between and usually no fresh vegetables available anyway. So we catch prawns, Dungeness crabs, mussels, clams, unlimited oysters and occasional salmon. The trouble is that 1 fish keeps the two of us satiated for two days, so

we throw away the remainder. Then we're really not ready for salmon again for a couple of days !

Then home for a week and we're off to France for a little over 3 weeks. We're taking a barge down the Canal du Midi - 124 locks to get us down to the Mediteranean - and you have to help the lock-keeper open and close the locks (which is hard work) so its nice to have another couple along. Then we're off by ourselves driving through the crest of the Pyranees of Spain (Andorra) before heading out to sea to the islands of Majorca and Menorca. The only bad part is that means we miss the meeting at Amelia Island. We tried to squiggle our reservations around so we could make it but its just not possible. Our love to everybody.

Yours,



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Dear ACADEMICIAN:

I have experienced a number of significant events and accomplishments since I last wrote. While some of the notes may appear dated because of the passage of time, hopefully the sum will demonstrate relevance.

In 1988, I took a sabbatical. I spent the first 9 1/2 months in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs in the Department of Defense officed at the Pentagon. There I had an opportunity to study the organization of a large, structured, and well defined health care delivery system. Of special note to me was the complexity of health care policy decision making on such a global scale. Despite the fact I felt, at the time, relatively familiar with military medicine from my years on active duty and in the Reserves, a view of the process from the other end was extremely enlightening. The issues dealt with are not dissimilar from those we face in the civilian sector, whether it be in academic medicine or private practice. I believe, because of this experience, I have a much better understanding of some of the issues we face today in the practice of medicine in general and specifically neurosurgery, whether they be cost containment, fee structure, quality assurance, manpower allocations, questions of cost versus expense, etc.

The last 10 weeks of my sabbatical I spent in the Division of National Security of the Office of Management and Budget. Here I received a more detailed exposure of how decisions regarding the delivery of health care within the Department of Defense are analyzed from a national budgetary standpoint. Of significant interest to me in this experience was the mechanism of interdepartmental reallocation in times of budgetary constraints. While I was in this office I developed a paper analyzing some of the major conflicts within military medicine that perhaps have contributed to the preception of "melt down". The follow-up to this effort has been an opportunity to work with the Brookings Institution to develop a consensus conference on military medicine to be held this fall in Washington, D.C.

Through Charlie Plante's good graces Patty was able initially to work one day a week as a volunteer at the White House in the Office of Communications. After President Bush's election she was placed full time in his office organizing his personal communication files. As a result of her activities there we were invited to a number of interesting activities involving visiting heads of states, holiday events, etc.

As you can imagine, being a surgeon, a program director and chairman, I approached the time away with some trepidation. But, I came back home to Missouri convinced that all of us should do this at least once. The opportunity to view the world around me from a different vantage point ended up being immensely more valuable to me than the time occupied by the viewing. Perhaps none of us are as critical to our operations as we

believe. I was able to stay in contact with my office for day to day administration by the use of a computer link through modem. Each night I would download from my secretary's work station the questions that needed to be resolved. The answers were sent back that night ready for the staff the next day.

My life and focus since my return from sabbatical has been significantly changed. One of the reasons for taking the sabbatical was to look to the future. There were two areas of thought which I needed the time to address. First it appeared that I, based upon local resources and state priorities of education, had accomplished about all I could accomplish at Missouri. We have a good residency program. The neurosurgical faculty is involved actively in the neuroscience education of medical students in all four years. For example, we are primarily responsible for a required semester-long introductory course in clinical neurosciences in the second year. As a result of our Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program in Missouri, the medical school has become very closely allied with the state's Department of Health. We have a very active and intellectually sound medical ethics program, not only in the School of Medicine but in the University's undergraduate curriculum. We have a good state-wide trauma network with an excellent registry based upon head and spinal cord injury. Basic and clinical research programs are productive.

A second area of thought was more personal. Quite frankly, I have seen too many of my senior colleagues, not just in neurosurgery but in other surgical specialties, who did not know when to leave the operating room. My observations indicate one of the major reasons for this is that we as physicians and surgeons fail to prepare ourselves for a professional life after the operating room. So, we stay on too long. As a result, personal and professional tragedies occur. I decided some time ago, early in my career, this would not happen to me. The question was: how to prepare for that time? Just prior to taking the sabbatical I entered law school at the University of Missouri on a part-time basis. I continued the study of law at the Washington College of Law, American University, in Washington, D.C. while on sabbatical. I have continued the study since my return. This, in association with my background in medicine and medical ethics, will allow me to continue to contribute long after I lay down the scalpel.

on these issues. In addition, opportunities to cooperate with the faculties of the Department of Neurosurgery and the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins have been established. Finally, proximity will permit me to continue my relationship with the Brookings Institution (the above conference is my third with them).

In closing, permit me to wish all of you an exciting meeting this fall, and the best for next year.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

The past year has been a pleasant and productive one at the Weir household. My first grandson arrived during its course. My younger daughter is thriving in school and ballet, she is now 12. My 10 year old son is living in that marvelous world of baseball and hockey cards and is starting to show some interest in golf. My wife, Mary Lou, has taken some courses in real estate.

It has been an active year in my department. We have been developing transplantation and have just begun liver and islet cell transplants. It has also been a busy year for travel with an exotic trip to India for the World Congress.

Like many of you, I am engaged in that juggling act of trying to do justice to neurosurgical practice, research and administration. It is not always relaxing but it certainly is challenging and rewarding.

I wish all fellow academicians the very best.

Yours sincerely,

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From Peggie and Ben Whitcomb
May 9, 1990.

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Dear Academician:

As we get up into the octogenarian class we take pride that several of our antique members, by virtue of their wisdom and reputations, continue on in some capacity to give sage advice (usually of a conservative nature) and to enhance the academic atmosphere of their institutions by still teaching. This is good because basics show little change and papers with new terminology often hide old ideas. The molecular biologist and the geneticist are our most exciting producers today. However, in our art the new technology and instrumentation of the past decade has facilitated greatly what we so laboriously accomplished in the past.

In family news we are still frustrated by Peggie's TIAs of ten years. We find no carotid or surgical implications but have definite MRI confirmation. Fortunately, she has no neurological residuals--she skis and golfs and is my memory bank. Our four children are now middle aged: Stuart, a designer in Portland, Or, married to a girl from Ireland 27 years ago in Don Matson's house. They have three sons --two still in college. A daughter, Kathy, a physical therapist, in Ft. Collins, Col. married to a urologist born in Poland and an outstanding mountaineer. They have a son and daughter--both in college, alas! another daughter Judy, our only M.D. is a surgeon in Anchorage Alaska. She is married to an oil engineer, a rebel from Alabama. They have a son aged 3 1/2 who, she states, can swim the length of the pool without floatation or assistance. He is entered in the class of '98 in Alabama. A son Benjie III is married to a lovely Italian girl. They are both sea captains and in the off seasons she is a dental hygienist and he a carpenter in N. Y. state. A most enjoyable international family. As with many of you who have grandchildren in college, a little help with the tuition may be necessary, which means--do we put the boat in the water--or buy a much needed new car? YOU GUESS!

Cordially,


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Dear Academicians,

We've had an eventful year, with interesting trips and events to break up the daily routine at the hospital.

We were surprised that the "artwork" by son Mike, which is hanging in the Smithsonian, was reproduced on the front cover of the July 4, 1990 issue of JAMA (Exhibit A). Although he is maintaining his straight life as an investment banker, Mike is continuing his writing. In June, he and his coauthor won a script writing contest, winning the opportunity to produce their short movie script for the TV cable network, Showtime. Its about some elderly men in a retirement home who start a boxing club to relieve boredom and maintain physical fitness. I was pleased to find out that there is something to look forward to after retirement!

Mike's wife, Sheila, who is a movie animator, has just finished work on Robo Cop 2 and has a short break before her company's next project. Despite broad hints and even more open communications from Gloria, we are still grandchildless.

Son Jeff is still working at Sun Microsystems, but is making noises about starting his own company related to the commercial uses of neural net computing. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Cable Communications Cooperative of Palo Alto and has been working on the idea of selective advertising, such that in any television advertising slot there would be any one of several types of advertisement, with some selection of which ad would go to what customer's home, based on that customer's background and personal preferences.

Daughter Betsy has finished the third of her five-year Ph.D. program at Yale in modern Italian literature. She spent the period from September to July in Venice, studying the works of an Italian poet, Andrea Zanzotto, who is now in his 70's and living near Venice. She had the good fortune of sharing an apartment with a young woman who works at the Gugenheim Museum and who is the European representative of the American artist, Jenny Holzer. Jenny Holzer was the United States' entrant in this year's

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Biennale, the international competition for modern art held every two years in Venice, and she won. Betsy was caught up in her room-mate's interest in art, and as a result she found work translating for the international art magazine, *Contemporanea*. Also, the two of them did the translations for the catalogue that will accompany the Titian exhibit on its trip from Venice to Washington.

Gloria continues to work at my office, which unfortunately has kept most of her other interests on hold. She has found time, though, to be active in the Auxiliary to the Durham-Orange County Medical Society and the North Carolina Medical Society Auxiliary.

We look forward to seeing you all again in Florida this October.

Sincerely yours,

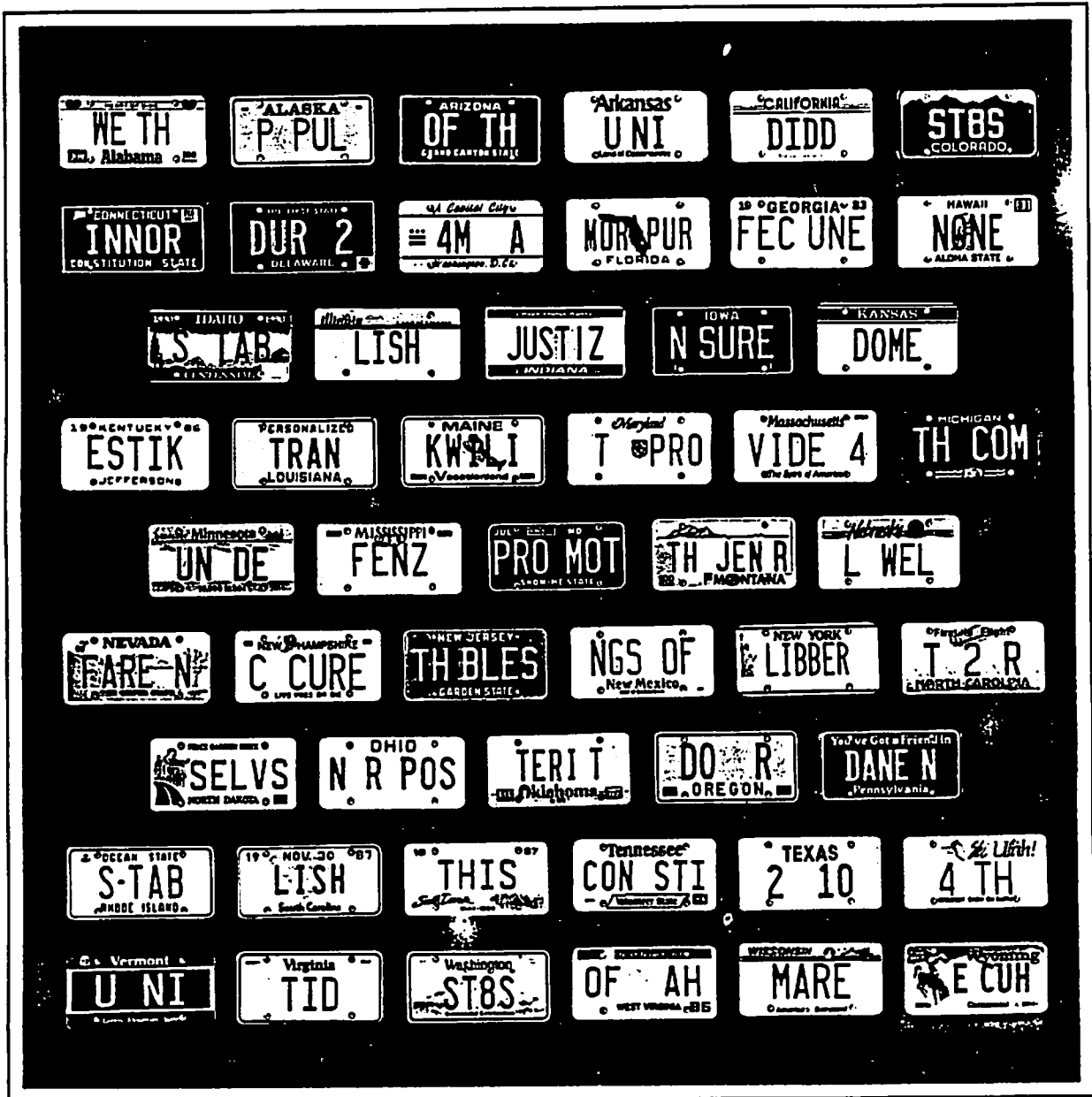
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Dear Bill:

With less prodding than usual, I send my contribution to the Round Robin. I never do this without remembering how much the Round Robin meant to Dean Echols, who always referred to it with a particular fondness. The Academy was smaller in those days, and I think we miss something by having a larger membership.

This has been a year with good news and bad news. The good news was my being selected as the Honored Guest for the Congress meeting in Los Angeles. This is an enormous honor for me. I plan to talk on glioblastoma, cryptic vascular malformations, and non-secreting pituitary adenomas. Under bad news is my pending divorce and the deterioration of my hip that led to a hip joint replacement and the end of my running days. Actually, I am certain that I could run again, but I'm afraid of loosening the cement. I am trying to find a replacement sport, and although swimming may fit the bill eventually, at the present time, it is a poor substitute.

I was particularly saddened by John Green's death. I had the honor of giving the first John Green Lecture, and at that time, John was vigorous and in good health. He was a wonderful person, and I among many of his friends will miss him very much.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

I am writing in reply to your request for a contribution to the Round Robin. As a relatively new member of the Academy, having been elected to membership in 1986, I have been hesitant about providing an entry for the Round Robin given the august character of the membership. Having been a member for four years, however, I think it is an appropriate time to provide an initial contribution.

Since January of 1986, I have been the Chairman of the Division of Neurological Surgery at the University of California, Irvine. The U.C. Irvine California College of Medicine is a relatively new school, having been established in 1969. I have the honor to have been preceded as chairman by three other distinguished Academy members, John T. French, Robert W. Porter, and Eldon L. Foltz.

I am happy to report that neurosurgery is flourishing at U.C. Irvine. At the time I joined the faculty, there were only three full time faculty members, Doctors Foltz and Porter as well as Doctor Mike Pritz. Since that time, we have added four new faculty members and two neurosurgical fellows. We have also added a second Ph.D. to our neurosurgical research laboratory team. Our neurosurgical case load has increased from about 350 per year to about 850 per year and we have added the Children's Hospital of Orange County as one of our affiliated teaching hospitals. Although the residency program graduates only one person each year, I am proud to say that every resident who has trained in this program has attained board certification. Orange County is a most pleasant place to live with a very active, growing population, very mild sunny weather, a beautiful ocean coastline and the beautiful San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains only a few minutes drive away.

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Re: AANS Round Robin
March 19, 1990

My three children are now in their 20's and have all completed their university training. My son Scott, the oldest of the three, is pursuing a course in retail marketing in athletic wear. My second child, Ann, is pursuing a career in the business end of health care and my younger daughter, Karen, is beginning a career in modeling and acting.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the 1990 meeting. Madame Denise Albe-Fessard, noted for her work in neurophysiologic recording from the human brain, will be visiting our department during the month of October. This will be Madame Fessard's second visit to our department and she has been the source of much inspiration and excellent human experimental neurophysiology with our group. Over the past ten years or more, I have become a confirmed Francophile. I have enjoyed many visits to France and have become acquainted with many neurosurgeons and neuroscientists in France. My friendship with Madame Fessard has grown out of that experience. I hope to be able to report on our work at the 1991 meeting of the Academy.

It is an honor to be a member of the Academy and I hope I will be a credit to it.

Yours sincerely,



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