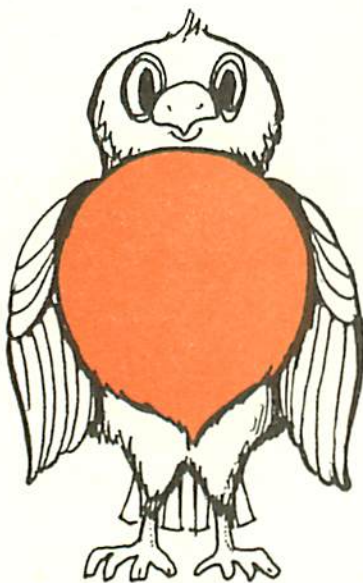
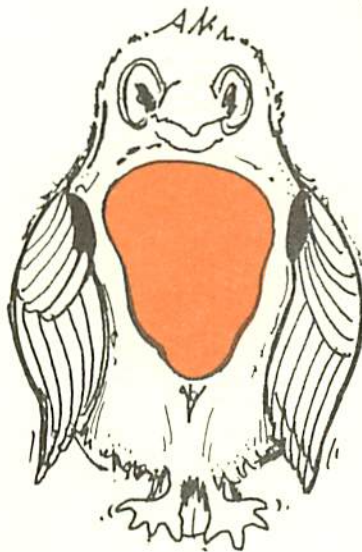
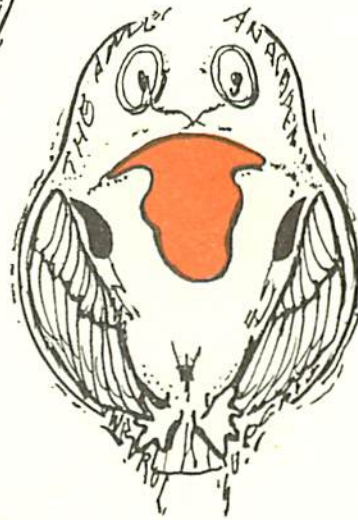


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Dear Bill:

I am sending this letter as a contribution to the
"Round Robin Letter:"

Betty and I have just returned from Santa Barbara,
California, where Bob Pudenz hosted the annual
meeting of the Neurosurgical Travel Club. As you
know, that started off with 16, of whom 11 are
still living. Bill Meacham was not allowed by his
physician to come, since about 10 days ago he had
a successfully removed malignancy from his cecum
and is doing well, but we missed him.

The meeting was excellent, but my chief pleasure
was in visiting the David Reeves Memorial Library
in the Cottage Hospital. When I joined the
Academy in 1950, Dave Reeves was the editor of the
"Round Robin Letter" though I am not at all sure
he started it (it may have been Francis Murphey
who did) and David was very active in all aspects
of the organization of neurosurgery as well as
being an excellent neurosurgeon and carrying on an
active clinical practice.

The library in that hospital is a perfect gem, but
it scarcely has enough money to keep ahead of
things, and I think the local Chairman of the
Board of Trustees, the Chief of Staff, and others
in the hospital are going to have to be encouraged
to give funds to make it what it really ought to
be, a good resource for literature for all the
medical branches in that large populous.


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I intend to publish a photograph of the interior of this and an account about this in SURGICAL NEUROLOGY soon, since I know a great many people are not aware of the existence of this library or, in fact, of Dave Reeves who meant so much to neurosurgery.

Betty and I are enjoying visiting and traveling moderately but to her dismay, some of our plans are hampered by my obligations as chairman of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina, which meets seven times year; and to my obligations as editor of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY, which ran through 530 manuscripts last year.

We are having a good time, and our children are getting along well. As you know, our son, Eben III is now with Peter McL. Black on the full-time staff at the Brigham Hospital in Boston where he is getting rapidly settled in.

Sincerely yours,


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Dear Academician,

Unfortunately Carolyn and I will not be able to be present at the Anniversary Meeting of The American Academy of Neurologic Surgeons. I will be speaking at the Argentinian Society of Neurological Surgery and the Brazilian Society at a time which falls precisely during the meeting of the Academy. We will miss being at the Academy meeting.

In the last year we have been working on the development of The Henry Ford Neurosurgical Institute. Hopefully by the end of 1988 we will have two divisions functioning in different hospitals in our community. The Institute also hopes to relate to neurosurgeons in communities outside Detroit. As you know, Fernando Diaz is opening the Neuroscience Institute which is affiliated with the SantaFe Healthcare Systems, Inc. in Gainesville, Florida. This is a large healthcare system which has the second largest HMO in Florida and was badly in need of neurosurgical support for its system. Joy Arpin-Sypert will be joining Fernando in that practice. Their Institute will be affiliated with The Henry Ford Neurosurgical Institute. The HFNI will also have international affiliates.

Henry Schmidek and his wife, Mary, will be joining us in Detroit. Henry, who is well known to the Academy members, will continue his work on molecular genetics of brain tumors which has been very exciting. He has been able to convert tumor cells to normal cells in the laboratory by altering the genetic expression. We also will embark on a cooperative study with the Russians on the interventional treatment of cerebral aneurysms with balloon occlusion. Our first approach to this will be with unruptured aneurysms.

Manuel Dujovny and Lucia Zamorano, a Fellow with us who has trained

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in Chile and with Dr. Munding in Germany, have developed our stereotactic program. Over 250 stereotactic procedures have been done in the last two years. They are embarking on three-dimensional imaging of lesions in the brain, the use of the linear accelerator with stereotaxis and the use of a ventriculoscope with an associated Yag laser. They have done a considerable amount of work with computers to integrate all of this and it really is looking like star wars.

Jack Rock, who was a trainee of Russ Patterson's, is doing his work on the pituitary, studying genetics of pituitary tumors and other areas of tumor surgery.

Bob Tiel, who was trained in our program, has an interest in peripheral nerve surgery and has a real expertise in computer systems. He has developed an integrated abstracted medical record system for us and is helping us computerize our operation.

Ghaus Malik continues to do his work with giant arteriovenous malformations and should have a number of publications in this coming year on that and other subjects in this area.

We are looking for some additional help for this expanding system and if you have some people wh you think would fit in, we would be interested in talking to them.

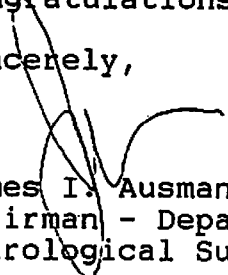
In July we will have our International Symposium on Microvascular Surgery for Cerebral Ischemia. There still seems to be more heat than light in the area of bypass surgery and this is a tragedy. There is no question that there are patients who suffer from a perfusion deficit who are benefitted by this type of therapy. It is obvious that the large numbers who were being operated probably did not. Over 200 participants from 30 countries have submitted over 125 abstracts covering a wide range of subjects in this area with a large percentage of them being devoted to patient selection methods. There is obviously a continued interest in this area. What needs to be done is to begin to delineate a population of patients believed to be at risk and study these patients in more detail.

Somehow all the changes in the healthcare systems and the politics of medicine under stress are making all of this a little less enjoyable. I don't seem to remember these kinds of problems in "the goold old days", but maybe this means that I'm getting older or that my skilled predecessors just made it look easy.

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Carolyn and I will miss you all in Cincinnati. I know John and his fine group of associates will have an excellent meeting. Congratulations and best of luck!

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

I am not able to write because of corneal transplants and I will be out of business for the next year. I guess at age 83 I have had a lot to be proud of, and the Academy is one of them.

My personal regards and best personal wishes to all.

Sincerely,

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Dear Doctor Bucheit,

It is with sadness that I must reply to your letter address to Doctor Boldrey. As I'm sure you've heard, Doctor Boldrey passed away on June 6th. He was loved and admired by all who came to know him here at UCSF and we miss him deeply. I am attaching some information which was distributed at his memorial service on Campus.

Mrs. Boldrey receives her mail at the family home: 924 Hayne Road, Hillsborough, Ca. 94010. In addition, you might wish to contact Edwin E. Boldrey, M.D. (son) at 300 Homer Ave., Palo Alto, Ca. 94301 if necessary.

If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at the Departmental office.

Sincerely

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FORMER UC-SAN FRANCISCO CHAIRMAN OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY EDWIN B. BOLDREY DIES

Edwin B. Boldrey, MD, UC-San Francisco emeritus professor of neurological surgery and former chairman of the department, died on Monday, June 6, 1988 at the age of 81. He died after a short illness while hospitalized at The Medical Center at UCSF.

Boldrey came to UC-San Francisco in 1940 as an instructor in surgery and served the institution for forty-eight years. He progressed through the academic ranks, serving as Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery from 1951-56 and was appointed professor in 1960 and emeritus professor in 1974. He was the winner of the prestigious Elliot Royer Award in 1971 and, in 1983, the Edwin B. Boldrey Lectureship in Neurological Surgery was established at UCSF in his honor.

Born in Morgantown, Indiana on July 17, 1906, Boldrey was the first son of a Methodist minister, Edwin Howe Boldrey and Florence Barkley Boldrey. He received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University in 1927 and his master's and MD from the University of Indiana in 1930 and 1932, respectively.

Postdoctoral training as an intern and general surgical training followed at Montreal General Hospital until 1935 when Boldrey was accepted for a neurosurgical residency at the Montreal Neurological Institute. He spent five years studying neurology, neurophysiology, neuropathology and neurosurgery. In 1936 he received a M.Sc. degree from McGill University.

Boldrey had many research interests, among them epilepsy, aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, wound healing, brain abscesses and the surgical, radiation and chemical therapy of brain tumors. He was a pioneer in the clinical use of several modern techniques in brain surgery and it has been reported that he was the first surgeon to perform successfully a total excision of the pituitary gland.

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An author of 116 scientific papers, Boldrey was a member of many professional associations and societies. He was chairman of the Neurological Sciences Research Training Committee A from 1966-70 and the founder of the San Francisco Neurological Society and the Western Neurosurgical Society, both of which he served as president. He was a Director of the American Board of Neurological Surgery and, in 1982, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Society of Neurological Surgeons.

A resident of Hillsborough, CA, Boldrey is survived by his wife of 56 years, Helen, and three children, Mrs. Nancy Jeanne Cooper of San Francisco, Mrs. Susan Ellen Fairbairn of Nevada City, and Dr. Edwin Eastland Boldrey of Palo Alto.

The UCSF Department of Neurological Surgery will hold a memorial service on Thursday, June 23, 1988 at 4 p.m. in Room 302 HSW, 513 Parnassus. Donations may be made in his memory to the Edwin B. Boldrey Lectureship, Department of Neurological Surgery, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143-0112.

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Dear Bill:

The highlight of the year in San Antonio was unquestionably the 49th Meeting of the Academy. Jim and Joanne Story, as hosts, and Ann and I, as co-hosts, very much enjoyed the chance to plan for the visit of our Academy colleagues and enjoyed even more a chance to see everyone in the Alamo City.

The year has been busy in other ways as well: I have now finished my three year term as Secretary of the Southern Neurosurgical Society. It has been a delightful experience and I have enjoyed it; additionally, as you know, I have had the pleasure of serving as President of the Society of University Neurosurgeons, and my term of office will conclude with a meeting hosted by our Academy colleague, Ernst Grote in Tubingen.

Familywise, 1987-88 marks the first year in 23 years that Ann and I have found ourselves at home, just the two of us. Our son, Willis III, graduated from college with a Bachelor's degree in political science and is now living in Milwaukee and attending Marquette University with his eye on an MBA/JD program. Our daughter, Lisa Ann, has finished her freshman year in college at St. Edward's University in Austin. Both are happy and are flourishing. Ann's year was marked by the close of her mother's long illness and the resettlement of her father in an ideal situation in Milwaukee. We look forward to visiting with him and other family members in Northern Wisconsin later this summer.

At the University, we have had a busy year in many ways. We are cautiously evaluating the transplantation of adrenal medullary tissue in patients with Parkinsonism and we have learned, as have others, that there are some pit falls in such endeavors. Additionally, our Division has been engaged in a number of laboratory studies related to adrenal transplantation.

Best regards to you and to all the Academicians.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Academician:

The time between Round Robins seems to go quickly. I am happy to report that 1987-88 has been a relatively calm year. We have had no major catastrophies, nor, on the other hand, unforeseen windfalls.

Lyn continues in her linguistic work at Temple University and so far has done extremely well. Her grades will put her on the Dean's list, and perhaps something more. Megan is now ten years old and going into the fifth grade. She is doing all the things a child her age does including learning to play the violin. She has been taking lessons for several years and is coming along nicely.

We had one trip to Europe this year with the SUN Club. This trip was a big success. Ernst Grote arranged an outstanding meeting in one of the most beautiful student towns, Tubigen, Germany. The meeting concluded with a dueling match between two of the german students. That was spectacular! Following the scientific session a group of us went by train to Bertchesgaden. This is a particularly lovely part of Bavaria and very close to Salzburg. One evening we went to hear the music and the rest of the time we were just tourists.

Things here at Temple are going reasonably well. We have had some difficulty in our Pediatric Neurosurgical Service as Ray Truex became sick. It took about ten months to replace him, and finally Doctor Jogi Pattisapu joined us in June. Jogi trained in Peds with Jack Walker in Salt Lake City and so far has done an outstanding job. In one month he virtually put the service back on its feet.

In the past month I have been elected as the Chairman of the Executive Faculty at the School of Medicine, a job which is equivalent to being the Medical Director. This is a bit more

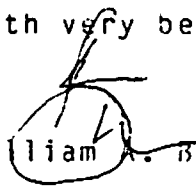
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than I had bargained for, but so far all is going well. I find the problems fascinating and the solutions even more so. I may live to regret having accepted this job.

Last August Ernie Mack, Phanor Perot, Larry Pool, Giles Bertrand and myself fished for salmon in New Brunswick. Although the water was very low and the fishing quite poor we had a great time, told a lot of stories and drank a lot of wine. We are going to repeat that at a place called The Doctor's Island Club in New Brunswick following the meeting in Cincinnati. Hopefully the fishing will be better, but I don't think we will have more fun. Speaking of Larry, I think you all should be aware of Larry's new book, The Adventures and Ventures of a New York Neurosurgeon. This is a most delightful autobiography and I would encourage all of you to get a copy (published by Pool and printed by Rainbow Press, Turrington, Con).

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in September.

With very best personal regards,


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JUAN CARLOS & DIANA CHRISTENSEN

You may remember that seven years ago we were married in France: although Diana was a widow and I had been legally divorced in Argentina the laws of our country did not allow me, at that time, to marry again. To circumvent the problem our friend Robert Vigouroux, neurosurgeon and Deputy Mayor of Marseilles, married us there after the International Congress of Neurosurgery in Munich.

Fortunately the Argentine law has been changed and this year we got married here, because our previous marriage in France was not valid in Argentina. So, now, all our papers are in order!

We have bought a very nice property on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, overlooking the Rio de la Plata, and we plan to move there at the end of the year. This will allow me to go back to the water when not working or travelling. I shall not be sailing this time, but at least we'll be able to criss-cross our beautiful Delta on a motor boat.

Although retired from teaching and hospitalwork I keep an active private neurosurgical practice and, as Dean of the Argentine College of Neurosurgeons, I supervise the training, examinations and certifications of young neurosurgeons and the compliance of ethical and medical standards in our specialty.

Work and the loving care of Diana and of all the family, including 14 grand-children, have shown me that a ripe old age can be splendid!



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Bill,

"No thanks" - that is what my best friends say when I ask them if they want to hear about my health. My old friend Chester Nimitz told me that there are lots of aches and pains to growing old - then he would say "How about a CINCPAC old-fashioned?" - it works wonders. When you retire you have the time to write but you aren't sure you have anything really worthwhile to tell or that someone will listen. At the Toronto meeting I learned a lot. It was impressive for me to hear others tell of their studies for brain tumor treatment. I especially admired the Interleukin-2 studies of Kornblith, Barba, Saris, Oldfield and Young. I can brag about the research here in San Francisco by young Griff Harsh (IV) and his studies of platelet derived growth factor. It is satisfying and re-assuring to see new sophisticated study by these young men even when I don't understand it all. I graduated from Cincinnati in 1942 and expect to make the meeting there in the Fall.

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Dear Bill,

It seems incredible that another year has passed and that you are writing again for material for the Round Robin.

It has been an interesting year. I have put together a group of physicians and psychologists and have done a series of patients with the adrenal medullary transplant to the caudate nucleus in Parkinsonism. We have had some interesting results. Probably the most interesting part of the whole project is the occasionally rather dramatic relief of the symptoms of Parkinsonism. This has brought me in contact with a variety of physicians and investigators and has proved very intellectually stimulating.

The World Federation continues to occupy a fair amount of my time and correspondence. In fact, within a couple of months I will be on my way to India to see what plans have been set for there. I am busily trying to arrange for some interesting trips before and after the World Congress. If people are going that far, they might as well take advantage of things like a trip to the Veil of Kashmir. For those of you who read the papers and watch television news, you will notice there is periodic accounts of violence in India. This is understandable in a country that has over a hundred languages and almost as many religious groups. Most of the problems involve the Sikhs, either internally or in conflict with the Hindu. This takes place at a substantial distance from Delhi. Violence in Delhi, itself, has always been restricted to Old Delhi and has never spilled into New Delhi. The headquarters hotel, the Taj Palace, is a magnificent hotel run by the Tata family, who make all the buses in Southeast Asia, started Air India, make a tremendous amount of steel in India and are very wealthy and philanthropic Indian family.

Personally, Fern and I have enjoyed our travels. We were in Europe for the European Congress. There we saw a number of Academicians who had come over for the same purpose.

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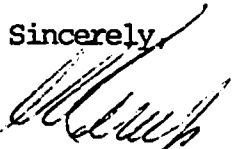
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Fern shortly will be on her way to California to spend the first birthday of our second grandson, which happens to be her birthday as well.

Our family are all well and I trust all the Academicians families are the same. Fern and I are looking forward to the meeting in Cincinnati.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

It seems that I just wrote to the Round Robin and so time is passing faster and I must be getting older. This year, until a few months ago, was going well. I was getting much stronger and most of my crocky complaints were slowly going away and then Gwen developed pneumococcal pneumonia and empyema. I must say how impressed I was with that bacteria to make her sick in just a few hours. It took a few weeks of hospitalization and a thoracotomy to get her well, but she is now rapidly recuperating and will probably be back to work in a few weeks. I hope this will end the Collins' illnesses for a while.

I remain Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Dennis Spencer has taken over as Chief of the Section of Neurosurgery. While the Department Chairmanship is an interesting job, it does not compare with being Chief of Neurosurgery. For one thing it is almost a completely negative feed back situation. I cannot remember the last time an appointment was made to tell me what a great job I had done, but I certainly can remember when it was pointed out to me something I missed. The position, however, does give me an opportunity to see University and Hospital governance and relationships from a different perspective and although I wrote last year that continuation of neurosurgery in the Department of Surgery had advantages for both, in part, because I am grouper instead of a divider, I am more inclined now to believe that medical schools should look again at their governance procedures and consider a change in basic form. The number of people involved in governance, that is Deans, Chairmen, and Chiefs, are too many. There are too many committee meetings that they must attend. They also are an excuse for many section chiefs not to develop in their own sections

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independently but to be dependent upon decisions, both good and bad, of someone else. It has been suggested here in one of our meetings that the clinical units would be better divided up into disciplines and/or programs. An example might be that of oncology that requires people trained in medicine, surgery, radiation therapy, pediatrics, and interventional radiology, as well as research. We have a Cancer Center, but its Director is hampered in its development by having to work through five different Chairmen. The faculty also at times feel like they are working in the wrong place since with their center duties they may not fit into a Chairman's program that he is laying out for his Department. This means that they have more difficulty with promotion and use of department resources. On the other hand, some one has to be able to put together the various needs of all the different programs and disciplines and have the ability to evaluate what is being done with them. The concept of an Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs is one that has been used in a number of institutions but usually is someone over the Chairman of four or five departments. The concept that was discussed in one planning session was to have an Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and have two or three Assistant Deans, perhaps representing the major areas of psychiatry, surgery, medicine, pediatrics and to have everyone else be related to a program or a discipline. The group under the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs would have as their only task the allotment of resources in the institution to the various programs and would not be the major emphasis for the directional development of the disciplines and the programs, but would help with quality control.

I have not come up with any answers, but I do think that medical schools and hospital governance have become much too complex. The demands of administration are getting overwhelming and the career of the young academic surgeon can be almost, I believe, totally ruined by being put into an administrative position. On the other hand, without the young people in such positions, the development of surgery or programs related to surgery might be impaired by such old fogies as us. May be next year I will have the answer.

I look forward to the meeting in the fall. Hope everything goes well with you.

Sincerely,



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

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Hans-Erich und Karin DIEMATH,
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Salzburg, 20th June 1988

Time passes fast.

For almost 3 1/2 years I am director of all the Landesnervenklinik in Salzburg. This clinic houses 7 departments, as there are the neurosurgical department (58 beds), the neurological department (112 beds), neurogeriatric department (108 beds), Psychiatry (162 beds), psychiatric nursing and rehabilitation (182 beds) and a special nursing hospital on the countryside in Grafenhof with 90 beds.

To run this Landesnervenklinik is quite difficult in these times, as also in our country the budget for hospitals is shortened at all ends.

Nevertheless this year we shall get a MRI installed. For this reason we have visited the USA in April this year and at this occasion I could see Don Long and my old neurosurgical department at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The warm welcome at Johns Hopkins by Don Long and Martin Donner was overwhelming, the dinner at the Faculty Club very impressing for all the members of the Austrian Delegation.

We also succeeded in beginning to build up a new house for neurogeriatric patients which will cost about 22 millions of Dollars.

Our scientific interest is still braintrauma, brain edema with controlled studies of various therapeutic approaches. The intra-operative sonography, introduced last year and handled here by neurosurgeons, only has turned out very useful.

The extent of utilization of our department of neurosurgery

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had been 108,9 % in average last year, with 1772 operations, intracranial interventions 555, spinal operations 558, periphere nervous interventions 110 and other operations 549. New controllmechanism is based on new computer controlled EEG spectren had been used for carotissurgery.

The family is well. Our eldest daughter, Karen, is a medical doctor and married to Dr. Gerhard Pierer, a plastic surgeon. They have two little daughters, Eve and Nora. Our son, doctor of laws, at the moment stays with a lawer. Our little one, our sunshine Maren-Christina, 12 years old, got a little dog two months ago. Balduin, his name, a funny mixture, is introduced by me everywhere as "templedog of Nepal" and the admiration increases enormously.

We let our farm - trouble with our incometax authorities had beocome too awful.

If I have less work next year, Karin and I hope to visite the States again in June and to take part in the Centennial of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Looking forward to seeing many of our friends of the Academy in Europe or in the States, your's sincerely

Hans-Erich



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Re: Round Robin

Dear Academicians:

1988 will be the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Academy. As all of you know by now, we are holding it in Cincinnati, the site of the first meeting.

The Seniors tightened their bonds of comradeship at the Sea Island meeting with a pre-meeting get-together. They will have that again in Cincinnati and, indeed, it might develop into a new academy tradition.

We find that neurosurgical life in Cincinnati continues to expand and be more dynamic. The private hospitals and the University are working in an affiliated effort in that regard. Neurosurgery sets the example for cooperation through the various areas of the city.

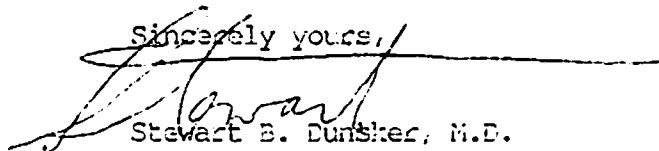
Ellen has been busy as a part-time librarian. In addition, she assumes the presidency of the new hospital volunteer group at Christ Hospital. In addition to several local projects, the group has been active in teaching health matters to women and girls throughout the greater Cincinnati area.

Shiela transferred from Tulane to Ohio State University. She has expanded her interest in English and Creative writing. It never ceases to amaze us how she can take a simple set of circumstances and expand them into a fascinating tale.

Ellen and I are looking forward to seeing all of the academicians and their families in Cincinnati in September 1988.

With personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



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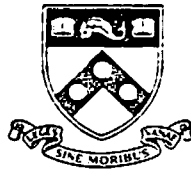
I'll answer you the "painful" way -- Connie will enter the hospital for elective surgery. We are the "bionic medicare kids" -- several procedures each!

We have winterized the lake cottage here -- not too far from Dartmouth and I continue to work -- teaching, conferences and to get going in some research I had put aside. This combined with sculling, fishing, and stamps passes the time well. In the winter we go to Oklahoma City to be near 2 of our 3 kids and grandchildren. Bob, the youngest, is back at UCLA.

As you know, we were at the Toronto meeting -- both of us picked up the Toronto bug and didn't circulate very much. We were quite disappointed not seeing more of the meeting and friends. We are most anxious to come to Cincinnati for the 50th.

Best Wishes,

Bob



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Dear Bill:

As the newest member of the Philadelphia neurosurgical community, I could not resist your appeal for letters for the Round Robin.

I have been in Philadelphia for four months now, and I am beginning to feel adjusted to the new location. Susan is still in New York awaiting the end of the school year when she and our younger son, Douglas, will move to Philadelphia. Our older son, Andrew, was delighted with the move and responded by wishing me well and hoping that I would leave him the keys to the New York apartment for his trips in from Skidmore College.

I have been very fortunate to have joined with a group of excellent neurosurgeons on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. This has made the transition much easier than I expected. We are in the process of reorganizing the service and establishing a new Neurosurgical Unit at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. This will consist of 42 beds with 6 of them in the Intensive Care Unit and 6 in a Neurosurgical Step-down Unit. This, combined with the activities at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with Luis Schut and Pennsylvania Hospital with Fred Simeone, will make this one of the larger neurosurgical services in the area. We have also taken the opportunity to extend our residency program to six years which will provide for a 2 year laboratory experience for the residents. Getting these things organized has kept me busy enough not to notice, almost, the transition from New York to Philadelphia.

On a lighter note, I am happy to report that there is a life after New York. Philadelphia has the right mix of size, culture and history th t makes Susan and me confident that we will very soon settle in to our new home.

I would like to extend an invitation to all of the members of the Academy to visit us whenever they plan to be in the Philadelphia area. Our weekly conference day is on Fridays, and we should be able to provide ab interesting and stimulating afternoon for anyone who can attend the conference.

Regards to all.

Yours truly,

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

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June 30, 1988

Dear Academicians,

We were delighted to receive Bill Buchheit's reminder to write to one of our favorite publications - The Round Robin. We often re-read it several times.

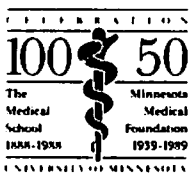
Our life has been going along as well as we anticipated when I had to retire three years ago. We spend our time about evenly divided between Minnesota and California. We still vote and pay taxes in Minnesota and hope to keep it that way. I still have an office at the University, with secretarial help, access to the library, residents in training, etc. Shelley has permitted me to extend my usefulness to any extent that I desire. This permits me to "keep up" with neurosurgical events and activities.

In the latter part of April and the first half of May, we were in Seoul, Korea where I was visiting professor at Seoul National University. We were guests of three neurosurgeons who trained at the University of Minnesota and of the Korean Neurosurgical Society. I gave several talks on aneurysms and arteriovenous malformations, attended conferences, etc. Our hosts took us all over Korea. We saw the new facilities for the Olympics -- they are beautiful! The city of Seoul is exceptionally clean, the buildings are well-maintained, the hospitals have excellent equipment, and, all in all, Seoul is just a beautiful city. Prior to going, we worried a bit about riots, etc., but there was no need for apprehension. True, there is the daily riot (rioters numbering 100 to 1000 people) that occurs on the city's main vehicular thoroughfare, so the TV cameras are never removed. They last 15 - 30 minutes, the police arrive and spread some tear gas, and then everyone seems to go home. Our friends have assured us there shouldn't be any threat to the Olympics. We believe that anyone who goes will be pleasantly surprised.

After ten wonderful days in Korea, we went to Singapore for a few days, then to Kuala Lumpur where another of our trainees is practicing. From Kuala Lumpur, we travelled to Hong Kong for a few days and then back to the U.S.A.

It was a great trip; we were really impressed with the beauty and industry of all the countries. The architecture of the new, rather massive buildings in Kuala Lumpur were the most impressive we've seen.

This spring I had the pleasure of a trip to Albany to give The Eldridge Campbell lecture. I enjoyed a visit with Mrs. Eleanor Campbell who is still lively, sharp intellectually and a very pleasant lady. John Popp is doing a good job as head of both general surgery and neurosurgery.



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Our children are all doing well. The two boys (Fred and Eldridge) are married, have children and live in the Minneapolis area. Our daughter Barbara is now in Portland, Oregon, and has one child - a boy. She and her husband enjoy vacations of backpacking and camping in that beautiful area of the country.

We intend to continue our rather idealistic way of life. We try to see only enough cold and snow to be able to appreciate our months in the sun. We always enjoy seeing old friends in either place.

Shelley is going to step down as head of the department. He has done such a good job and accomplished so much! If it weren't for his tremendous natural ability, I could take more credit for him. I'm certain they will find a replacement of quality stature. The department is well-organized and financially very viable so it shouldn't be hard to entice the proper replacement.

We are looking forward to the 1988 Cincinnati meeting. It should be one of the best ever.

With regards to all,

Lyle & Gene French

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Dear Academician:

After 20 years of planing, raising the funds, building the Neurological Institute of Colombia, performing 1001 major Nuerosurgical operations and training Latinamerican Neurosurgeos from Mexico to Argentina, I retired as Emeritus Director on my 55th birthday. The following day I came to the United Stated Virgin Islands as Territorial Neurosurgeon.

Lucy joined me after our son Maurice received his DDS in Bogota and Richard his Electrical Engeeniering title from the Florida Atlantic University. With Claudia working in Washington DC as a psychologist, Robert, a Civil Engeenier and Phillipe a Computer Engeenier student at FAU, the Gomez family are now all in the USA. Claudia and Robert were born in New York while I was in training with Abner Wolf, Morris B Bender and C.G. de Gutierrez-Mahoney.

My memory is now full of satisfaction of contributing to the development of Neurological Sciences in Latinamerica through my Academic life and pioneering efforts, however the political turmoil and persistant insecurity brought us to move away to the country we love and where the inalienable rights and the pursuit of happiness are constitutional mandates.

The United States Virgin Islands are a truly American Paradise. I work at the Hospital, teach medical students from the American Caribbean University every week, began publishing the USVI Medical news letter. The first three cases of Tropical Spastic paraparesis in the US territory were confirmed and a Clinical Research trial of antiviral drugs is been developed.

To all members of the Academy and their families, Lucy and I send our best wishes and hopes to see you soon,

Cordially yours,

Jaime

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RE: The Neurosurgeon

Dear Bill:

Georgia and I are delighted with your success as Editor of the Neurosurgeon and in obtaining contributions from 67 of our members for the last volume.

Since I retired from the practice of Neurological Surgery and as Director of the Barrow Neurological Institute, I haven't liked the worsening of my diabetes or diabetic neuritis, but have worked part-time as a Senior Consultant, mainly in funding matters.

During the past year, we have been successful in completing the funding for (1) the A.B. and Anne-Merete Robbs Jr. Stroke Center - one million dollars, and (2) the Kemper and Ethel Marley Chair of Neurology - one million dollars to enhance patient care, education and research in the BNI Division of Neurology.

We are currently involved in funding a research Chair of Neuropathology. This will probably be completed later this year.

I have written several historical articles recently, and enjoy this. I did complete a chapter on cerebral localization and the beginnings of neurological surgery for Bob Wilkins' textbook.

My successor, Robert Spetzler, as Program Director for our neurosurgical residency training program has done a superb

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job with our residents and is completing his 5th year in this capacity, aided by the J N Harber Chair of Neurological Surgery. He has done an outstanding job in training residents, Fellows, and in inspiring excellent work, both clinically and in research. He recently has extended the program from five to six years in duration. He organized an Editorial Office which has been of great assistance to all concerned.

Georgia remains very active at home and also with her painting, tennis and needle-point groups. We are concerned because Gretchen will have to have a knee replacement because of rheumatoid arthritis and plans this for this summer. She is living in Tucson. We will be unable to join our friends at the 50th anniversary meeting of the Academy this fall. My diabetes has become a problem during the past year and I have had to limit my activities more than I ever did before. I look forward to the time when I can resume golfing and resume more of my normal activities.

With best personal regards,

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

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Dear Bill:

This letter is in reply to your note of May 25, 1988 and represents an addition for the Round Robin of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery.

Shirley and I greatly enjoyed the Academy meeting in San Antonio Texas last October. It was especially nice for us because one of our daughters who is a Professor of English at the University of Texas in Austin was able to find the time to join us in San Antonio for two days.

I was invited to be a guest lecturer this past March in Taipei Taiwan at the annual meeting of the Surgical Society of the Republic of China. In addition to speaking to that group on Erythematous Occlusive Cerebral Vascular Disease and Carotid Endarterectomy, I also had the opportunity of lecturing to the students and residents at the University of Taiwan on cervical spondylosis and myelopathy as well as on spinal tumors. Shirley went with me and our gracious hosts covered all of the travel and hotel expenses for a whole week. One of the young neurosurgeons in Taiwan had spent six months with us previously and we met another young man there who hopes to do the same thing in another year.

Although we had spent six years in Montreal in training a long time ago there was a large part of Canada that we had never seen. This year we fulfilled a long held dream by traveling by train across the breath of Canada from Vancouver to Halifax. We were able to combine that trip with both the Cushing meeting in Toronto and the Society meeting in Columbus Ohio. We were on the train three days and three nights from Vancouver to Toronto arriving the day before the Cushing meeting. The journey through the Canadian Rockies and across the mid province prairies was a new experience for us.

After the Toronto meeting we took the train to Montreal where we spent a few days visiting with old friends and seeing the two large additions that have been constructed at the Neurological Institute since I left. Bill Feindel organized a memorable reunion dinner and "old times" were relived with fond memories.

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We then took the train to Quebec City and stayed at the Chateau Frontenac. Our son John was able to get away from work in San Francisco long enough to fly back and join us in Quebec. We rented a car and spent three days driving along both the north and south shore of the St. Lawrence River.

The three of us then took the train from Quebec City to Halifax with another rented car. We toured the whole province of Nova Scotia over a period of a week.

A flight from Halifax to Columbus Ohio brought us to the Society meeting and from there we returned home.

Yesterday, Shirley and I held our annual housestaff party. This was number 25. It is attended by all the housestaff in Neurosurgery, all of the Faculty members and the secretaries, laboratory technicians and nurses that work in our Division. Each year the number seems to grow and this year 70 attended. After an afternoon of swimming, liquid refreshments and h'orderves we all sat down to dinner in the backyard for barbecued steak and lobster. The chief resident who is about to complete his formal training was regaled with speeches and gifts and a wonderful time had by all.

Shirley and I hope to see you all again in Cincinnati.

Yours sincerely,


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20 June 1988

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re: ROUND ROBIN

Dear Bill,

As noted, we have a new address. After considerable hesitation we have moved into John Knox Village a Life-Care Community, where we have a contract that will care for us until the final trolley ride to the Crematory. Aside from facing the finalities, this insures us against the uncertainties awaiting octogenarians of our ilk.

Our third floor apartment faces a roughly 500x60 yd. lake bordered by well kept lawns and numerous villas. White and black swans, ducks of a dozen breeds, anhingas and grebes prowl the waters and a nest of purple martins zip about collecting insects, their pole house 50 yds. from our Westerly looking enclosed porch. We are fifteen minutes from our Club where we continue to play our deteriorating brands of golf.

The move last December was a bit traumatic for us after 20 years in Fort Lauderdale, but we survived. Our health remains good, altho I did develop a case of right plantar fasciitis from which I have practically recovered, altho it continues to disturb my golf swing- Excuses-Excuses!

The Florida branch of the Cleveland Clinic has been established a few miles west of here and Don Dohn, my former Cleveland colleague has moved in to head the Neurosurgical Department. We are happy to have them here, hopeful that we will never need their services.

The advances that you people are making continue to amaze and delight me, causing our past experiences to seem archaic in retrospect. Have a great Convention in Cincinnati. I am sorry that we can't attend, but I don't travel well anymore.

With our best regards to all of you,
Cordially,

Ellie and Wally.

Wally

Please excuse my poor typing, but I have replaced my 40 yr. old IBM machine with a new electronic job and I haven't conquered it yet. Have your nice secretary retype it for me.

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Dear Bill:

Robyn and I received your "Round Robin" reminder and determined that this year we will do it or else. We tried to figure why we didn't write last year, a time when our intentions seemed just as honorable as they are today.

We decided it related back to March 1987, when I finally reached that time of crisis, my 50th birthday. I managed to get through my actual 50th quite well. Fortunately, there was a great powder storm and I was able to take my wife, sister, daughters, and nephews to the top of the Snowbird tram and (so I thought) ski them into the mountain with eight tram runs of the best "steep and deep" anywhere in the world. At that point, my daughters and nephews looked at me and said, "Well, that was pretty good, Dad (Uncle Pete). How about the next two runs we try and beat our tram down the mountain."

Damn those 16-year-old legs. That's when I bowed out and went for the Bud Light.

Not to be outdone by the likes of Jane Fonda, Robert Redford, or Bill Cosby (also 1987 50-year-olds), when it came time to write last year's "Round Robin", we couldn't find the time. After dispatching our younger daughter, Sarah, to summer camp on Puget Sound and our older daughter, Marta, to her horse shows and summer ski racing camp at Mount Hood, Robyn and I climbed into our Toyota Land Cruiser wagon and, on August 1, in the great American tradition, we hit the road to find our (my) lost youth. We left Salt Lake and headed directly toward Oregon with the plan that we would go directly to the Columbia Gorge, rent some sailboards and find some "gnarly wind, dude."

It almost worked. We crossed over the Idaho-Oregon border and, at our first stop in the middle of Oregon logging country, right behind us was a van with New York State plates. Out jumped five long haired hippies,

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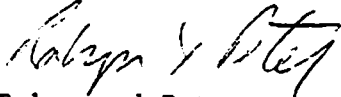
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cash only, no credit cards, on their way to play a "gig in Portland." It was unbelievable--not two hours into Oregon and we were already back into the '60's!

The Gorge brought us back to reality. Even with lessons, we never made it off the training pond, into the Columbia River. After visiting Robyn's college roommate in Portland, we rode our mountain bikes on the Oregon coast, wandered up the Olympic Peninsula, and, after visiting our daughter at camp, scooted across Washington, through Idaho, to Darby, Montana, where we settled in with my junior colleagues, Bob and Peggy Ratcheson and Marty and Debbie Weiss. We stayed long enough for me to regain my youth by catching the largest trout of the day. Bob was chagrined. Marty, Peggy, Debbie, and Robyn were very proud.

Our journey continued, but I'll close, noting that over four weeks, Robyn and I drove over 4,000 miles, taking in the magnificent beauty of Northwest America. We visited good friends and reminisced about all of the wonderful trips we had taken in the years since we left St. Louis. Our conclusion was--It's amazing what you don't see, flying to meetings.

Our best regards,


Robyn and Peter

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Dear Bill:

The 1987-88 season has been a busy one for us neurosurgically. The American Association of Neurological Surgeons meeting was held in Toronto in April 1988 with one of the largest attendances ever.

Harold and I went to Tokyo in October 1987 for the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Neurosurgical Society, Professor Takakura, President. We also visited Professor Sugita in Matsumoto, and Professor Mori in Nagasaki.

In May 1987 we were in Assisi, Italy, to participate in a course in Pediatric Neurosurgery. Travelling by car through Sienna, Florence, and Rome was very beautiful at that time of year.

Our son, Richard, graduated with an MBA from Wharton and a Law degree from Western Ontario, and married in August to Rhonda Page, a talented graphic artist.

Our son, Andrew, is practicing Law in Toronto, and is now in his own "bachelor" apartment.

Our Daughter, Katie, has completed second year at McGill University and will be joining us in Japan next week for the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Pediatric Neurosurgical Society, Professor Kuramoto, President. The meeting is going to be held in Kurume.

We all look forward to a restful, healthy, sunny Summer. Best regards to you, your family, and all the Academicians.

Warmest Personal Regards,

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May 2, 1988

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Dear Academicians:

I am dictating this on my boat where Sue and I are relaxing after the A.A.N.S. meeting. We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our friends to Toronto but it's good to get away from the phone now that the meeting has been completed. Marianna and Henry Garretson made a special effort to maximize the Canadian content of the meeting and Susan and I particularly enjoyed working with them. Now we must start planning for the SUN club visit a year from now and the Sunderland Society visit a year this fall. Next July, I complete my ten year term as Chairman of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto and will be able to hand over any future meeting responsibilities to my successor.

Our youngest, Roy, has completed his first year engineering course at Queen's University and left last night to start a summer job building the submarines in Vancouver. Next year he will specialize in electrical engineering, with a computer option. Erin, our youngest daughter, completed her second year arts examinations last week and is heading for Northern Ontario where she will earn big money as a cook in a lumber camp. We are presently trying to find old tents, etc., as the camp is mobile and she will spend the summer under canvas. Katherine has just completed her honours degree and leaves this weekend for Paris where she will spend a month staying with a friend. She then returns to work as a manager of a store and when she has accumulated enough cash, she will fly the Atlantic once again and take a European holiday. Jean gets her M.D. in a few weeks time and will start a comprehensive medical internship in Toronto in a few weeks time. She is to be married in September and Susan is busy making the hundred and one decisions required for the occasion!

The submarine business is doing well and units are functioning in the Caymans, Barbados, Virgin Islands and Guam. Another unit has arrived in Hawaii but has not yet started taking passengers for sight seeing trips. Susan's company made Time Magazine a few weeks ago and she remains busy with her management role in several metal stamping companies, owned by another brother.

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- Horsley, W.J.
- Morley, T.P.

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Next month we move our house and we are throwing out junk which has accumulated over the last fifteen years. Having moved thirteen times in the first thirteen years of marriage, we then put down the anchor while the children went through the neighbourhood school system. Our new house is in the downtown area and it is only seven minutes away from work.

On the professional front, my main thought is that of preparing potential candidates for the neurosurgical chairmanship. The ten year cycle has both advantages and disadvantages. Overall, I will be sorry to give up the responsibility as many of my efforts have only recently come to fruition and I am sorry to have to quit at this stage. The twenty-three strong neurosurgical group here have given me excellent support and it has been most stimulating to work with them in the various fields of neurosurgery.

It is sad to record the passing of Bill Keith. While his funeral service was a matter of sadness, it was also a matter of joy expressed by those who had had the very real pleasure of knowing Bill through his long and productive life. Harry Botterell remains well. I see him every year at the Botterell Lecture, given in his honour. This year's lecture will be given by Mike Apuzzo. Tom Morley is writing up the life of Kenneth McKenzie and I know he would appreciate receiving any memorabilia or news that academicians may have in their possession.

Susan and I look forward to seeing you all at this year's meeting.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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June 7, 1988

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Dear Bill and Fellow Academy Members:

First of all congratulations on your last issue of the Round Robin. It was one of the best yet.

This past year has been very busy for the Keeners. I was re-elected as Secretary of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Chapter. Also, I continue to serve as Governor-at-Large from Georgia to the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors.

I am a Delegate to the Medical Association of Georgia and in our recent meeting served as Chairman of the Reference Committee on Medical Education. I was re-elected as alternate delegate to the American Medical Association.

This past April, I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Medical Association of Georgia Physicians Insurance Company. I serve on the Underwriting Committee, which passes on physicians credentials for acceptance as reasonable liability risks.

One of my present projects is tackling the Trauma Network Center collapse in Metropolitan Atlanta.

Ann continues to be very busy with her tennis, hospital volunteer work, and computer work. She helps with the maintaining of the computerized role of 1300 members of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. She also has all of our personal finance records on the computer. She is putting in addresses so alot of you may be getting a computerized label for your letters and cards. Ann continues with her grandmother work, now with three grandchildren, Lyle Keener Mackenzie, age 3½, Ann Tindall Keener, age 2½, and Kelsey Douglas Keener, age 3 months.

Jane Ann and her husband Malcom Mackenzie live in Savannah, where Malcom is working very hard as a trial attorney. Jane also continues to work setting up soft ware programs for medical offices. Barr Keener is living in Coral Gables, Florida, where he is working as a corporate attorney for Southern Bell and his wife Jessica is busy on the side, writing short stories and a novel. John Keener is attempting to start up a new restaurant in Charleston, South Carolina. Jere Keener is

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living in Frankfurt, Germany and selling Nissan automobiles to US service men. He has been there since last August, 1987.

Bill Keener received his masters degree at Yale in Ethics last month and has now returned South. He is in the process of sending out his resume for potential employment. He and his wife Miriam had a son, Kelsey Douglas Keener, born at Yale on March 23, 1988. He is a fine healthy specimen and looks like a real Keener. Jim Keener continues to live in Louisville and is working as a sales representative for US Amada selling computerized machinery for sheet metal work.

We had a fine western trip last Fall, visiting Gordon and Sally Thompson in Vancouver and then driving with them through British Columbia to Banff and up to Jasper Park and back to Banff and then to Calgary and back to Atlanta. This June we are flying to Frankfurt to visit son, Jere, and then touring Germany, Switzerland, and Austria and back to Tubingen for a visit with Ernst Grote and a Sun Club Meeting and then up to Frankfurt and home in July.

Our closest friends are in the American Academy of Neurological Surgery and we are looking forward to the Fiftieth Meeting in Cincinnati this Fall.

With best regards to you all,



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Dear Bill:

I am very sorry for such a delay in responding to your letter of May 25. In March, 1986 I officially retired from the Kyushu University. For the following year I enjoyed more academic life with more free time. Attending the meeting in Sea Island together with Ted and Catherine Rasmussen and visiting with our old friends in Georgia and Florida is unforgettable.

One year later, however, I was appointed the director of Shinkokura Hospital which belongs to the Federation of National Public Service and Affiliated Personnel Mutual Aid Associations. This 400-bed hospital, about 70km apart from Kyushu University, had had no neurosurgical patients until last July, when we invited one of our former associates at Kyushu University, Dr. Nakagaki to start the new neurosurgical service. This brought back to me some opportunities to work on the OR also. It is more convenient for me all mailings to be addressed to the new hospital as mentioned below.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Academy Members:

"Down New Orleans Way" the economy is not good but the neurosurgeons remain busy and healthy. Cutbacks at a state level have led to endless Medical Center and Charity Hospital meetings and the inevitable conclusion that we must, in the future, rely more and more on our own abilities to support our academic efforts and ourselves.

We have consolidated our training program somewhat in the past year. Another resident was shifted from Southern Baptist Hospital to Ochsner Hospital. As a result, there are two residents there along with a group of senior students and a rotating general surgery resident. Ed Connolly, Dick Coulon, and Rand Voorhies now have full time academic (affiliated) appointments with LSUMC and do some of the teaching at the Medical School as well as at Ochsner. Despite, and perhaps because of, the severe economic recession at the state level, the Charity Hospital service remains busy with a good balance of tumors and intracranial hemorrhages and, of course, lots of trauma. Along with 4 or 5 senior students, residents from Orthopedics, ENT, Emergency Medicine, Oral Surgery, and General Surgery rotate through this service. Carey, Smith, Coulon and yours truly take turns covering this service from a staff standpoint.

Last year's finishing resident, Carson McKowen, "Teaching Resident of the Year" in the LSUMC system, was in the 99th percentile on the ABNS examination and has gone to work with Fletcher Eyster in Pensacola. This year's senior resident, Susan Hemley, was in the 97th percentile so we have been blessed with some bright people to train.

Mike Carey remains busy with his large and productive laboratory and a sizable clinical study concerning missile wounds to the brain. Roger Smith and

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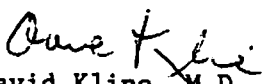
Leo Happel have established a laboratory along with a neurochemist, Nick Bazan, in the Basic Science Building to study cerebral blood flow, lipid chemistry and evoked cortical potentials in a primate stroke model. A lengthy laboratory study concerning proximal plexus root injury and repair has been completed as far as data collection is concerned. Another six year study concerning the effect of greatly delayed repair under variable injury circumstances nears completion. The next large laboratory project will involve a study of nerve grafts. In non-primates we have gained some experience with the laser for neural repair and continue to explore the use of various "fillers" for nerve gaps. Clinical input of nerve problems remains much too large but Rand Voorhies is beginning to take on a portion of that patient population. We continue to have a relatively large number of visitors who come for variable periods primarily to see what goes on in the clinic and operating rooms with nerve patients. In this regard, Alan Hudson and I have taken on a large writing commitment which it will be hard for either of us to escape this time around! Earl Hackett has retired as Chairman of Neurology and we have recruited Austin Sumner, a neuromuscular expert from the University of Pennsylvania to take over the Neurology Department.

Personally, I remain at 307 Fairway Drive, still sail "Leilani" on the Lake when I can and instead of children who are quite grown now, have a hungry dog and an even hungrier cat to care for. Susan, our oldest daughter remains as a CPA at Middle South utilities and two years ago married an older engineering student. Robert works in San Francisco with a real estate holding company and married a lovely gal from Singapore a year ago. Nancy, our youngest daughter, lives and works in Atlanta with an advertising firm. She will marry a young aspiring banker from central Ohio this Thanksgiving in New Orleans.

It is hard not to reflect on the changes which are occurring so rapidly in our specialty. This would require a lengthy expose'. Suffice it to say that at this time the ABNS, the N.S. RRC, the SNS, and the AANS and CNS Boards are doing an extraordinary job in keeping up with the changing times. Specialization within Neurosurgery is a reality and whether we want it, or like it or not, and I personally like how we are now and have been, we have to deal with it. I am afraid recognition of such specialization beyond fellowships or training program formats changes will be a "given" in the future. This will be so for Neurosurgery just as it has been and will be increasingly in the future years in other speciality areas. In a related "vein" I hope most of you will plan on attending the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the ABNS to be held in Boston in May of 1990. Past, present, and possible future trends in neurosurgical education and certification will be addressed.

All good wishes for a great '88-89.

Sincerely,


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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

In your letter of April 12.1988 you wrote that "some of the most interesting letters we have had have been from the wives". May be you are too optimistic to presume that another letter from the wives will be as successful as the first one?

Your next sentence: "...take this letter home to yours, perhaps it can get done the painless way" - is provocative. Is it such a pain to write letters? That would be sad. Once upon a time letter writing was regarded a fine and highly cultivated art, - which should not be forgotten even with our modern means of communication.

However - here it comes. Both Kristian and I are well and keeping fit for our age. It is strange to watch the younger generation growing up and getting middle aged. Our older daughter Kari just passed 50, and later this year she and her husband Jonas have their silver wedding anniversary. The other two, Mette and Kristian jr., do their best to follow, especially after the marvelous " 100 years " party put up by Kari and Jonas (also 50 this year). We enjoy our four grown-up grandchildren, aged 18 to 24.

Kristian will finish his activity in the hospital administration this summer, but continues as the editor of the Journal of the Oslo City Hospitals. In 1987 Ullevål Hospital - the largest in Norway - celebrated its centenary with a series of events - open days in the wards, childrens' day, parents' day, circus, shows, lectures and courses. A small medical historical museum - Kristian's idea for years - was inaugurated in one of the old pavillions from 1887. It has been a great success with many interested visitors. I (Brit) still keep my English class, started 9 years ago. It is great fun, and even if my pupils are not too "learned", they perform well in English-speaking countries. Our travelling is reduced but 1987 took us to Brussels for the meeting of the Academia Eurasiana Neurochirurgica - good papers and pleasant social events. Every year we also go by car to different parts of Norway - trips recommended also for other academicians and their wives! We have had visits from old friends like Dottie (Matson) Martin and her husband Sam, Prakash Tandon and Ravi Bhatia from New Delhi, and others. Next September we shall be in Rome for two weeks, staying in a quiet and comfortable nunnery, and are looking forward to revisit the holy city after many years.

With all good wishes to old and new Academy members -

Yours sincerely

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Dear Bill and Academicians,

New York City is a lot more electrifying at sixty-six than it was the first eighteen years of my life. Then again, that might be true of everywhere else.

Moving is something else. It seems to accelerate Alzheimer's. After forty years in California, the new telephone numbers, names, packing, (unpacking is worse in a two bedroom apartment), I didn't realize how genteel Pasadena was until I left it.

However, there are many new and wonderful experiences here. When I stand in the shower, I can see the Empire State Building, said to be the VIIIth Wonder of the World, right along with the Pyramids of Egypt, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, King Mausolus' Mausoleum, the Temple of Diana, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Statue of Zeus, and the Lighthouse of Alexandria. I wonder who was on that committee.

Speaking of wonders, I have also seen Ben Stein, Leonard Malis, Russel Patterson, and Joe Ransohoff.

Dick Bergland has started a Neurosurgical Service here at Beth Israel Hospital (over 500 cases per year), the principal source being patients from Health Insurance Plan, an H.M.O. that covers the New York metropolitan area.

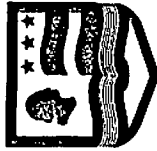
Once I finish unpacking I hope to help out by upgrading the micro-surgery program and starting some laser work.

Looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati.

Sincerely yours,


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May 16, 1988

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Dear Bill,

At the end of September, 1987 we moved to Washington, DC and Ed became Chairman at the George Washington University.

We brought with us many happy memories both professionally and personally. Rochester and the Mayo Clinic helped shape our lives.

Our girls, although sad to leave the homestead and friends, lead independent enough lives not to have been traumatized.

Elizabeth, 24, has entered her senior year of vet school at Tufts and is planning a Residency in Equine Surgery. Margaret, 23, will finish a job with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in August and plans to take a job in Washington for a year before entering graduate school. Victoria, 22, graduated from the Cincinnati Conservatory a year ago and has been Merit Scholar at the Alvin Ailey School in New York City since that time. Eleanor, 19, will enter her Junior year at Northwestern by the time everyone reads this.

Hugo Rizzoli certainly paved the way for Ed and his been a wonderful friend to both of us. I don't think that we will ever be able to thank him and Helen properly.

Sincerely,

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Re: Round Robin

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Dr. Buchheit:

I am hopeful of re-acquainting myself and my family with my fellow Academician's by contributing to the Round Robin. I confess to much guilt in failing to do so throughout the years, despite Dr. Alexander's urgings and despite your appeals of late.

After serving for some nineteen (19) years as the Professor and Chairman at Tulane, I resigned in 1979 to re-enter private practice and to conduct a search for solvency. The years at Tulane were most satisfying and quite pleasurable for me, as I served in Dr. Dean Echol's stead. During my entire tenure, Dr. Echol's served as Chief at Ochsner Clinic, and after his retirement there, continued his appointment at Tulane and functioned in a part-time capacity at Veterans Hospital. The residents to a man to this date worship Dr. Echol's, and look to him as their teacher, which in fact he was. Dr. Echols residency is alive and well, as I am happy to report the necessary adjustments have been made to update the accreditation just this Spring. The uniformity of the training programs required now by the accreditation process was most awkward and difficult to achieve in the Tulane University setting, but happily, it all finally came together under the guidance of Dr. Donald Richardson, himself an Echol's and Tulane trained surgeon.

The past years of solo private practice have also proved most pleasurable and quite rewarding to me, as I was blessed with a patient referred practice, consisting chiefly of spine work, with few emergencies, and few sick children, who still prove so threatening to me from an emotional identification standpoint. I must confess that, after nine (9) years of solo private practice, my solvency is still questionable, and the medical-legal climate and difficulty in documenting the necessity of hospital stay detracts from "the practice of neurosurgery". I have just signed a practice management contract, which will phase me to

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half-time in two (2) years (at age 70), and then part-time for two (2) to three (3) years, with a ten (10) year buy-out.

My solvency has been deferred by an interest in breeding registered beef cattle, thoroughbred racing mares, and Borzoi wolf-hounds for show. I would love to share experiences with any of my colleagues who have one or more of these interests. The older of the race horses are three (3) now, and beginning to campaign. The cattle herd has reached 125, which is saturation as to pasture land available. The Russian wolf-hounds are in their eighth show. The years of truth should be 88, certainly 89, and 90.

Carmen has given up sculpturing, and is acting out her love and knowledge of art by operating a gallery specializing in Latin - American art. She offers four (4) or more excellent shows, usually with the artist present, while rounding out the art year with group presentations. The New Orleans community is quite involved with art, and, as inferred, Carmen considers herself a great part of the art scene in New Orleans. Her activities include four (4) to six (6) visits to Mexico each year, usually two (2) trips to the auctions in New York, and one (1) to Paris. I often regret having not limited my investing to pictures of horses, cows, and dogs, rather than having the living and breathing model to feed and care for. Many of the ladies of the Academy are artists or have art interests, and Carmen has enjoyed relating to these members.

Eliza Lee, now age 10, is the only offspring still at home. She achieved quite well in the fifth grade, and is to be awarded summer tennis classes, ballet, and piano. The latter is a family requirement for the privileges of attending the former. She does quite well in the regular school piano studies and is being "encouraged" to continue during the coming summer months. She is a Spanish speaker, and will visit her cousins in Mexico City during the summer, as well.

Now that I have reviewed the past fifteen (15) years since my last contribution to the Round Robin, my future contributions can be one (1) page up-dates.


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July 25, 1988

Dear Friends:

The year 1987/1988 has not been a particularly eventful one. Recuperation for Harriett, both daughters back in graduate school, the usual youth hostel on the weekends (at least it seems that way with three children and sundry friends), and numerous administrative changes at the hospital.

Harriett and I have had a pleasant time traveling together now that all three children are in school. Our daughters, Kimberly and Elizabeth well known to many of you, are both in graduate school, one in history and the other preparing a course for a career in the management of ancient manuscripts. David completed his second year at Saint Johns College and seems to have survived Greek.

Most of our time seems to be spent keeping the termites from destroying our 130 year old wooden house. I appear to have acquired a carpenter as a full time family member. That may be the only way to keep the house upright and the roof above us.

The Johns Hopkins Centennial celebration is to be held next year. We are in the process of planning what Neurosurgery may do and you will all be hearing about that later. Harriett is a member of the Organizing Committee and that appears to be rapidly developing into a major time commitment.

In the course of preparing for the Centennial celebration, I have had the pleasure of going through the archives looking for materials from the early days of Cushing and Dandy. We have had a portrait painted of Harvey Cushing as a young man and plan to make a major commitment to the memory of both Cushing and Dandy.

Our most exciting activity over the past year has been the beginning of a major change in our approach to resident teaching. I've had the whole family involved; Harriett, because of her interest in the philosophy of education and the children because of their experience at Saint Johns College.

It's been one of those years where we seem to be excessively busy, but nothing very noteworthy has happened. We look forward to seeing you all in Cincinnati.

Yours sincerely,

Don & Harriett Long / mk

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(Signed in Dr. Long's absence in order to expedite).

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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

Your letter is received with pleasure. Living out here in the Pacific and not attending meetings or travelling much the Round Robin letter is my one way of keeping up with my friends in the Academy.

Katy and I still enjoy our spot here on the ocean between Mauna Kea and Mauna Lani Bay Hotels. We intend to remain as long as our health holds out and we can do the yard work etc. With the new 1200 bed Hyatt 5 miles away due to open in 3 to 4 months civilization is creeping in around us. We swim, garden, hike, build and do volunteer activities. Retired and unlicensed the closest thing I do to medicine is to volunteer for Hospice, a very worthwhile organization and a Godsend for some of the people we serve.

We are both fine and I am completely recovered from bouts with myocarditis and benign prostatectomy last year. Each Sons family added a girl recently so they each feel their families are complete. Fortunately one son lives on this island so we get to see them often.

We would welcome phone calls and visits from any Academy members visiting in the area. We are in the phone book without an MD after my name. It would be fun to find out what is really going on in the neurosurgical world.

Aloha to all, as we say out here,


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May 31, 1988

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Dear Bill:

In reply to your request regarding the Neurosurgeon:

This has been an interesting year. I still participate in rounds but otherwise have been relieved of most of my teaching affiliations. I am happy to say that I still find the association with the residents and students to be an enjoyable one and to be quite stimulating.

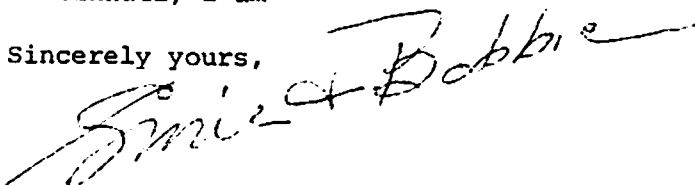
Bobbie and I continue to enjoy reasonably good health. We have some problems that I am sure most of us have in this advanced life cycle. We are looking forward to the 50th anniversary of the Academy this fall and I am sure the senior portion of the program will be most enjoyable and will once more give us an opportunity to meet with a lot of dear old friends.

This year's meeting of the fishing group was a most enjoyable party, the special effects, namely the selections of wines which was in the hand of Phanor Perot and Gilles Bertrand was quite well taken care of. The group which consisted of Larry Pool, Bill Buchheit, Phanor Perot, Gilles Bertrand and I had a really wonderful time on the Tobique river in New Brunswick at Bald Peak Lodge. Unfortunately because of a drought and unusually warm conditions, fishing was poor to almost impossible.

This year we are planning to move to the Mirimachi river which offers some very exciting possibilities as regards the fishing. On one of our recent fishing trips which we held in the Ruby Marshes in eastern Nevada, Phanor distinguished himself greatly by catching a large tiger trout. This is a cross breed trout being a mixture of brown trout and eastern brook with a very unusual and beautiful marking. This was a remarkable feat on Phanors part and we thoroughly enjoyed it and took great photographs of Phanor and the fish which we are looking forward to having at the Academy meeting for those who are interested.

Hoping this finds you well and looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati, I am

Sincerely yours,



ERNEST W. MACK, M.D./mw

Since meeting so many of you at Sea Island and renewing those friendships in San Antonio, I want you to know that I love being a member of "The Tribe." I thank you for welcoming me and now I look forward to joining the Dunksers and the Tews in welcoming you to Cincinnati.

The festivities will begin with a party for the Seniors on September the thirteenth. It will give me great pleasure to continue these happy friendships.

'Til then,

Belle Clay Mayfield

July 18, 1988

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Dear Bill:

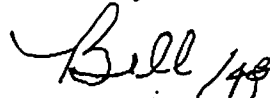
Fortunately, this has been a significant summer for me. For several months I had been chronically tired and below par, but otherwise active until the Cushing Meeting in Toronto where I became so weak I could barely make it to the meeting rooms. I came home early and my wife insisted I see my doctor, in spite of my contention that it was all due to my old age. I was found to be anemic and that led to the disclosure that I was losing blood occultly from a neoplasm in the ascending colon. My colon was resected and the adenocarcinoma was found to be local and all the mesenteric nodes were tumor free!

so, I'm now back in full recovery status, working again at the office, playing golf each week and looking forward to the meeting in Cincinnati.

Shortly after my surgery, the previous neurosurgical residents that trained here at Vanderbilt held their annual meeting in Nashville and were very impressed with the contributions of Eben Alexander who was their guest Speaker.

Alice and I are excited about the Cincinnati meeting and will be pleased to see all of our old friends again.

Sincerely,



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Dear Fellow Academicians,

Chicago, this summer, is filled with uneventful busy days. Isn't it wonderful to enjoy fatigue because one likes what one is doing? What a blessed profession that offers such satisfaction. What marvellous techniques and supports are now at our service and command, that permit us to undertake the most formidable therapeutic tasks with so little grief. How can one slow up and give it all up? Physicians in Britain may now retire at the age of 60 with full pension (psychiatrists at 50), and apparently most of them do. Physicians in eastern Europe advise their children not to enter medicine. If either the provider or the consumer of a professional service is unhappy, the service suffers. We must strive that this not happen. And I, as one who for a lifetime has eschewed the public role, would advise my younger colleagues to embrace it. Our privileged role as public benefactor could change all too readily to that of public servant.

There is nothing very new at the University of Chicago. The addition of MRI to our long standing use of intra operative electrophysiological monitoring encourages us to believe that we may have accomplished total removal of some low grade hemispheric gliomas. Our welding of the PET to the MRI image and the photograph-like display of the surface of cortical convolutions and gyri encourage us to believe that we will soon be able to operate in the speech area without resort to local anesthesia. This development gives us an accurate picture of function. The closed PET should be able to localize speech as acutely as the open electrical stimulator. We have now a ten year follow up on our balloon compression for trigeminal neuralgia. We plan to review these soon. Currently we believe that this is easily the superior needle procedure for tic both from the point of view of the patient and the surgeon. We have some new ideas on the surgical management of cluster headaches but two patients do not a discovery make. We are looking into the transvascular introduction of wire coils into aneurysms but

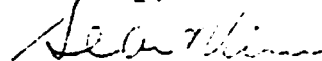
the current state of surgical clipping of the good risk aneurysm is so good that no risk may be undertaken in the introduction of a newer method, either balloon or coil. Our younger colleagues are growing tumors and looking at their protein profile, holding out promise of the molecular cure of tumors within a generation. I would be more optimistic about this future for tumor control, than for the future of brain transplant, but who knows? And so on it goes, a little effort here, a little there, some knowledge gained, some presumptions lost - all in all, a wonderful life.

Vivian is fine, with a dexterous hand in the affairs of many organizations. Shelly Chou still continues to tolerate John in his residency program. Joan and Brian have finished their first year of medical school. For summer relaxation Brian is growing tumors in Dr. Stefansson's pathology lab. Joan is tackling the family cholesterol problem in Dr. Scanu's Lipo-protein lab.

No news letter is complete without some disaster news. The disaster is that seven acres of newly planted forest seedlings are gasping under the 1988 heat wave. Some may gasp their last, but as an old farmer one takes these things in their stride. As Milton (I think) once wrote, "Tomorrow to fresh woods and pastures new".

Looking forward to seeing you in Cincinnati,

Sincerely,



Sean and Vivian Mullan

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July 12, 1988

Editor, Round Robin Letter:

Thank you for your reminder about the Round Robin Letter. My memory is so bad I don't remember what I said in the last one.

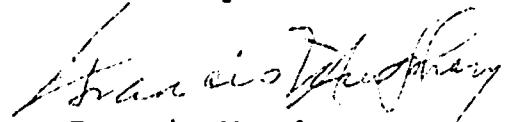
To begin with, let me brag about Robertson being President and Sundt being President-Elect of the Academy. Secondly, Sundt wrote a special tribute to me in his new book on cerebrovascular surgery of which I am very proud. Furthermore, I am proud that the three of us were able to block another study on carotid artery surgery. Even the neurologists should know that in good hands (people who know something about the brain) the mortality rate is less than one percent according to Robertson and Sundt.

This past year has been rough on me healthwise. I had three bouts of pneumonia, one in November, one in December, and the third in March. I went to Birmingham to see John Kirklin, the smartest man who ever graduated from Harvard Medical School. He and his men all agreed I have mild bronchiectasis, and I have been put on antibiotics ten days a month for the rest of my life.

The only real contribution to the Academy and neurosurgeons in general that I can make is to suggest that we endow a professorship in a department of neurosurgery at the Brigham. Someone has already endowed one for Elliot Cutler, so I certainly think there should be one for Dr. Cushing.

See you in Cincinnati in September.

Sincerely,


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May 30, 1988

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Dear Bill:

This represents my 31st year in Neurosurgery at Duke. This year we have carried out our 500th DPEZ operation and were successful in completing the Second International DPEZ Symposium which has just been published. I think this shows some progress for this particular pain operation if very specific conditions are met. We continue to be active in the laboratory with a number of projects going. The major interest at the present time is the production of experimental cysts in the spinal cord using some new MRI techniques for monitoring the development of these cysts in animals.

Irene and I are now the proud grandparents of two lovely young ladies--Jessica and Emily. All our children live closeby and we see them quite often, except for Sara who is out on the farm in Indiana. Jim Nashold is just graduating next year from medical school. Says he is going into neurosurgery--no comment.

We continue our active sailing with the Stormy Petrel winning the Miami to Montego Bay Race in 1985. We lose more than we win now, but we still keep at it. We have been sailing some smaller boats and seem to be doing a little better at that.

My most recent real interest is in old British automobiles, particularly Aston Martins, and have been fortunate to acquire some very beautiful examples of these cars and have won some rather nice prizes at some of the national car shows. I am the only local neurosurgeon who continually has grease under his fingernails, much to the consternation of some of my old lady patients who can't quite put neurosurgery and greasy fingernails together. All in all it has been a very good 1988.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

As each year goes by, the radiologic techniques are more fantastic, leaving those of us who struggled in the earlier days of our studies more grateful for the advancing technology. The residents, although better informed, are still needing the steadying hand of those with increasing amounts of grey hair, and although technology changes, anatomy doesn't -- a fact not truly appreciated by the neophyte.

The Minnesota Medical Society offers a challenge in this, the state of HMOs, and I'll be joining the Board of Trustees in the Fall of 1988 to keep a Neurosurgeon's voice in State Medical policies.

Judy has just completed a commission for the new Vo-Tech Building in town -- a 24' x 8' wall mural consisting of multimedia wood, metal painted surface. She is also making jewelry of art deco and junkie jewelry parts and has sold them -- among other places to the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and in Chicago & Kansas City. Our back garden looks like Tiger-Baum gardens in Hong Kong. She is both a naive artist and a modern artist.

Cheers -- See you in The Fall,
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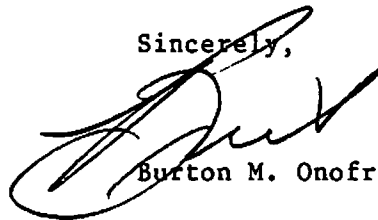
I have enjoyed participating in Minnesota medical politics for several years and at this year's meeting, I was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Medical Association. That makes two of us neurosurgeons in the state on that 14-member Board. As Daniel Webster said of Dartmouth, I say of neurosurgery: "It's a small school but there are those of us who love it". It always amazes me as to the influence neurosurgery exerts on medicine at large for such a relatively small group.

Judy has been active in her art this year, turning to making jewelry after completing a 24'x14' wood sculpture for the Vocational Technical Institute here in Rochester. In addition to that, she has made and accumulated naive sculptures for our back yard which now looks like Tiger Balm Gardens in Hong Kong.

Our oldest son, Scott, is getting married on June 18 in Fort Collins, Colorado, while Gregg is working at a Master's degree in Business with General Electric in Chicago. Jennifer is going to graduate school in Art.

I am looking forward to the Fall meeting.

Sincerely,



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June 21, 1988

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Dear Bill:

Once again, congratulations on your good work with the Round Robin. It is always a treat to read, especially prior to the meeting of the Academy.

At the medical school, the battle continues. It seems that we are under siege from the state government. The amount of paper work and extra committee work is unbelievable. Somewhere, I read that 30% of a nurse's time is spent on paper work. I presume that requires a 30% increase in nursing personnel. I suspect that the statistic might be almost the same for physicians. The Neurosurgical Division is forced to have endless meetings to meet various state requirements for quality control. Forms galore about every member and their health, surgical skills and so forth. Besides forms, it takes constant attention to keep the neurosurgical service prospering. We are cramped for space in the office, for space in the laboratory, and for operating room time. The problem with a medical center in the middle of Manhattan is that all space is tight, and gains in one department are at the expense of another. Neurosurgery never gains something without cost to someone else. That is an unpleasant way to do business.

We finally moved into our new apartment. We have been there a month, and Julie and I like the size and layout of the apartment. However, telephone wires are not installed, cable television is missing, and many of the light fixtures remain to be hung.

The children are all in good health. Our daughter, Ritchie, continues in the high energy physics department at the University of Chicago. Our son, Hugh, is in engineering school having disbanded his small computer company. Xander, the youngest, seems mostly occupied with an interview program on public radio in Portland, Oregon.

We certainly look forward to the 50th anniversary meeting.

Best regards,

Julie and Russel

Julie and Russel Patterson



Prof. William A. Puchheit, Editor,
ROUND ROBIN, Philadelphia, PA.

June 14th, 1988.

Dear Bill, On this happy day, our 48th wedding anniversary, it gives me great pleasure to respond to your perennial plea for "stuff and nonsense" for the Round Robin.

The highlight of the year has been completion of a cornographic opus, a.k.a., my autobiography. Originating 5 years ago as a purely family matter, it has been expanded for friends, foes, and other folk who might be interested. Will send out flyers soon, with price, at cost, for 500 copies printed by a little local firm just down the road. To my astonishment, on totting up all who I helped train, including V.A. rotators and a mixed bag of Fellows, the total came to over 80. It has been a 'fun' project, indulged in, to my wife's daily delight, as occupational therapy plus the need of keeping me at the other end of the house.

Another highlight was the privilege of donating a much needed brand new squash court to the P&S dorm -- Bard Hall -- which is being wholly renovated for the first time since 1928 when I was a 1st year med. student.

Anent 1928, our Harvard class of '28 just held its 60th Reunion. One undergrad there was heard to remark "Geest, my parents weren't even born then!" Despite a forest of canes, reminiscent of Macbeth, we enjoyed a gala and stimulating time.

Ongoing O.T. takes the form of weekly art class, bridge, piano lessons (the piano is winning out, not me), and, with the blessings of a pacemaker and knee braces, a bit of so-called golf. The art class, with live, lively young ladies as models, is better known as the breast-and-butt class. For a month last winter we had a male model who refused to doff his shorts. When he finally did so, at our last session, a young girl who was a newcomer, sadly exclaimed: "Oh my God -- I've had trouble enough drawing the head and feet and getting them all on the same piece of paper. Now there's something extra to draw!"

Angeline very busy gardening, organizing the life class and now a music program, etc. Our one and only grandson, 16, is at work this summer at the Childrens' Hospital in Boston on a new computer program of which he is in charge; his Dad, Eugene, has just been promoted to Dean of Students at the school where he teaches; our oldest son is getting married (again) and is "into" computers as his work; while our youngest, Daniel, has become an author.

No other trivia save the very happy tidings that, D.V., I count on joining Ernie, Phanoz, Giles Bertrand, and you for salmon fishing in September on the Mirimichi.

With the very best of regards and esteem,

Larry Pool



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Dear Bill,

**I apologise for my lapse in not writing to the
Round Robin for sometime.**

**The main problem faced by the Indian neurosurgeons
is to keep pace with modern technology which implies
buying costly equipment and simultaneously to enlarge
neurosurgical facilities available to the public at
large. In this process, we face the problem of high
prices fixed for export equipment by the foreign companies
and the necessity to pay 70% excise duty on the imported
equipment. Thus a forceps which may cost 30 dollars
in the U.S. is priced 60 dollars for export to developing
(poor) countries and we pay 70% duty. Thus what you buy
for 30 dollars costs us more than 100 dollars whereas
our national income is 1/20th of yours. Thus the old
American maxim of "Use it up, wear it out and make it do"
has become most applicable to us. In spite of this, many
new centres have been created in India well equipped.
The good news is that cases are being diagnosed and
referred much earlier, making for better prognosis,
though even now often many large intracranial lesions
are encountered.**

**In my own centre at the V.H.S. which is a charitable
organisation based on charities, I have planned an expansion
of the facilities adding one more operating room and 10
free (charity) beds and have started a collection drive.
I have also appealed to my close neurosurgical friends
to send books, video tapes, equipment etc. - whatever
they can send us. The graduate programme in our centre
is now well set up and recognised by the National Board
of examinations.**

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The more important problem now for me is the forthcoming 9th International Congress of Neurological Surgery to be held in New Delhi in 1989. We are putting forth our best efforts to see that this Congress turns out to be the best so far with the added touch of excellent Indian hospitality.

Going down memory lane, I have attended all International Congresses of Neurosurgery starting from the one held in 1949 in Paris. I missed only the one in Lisbon in 1953, but have attended all other 4 yearly conferences and have had the pleasure of meeting all the great giants of neurology and neurosurgery of yester years of both Europe and the Americas. Many people suggest that I write my reminiscence but I am still too far busy in the present to find time to think of the past.

While closing down this rather long letter, I just had a letter from the President Garretson of the AANS that they have honoured me with their Honorary Membership. Happy News !

Indira and I have now five grand-children through 2 sons, all of them delightful to the grand-parents. There is an Indian saying about grand-children that "The interest arising out of the Capital is more exciting than the Capital itself".

Expecting to see all my friends in the Academy in New Delhi in October 1989.

All best wishes till then.

Yours sincerely,

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For the ROUND ROBIN

Mary and I recently enjoyed a very leisurely and pleasant cruise on a small Clipper Ship. We had no fear of being hijacked because our trip took us to the Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay, Norfolk, the Delaware River, New York City, Nantucket, Newport, Rhode Island and Boston. Having spent a couple years on the East Coast, I had seen most of the points of interest, but I enjoyed re-visiting them and Mary enjoyed the trip very much because her only contact with some of these points of interest were occasioned by attending neurosurgical meetings in some of the locations. My only medical contact was with a very pleasant young man. When I saw him in a surgical scrub suit, I suspected he might be connected with one of the medical facilities. In conversation with him I found that he is Bill Buckheit's MRI-CT technician. This was on a Sunday morning and he was monitoring an Emergency Station for a bike race. I am not sure that this 15 minute conversation with him will qualify for continuing medical education!

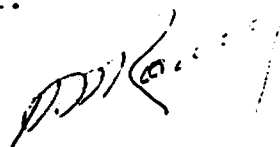
On return to Los Angeles I find that I seem to continue to attract patients with persistent or recurrent disc syndromes. Most of these are recurrent herniation of residual disc material following prior surgery in which a thorough removal of the disc was not accomplished. There seems to be a wave of enthusiasm for small incisions and removal of a small amount of the herniated disc. This, of course, allows for a brief hospital stay and early return to work in many cases, but the recurrence rate seems to be quite high judging by the patients that I see. I suspect that the surgeon removes only a small amount of disc for fear of doing damage to the retroperitoneal structures. However, I know of two patients recently operated who did sustain retroperitoneal damage requiring vascular surgery. Both of these were done through small incisions and with use of a microscope.

I must knock on wood when I report that I have never had a patient who sustained damage to the retroperitoneal structures. Years ago when I used a pituitary forceps to loosen and remove disc material, I did not think that thorough removal of the disc was necessary in those days. Since I have believed that thorough removal of the disc is advisable, I have loosened the disc material with a specially designed curette that could not possibly cause any retroperitoneal damage and I use the pituitary forceps only for lifting the loosened fragments from the disc space.

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I hope I will be forgiven for dwelling on the subject of disc surgery. For years I have been absolutely fascinated by patients with a disc syndrome and particularly those that have had persistent or recurrent pain following one or several prior disc operations.

Mary and I send our best regards to all.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. D. K.', written in a cursive style.

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July 20, 1988

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Dear Bill:

I am sorry to have been remiss in terms of my contribution to the Round Robin for 1988. We all have been so crazy busy that it is hard to sit down and be contemplative, however, I will try.

As indicated, we are extremely busy, both at University Hospital on the private service, at Bellevue which is bulging at the seams and our VA Service is once again building rapidly as a result of Tom Milhorat's generosity. Tom Milhorat at Downstate had been covering the Brooklyn VA, however, this has stretched them quite thin and Tom for some time has been propagandizing to have the Brooklyn VA refer their neurosurgery to the Manhattan VA which is a part of our Residency Training Program and the only VA Hospital in the New York area with residents on a full time basis.

We are now becoming progressively more active with a number of protocols for gliomas. This includes not only the Brain Tumor Cooperative Group protocols, including interstitial radiation and various combinations of chemotherapy but, in addition, we have just initiated our program for IL 2 LAK cell therapy as well as Interferon. In this area we are also looking forward to our new Chairman of Pharmacology at NYU who is an expert in monoclonal antibodies and has apparently some very effective monoclonals in nude mice against gliomas. I have a hard time keeping track of things, but have a lot of help in Max Koslow as well as our colleagues in neuro-oncology.

I guess the biggest news around our place, however, is the fact that we are starting a program for stereotactic functional neurosurgery in epilepsy. This will be a major endeavor at the Orthopedic Institute which is an affiliated hospital. They are making a major commitment in terms of facilities and equipment. We are recruiting

Mike Dogali, a young neurosurgeon who was trained in Montreal, Phillip Quesney who is one of the outstanding neurophysiologists at Montreal, and a number of other people to build a major unit. By next year's Round Robin Letter, we should be able to fill in all of the details, but I am most excited about this development.

On the sad note, of course, we all miss Gene Flamm who is very actively building his service at the University of Pennsylvania. We talk frequently and he is having a great time and from a number of independent sources, I understand that things are going very well, indeed.

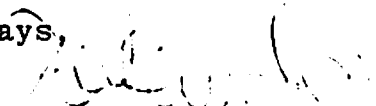
Lori is just now finishing her third year in dental school. She is really burning up the track and has received a prize as the outstanding student in operative dentistry which up to this time has always been given to a fourth year student! This fall we are moving into a new condo just up the street on the 38th floor, overlooking the East River. Things are going very well for us personally.

Finally, we are in the active recruiting business for a young vascular neurosurgeon to work with Vallo Benjamin who himself has been covering the neurovascular front as well as developing his program in skull based tumors. Alex Berenstein and In Sup Choi are very active in the embolization business including now the balloon occlusion of a number of aneurysms so we feel this is really a very excellent opportunity. The Pediatric Neurosurgical Group is growing rapidly, particularly with the addition of Rick Abbott who was trained by Bob Grossman and who is carrying on a very energetic program in the selective rhizotomy for spasticity initially in the lower extremities and now recently for spasticity in the upper extremities as well.

Sorry for the brief stoccado note. I do apologize, but at least wanted to fill our friends in briefly relative to the activities at NYU.

Lori and I send our regards and love to all of our friends.

As always,


Joseph Ransohoff, M.D.

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May 23, 1988

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Dear Bill:

It is a pleasure to write a letter for the Round Robin. Needless to say, the Robertson household is very excited about the 50th Anniversary Meeting to be held in Cincinnati, particularly since I will have the opportunity of being President of the Academy at that meeting. I am working hard on my Presidential Address and have great support from John Tew and Steward Dunsker and others to make the meeting hopefully a grand success. Cone Pevehouse is doing a great job as historian to make sure that the meeting has the appropriate flavor. All of his ideas and others were collated at the recent Society of Neurological Surgeons Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. I hope we have good attendance and with the Cincinnati people on our side, we can't lose.

The Robertson family is growing. During the last year we have had one grandson appear and another one on the way and the grandchildren are doing well. Our children are scattered about the country. Tom is in business in Reston, VA, as is Clay in Houston. Roberta is doing very well managing a large apartment guide business in Chicago. Beth is excited about her husband, David Morris, graduating from Dental School on June 3rd 1988. He will join his father in practice in Memphis. Catherine and her husband are expecting their second child, the first was a boy. Dan and his wife Heidi are very excited about Dan's graduation from Medical School on the 3rd of June and his entering a Neurosurgical Residency with Dr. Robert Grossman in Houston, beginning in July. Needless to say, his mother and I are extremely pleased that we will have another Neurosurgeon in the family.

Velaria and I remain well and active and she is in the process of increasing her real estate business and building a clinic for a two-family of practitioners coming to our community.

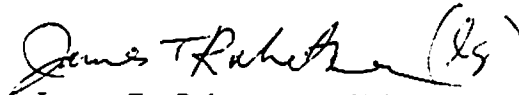
The Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Tennessee is delighted over it's progress and it's association with the Semmes-Murphy

Dr. Buchheit
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Clinic. Dr. Allen Wyler has done an outstanding job over the last four years establishing this Center as one of the best Epilepsy Centers in the world with a volume approaching 100 craniotomies a year for Epilepsy. He has had a very positive effect on the training of Residents and broadened our entire appreciation of the field of clinical neurophysiology. We continue to enjoy an active practice and are involved in Stroke projects and Trauma projects, hopefully for the betterment of our patients. In addition, Alex Sanford, who has become our Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery in the last four years has established an outstanding service at LeBonheur Childrens Hospital in conjunction with St. Jude's Research efforts. He has developed a large tumor service approaching 100 pediatric tumors a year and will institute a fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery beginning in 1989. Dr. Wyler has already instituted a fellowship in Epilepsy surgery.

We all look forward to the Academy Meeting and the good fun that we will have. Best wishes to all our friends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James T. Robertson" with a circled "89" to the right.

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Re.: ROUND ROBIN

Dear Bill,

I received your letter from April 12, 1988 with the request to give some dates for the Round Robin.

As you know, I had a lot of bitter problems. In January 1987 I lost my beloved Karin, and I had to arrange my life in a new way. We have had great activities in the daily neurosurgical work and I started with the preparation of my retirement which will be this year in September. My pupil, Dr. M. Samii from Hannover, has been chosen as my successor, and of course I am very happy about this decision of the Medical Faculty, the University, and the Government. In case all the necessary things can be well arranged, then Dr. Samii can begin his work in Mainz on October 1st, 1988.

On the 8th of May this year, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Neurochirurgie in Cologne under the chairmanship of Dr. Frowein, Cologne, I was bestowed the Fedor Krause Medaille of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Neurochirurgie. It is a great honour and, of course, I was very glad, although in my opinion one could have found a more suitable personality.

On Tuesday before Easter, March 31st, 1988, a horrible fire disturbed an important part of our hospital, however, no patient was hurt. Within one hour more than 300 patients were evacuated. Although it was a bad experience, I must say, that the evacuation has run in an excellent way. The restoration works were started immediately and one half of the building, the Neurosurgical Department included, can take up their work again on May 18th, 1988. This is really an admirable action. For the cardio-thoracic and vascular surgery as well as for the general surgery emergency arrangements were found to continue their work outside in other departments of the hospital.

Now I am planning to visit the United States in September from 13th to 17th for the Skull Base Study Group-meeting in Pittsburgh and perhaps I am able to also visit the Academy Meeting in mid-September.

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Hoping to seeing you all in September, I remain

with kindest regards,
yours *over*



(Kurt Schürmann)

PS. Please send me the dates of the mid-September meeting of the Academy.
Thank you very much in advance.

Marjorie and I and our family have had an excellent year. Our chef daughter, Joanne was married to a fellow chef in May. Our musician daughter, Carol will marry a pianist in October, then five of our seven children will be married. We have three grandchildren aged two to six who are a real delight but live a little too far away across the State of Illinois. Professionally things have gone well at St. Louis University. We have developed our three-dimensional television camera, processor and display. We have used the system at the hands-on neurosurgical course in Chicago and plan to use it more in the future to demonstrate microneurosurgical techniques. Our trip to Tübingen to attend the Society of University Neurosurgeons meeting was a highlight of the year.

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Dear Bill:

Please forgive me for the delayed response and contribution to the Round Robin letter which you are preparing for the Academy. The biggest event in my life this past year has been my remarriage to Bonita Soontit in September, 1987. We had a wonderful wedding at an old chapel at Columbia University and many of our friends from neurosurgery both in New York and Boston and other neighbors and relatives from both areas were present at the wedding although it was relatively small. We have subsequently enjoyed a number of interesting travels including a 5-week jaunt which we began in British Columbia giving talks in both Vancouver and in Whisler Mountain Ski Resort, the latter as part of the Japanese-Canadian neurosurgical meeting. Subsequent to that we participated in another ski meeting in Austria where we encountered too much snow with avalanches and other problems that delayed travel. We then joined Robert Spetzler, his family and others with a sojourn to South Africa. It is a very intriguing, beautiful and progressive country in spite of all of the derogatory comments that we read. This had been my second trip to South Africa and I enjoyed it even more. That gave an opportunity to participate in the South African Neurosurgical Congress and learn of their relationship vis a vis the government and the practice of medicine.

Our program continues to do well. We are developing superspecialization within the department, developing sections dealing with vascular neurosurgery, pediatrics, oncological problems, functional neurosurgery and probably a spine section. I am blessed with having an enthusiastic group of attendings and a top notch of residents. We have kept one of our trainees (it is the first person that I have been able to attach to the staff since I have arrived here) and he is Dr. Robert Solomon who have taken over our aneursym program. Dr. Emily Friedman another graduate of our program has joined Dr. Peter Carmel in Pediatric Neurosurgery as well as continuing exciting research on transplantation on neural tissue. This year we were able to generate enthusiasm directed toward a career in neurosurgery amongst 10 fourth year students at Columbia University. If any of you have seen them during the interview process, I am pleased to say that all but one enjoy the acceptance at some of the country's foremost training programs. We are particularly proud of this group and are eager to meet again with them in the years to come and see how their careers have blossomed.

Clinical activity expands from year to year and so does the research activity. We have an active program in vascular problems carried out in the laboratory under the guidance of Dr. Robert Solomon and now are developing research projects in oncological spheres as well as tissue transplantation. We will continue to expand the department, the hospital and university permitting such.

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In terms of hobbies, I have had little time for my sports car restoration business, but have organized a workshop attached to the house and hope to pursue that in my spare time more vigorously, if I can cut back on some of the travelling which has been rather disruptive this past year. I am looking forward to future meetings of the Academy and thank you again for your patience in awaiting this contribution.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



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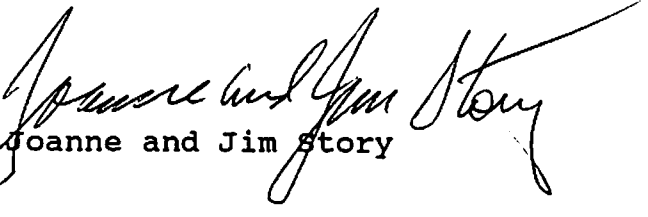
Dear Academicians:

Reflecting over the past year, fond memories come to mind. First of all, we recall the fine time we had hosting all of you in San Antonio last fall at the Academy meeting. Second, we added a beautiful little granddaughter to our family collection. Moving along, the spring gave us a graduation from college for our son, who will now enter the MBA Program at The University of Texas this fall. Our married daughters are, respectively, starting a senior residency in Ophthalmology and the other continuing as Clinical Liaison in the University's Nursing School. Our youngest daughter is busy finishing her degree and working in television at a local station.

At the University, the emphasis remains on vascular disease, brain tumors, and epilepsy surgery. Our laboratory work with adrenal caudate transplantation is progressing, and some interesting observations are being made.

Back to the home front, August will bring a month of relaxation for us as we journey to the ranch and also do some fishing at our lake property which promises some pretty good sized bass this time of year.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Cincinnati this fall.


Joanne and Jim Story

June 22

Dear Bill,

Update on the Sundt Family from dry Minnesota. We seem to be spending all of our spare time watering the yard this year. Thor is working as long and as hard as ever and seems to be holding his own. We have even had fabulous trips to Japan where he was Guest of Honor, and to Spain. Looking forward to Greece in November. So we feel very fortunate.

Our biggest delight is the challenge to prepare one of the best Academy meetings ever in our beloved Tucson for 1989. Also a good excuse to make many trips there. Laura and John are both out there--Laura is Controller of American Southwest Mortgage Co., an Estes Corporation subsidiary on the rise. She lives in our Tucson Hacienda which we have been adding to a bit. It is a charming opposite of our Rochester home--open and rather contemporary yet very private, nestled in among all the homes of our childhood friends in the Country Club Estates, which we all refer to as "The Compound". A very warm secure feeling it does provide.

John lives in Tucson, also, having now passed both the Texas Bar and more recently the Arizona Bar. He is now employed by one of the older established law firms in Tucson. Still no one gal on the horizon, always two or three!

Young Thor was married September 19 to a honey of a gal, Kathleen, who writes on the Editorial Board of the George Washington Univ. newsletter, and wrote the Biographical sketch of Ed Laws as the new Chief. She also nurses part-time at Georgetown. Thor has completed one year of research at N.I.H. in transplantation immunology. He will then return to Mass. Gen. to complete Gen. Surgery residency and has been given a spot for 1991 at Barnes in St. Louis for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery. (Don,t know if that"s the proper term!)

At any rate, in spite of poor typing, you can see all is going splendidly with us and we send love to all and look forward to Cincinnati.

Paul & Thor



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Dear Friends

For the first time we have remembered to write something for the Round Robin, and only hope it arrives in time.

We have had a fairly busy year since San Antonio, a meeting which we both very much enjoyed. Lindsay in particular envied the Storey's their house, in the middle of a Golf Course!

Lindsay has been travelling a good deal visiting Brazil and the Argentine, although Pauline did not go with him on this occasion. He met friends briefly in the Senior Society Meeting in Columbus and was glad to see Bill Hunt looking so well. Apart from that we have both been to several Meetings in Germany and are very much looking forward to our travels in September which will combine The 50TH Meeting of the Academy with Lindsay's invitation to be honoured guest at the Congress.

Pauline is as busy as ever continuing her work in tapestry restoration in Hatfield House, and arranging Musical Events at the National Hospitals - our next concert will be in July. It is amazing how much talent the medical staff have - and these concerts have proved a great success.

Our two grandchildren aged three and a half and eighteen months are a source of great delight to us and we visit them as often as we can.

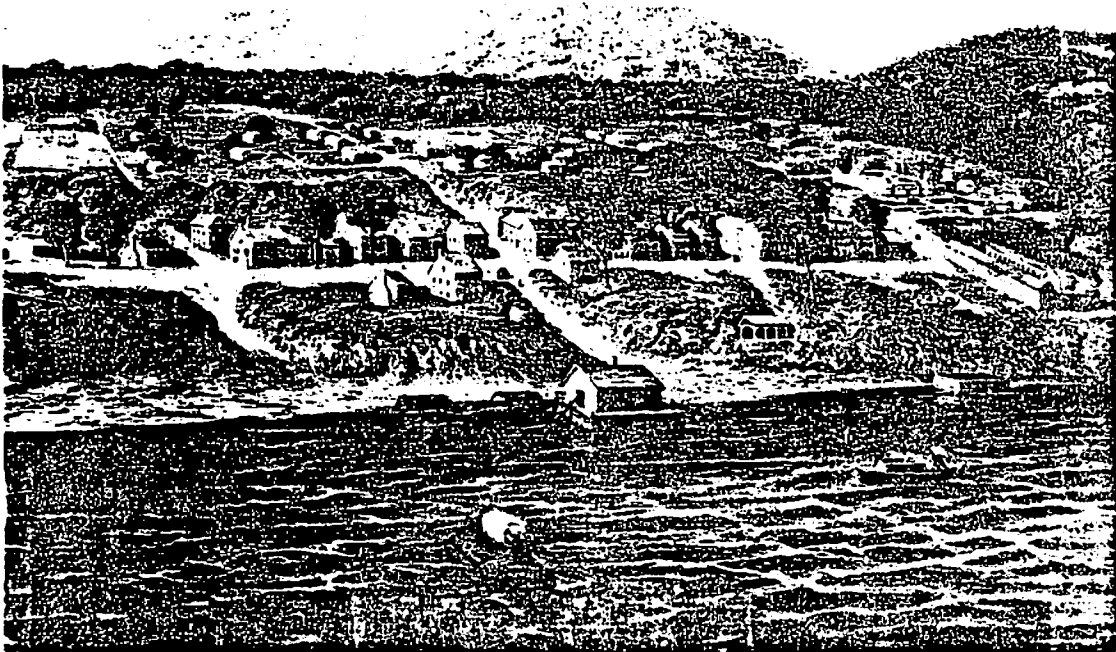
In addition we have managed to have two separate weeks in Morocco and the Algarve playing golf.

We look forward to seeing everybody in Cincinnati.

Pauline and Lindsay Symon

March 10, 1988

Dear Friends:

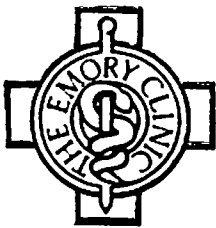


Come to Cincinnati and see how we have changed in 200 years. This year Cincinnati celebrates its bicentennial as the American Academy of Neurological Surgery gathers on the banks of the Ohio to re-enact its first meeting of 50 years ago. Adventurous men of similar backgrounds and courage founded both institutions. Each has changed mightily in the insuing years.

Cincinnati regaled as the Queen City of the West by Longfellow, noted for its stability and tradition by Mark Twain who reckoned that he "would like to be in Cincinnati when the world comes to an end because the inhabitants wouldn't know about it for 10 years." The Academy, Queen of neurological societies has carefully protected its origins and traditions and grown gracefully while nurturing the leaders of neurosurgery by encouraging the annual meeting of its scholars near the halls of knowledge.

This year we return to Cincinnati to celebrate the wisdom of our founders, Murphy, Mayfield, Echols, Evans, Braden, Keith and Raaf who met in the Netherland Hotel to convene the Academy's First Annual Meeting in 1938. On September 14, 1988 we will reconvene in the Netherland for an exciting event. The local hosts, the Dunksers, Mayfields and McLaurins welcome you to visit the Queen City to enjoy your friends and celebrate two birthdays.

Susan and John Tew



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Dear Bill:

George took you up on your suggestion that wives should do the reply to the Round Robin. I'm sure it's not the last time this year he'll assign me a project. It seems he is really mastering the art of delegating with his current responsibilities as president of the AANS. During the next year while he works on his credits for the frequent flier program, I'm going to be trying to hold down the homefront both from the standpoint of the neurosurgical program and the home and hearth.

We'll have a new home and hearth around August. Our address will change very little (from 859 to 869 Lullwater Parkway NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30307) since we're moving next door. One of our young associates, Dan Barrow, and his wife, Mollie, have bought 859. It will be fun to see them enjoy the house as much as we did and to raise their family there. I've had a great deal of pleasure helping with the design and watching the construction of our new house. George calls it a DINK house (double income, no kids). It has a beautiful great room in the style of a country lodge in the city and a large office area. And, of course, any of the members of the Academy are welcome if they come to Atlanta.

Our neurosurgical responsibilities and George's national AANS chores, of course, continue to occupy the majority of our time and efforts. George, however, manages to get to his tree

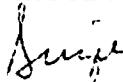


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nursery frequently. It seems to grow and prosper more each year and he's legitimately quite proud of it. I spend what free time I can muster either woodworking or at the beach in Destin, fiddling with my sailboat.

We look forward to the upcoming meeting as we always seem to enjoy the Academy meetings very much.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

The past year has been an eventful and happy one for the Weir's.

The duties involved with chairing our Department of Surgery are falling into a routine and I am able to spend more time at clinical and experimental neurosurgery.

We had some marvelous trips during the year. My wife, Mary Lou, and children, Glyncora (age 10) and Brocke (age 8) accompanied me to the European Congress in Barcelona. We were all captivated by the magic of Spain from the Costa Brava to the Costa del Sol.

The highlight of the year for us was a recent visit to Australia. This is their Bicentennial and our visit coincided with the opening of Expo in Brisbane. Our hosts included Leigh Atkinson and his charming wife, Sally Anne (who incidentally is the Lord Mayor of Brisbane!). It is a land of fascinating fauna and flora and should most definitely not be missed by anyone who enjoys the best in wine and seafood.

Best wishes to all.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Bill,

Sorry to be so late in making our contribution to the Round Robin. It is only because Marty and I are sitting at home this summer instead of fishing in Montana that we were gently reminded to answer your plea. It seems that our house is falling apart (at about the same rate as our bodies) and we really needed to stay at home and oversee the goings on. We are trying to keep a stiff upper lip about it even as the various workmen we have hired forget to show up—so what else is new?

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We will have to postpone our fishing until some later date in the year. Meanwhile we are enjoying our various children as they come and go. We now have an empty nest again. Our middle child, Jessica (22) decided she couldn't live another minute in Los Angeles, so she moved up to the San Francisco area where she will continue in design school. I think her first project should be to design a mobile home for herself with all her junk in one place! Elisabeth, our youngest (20), is now home for a while after finishing her third year at Northwestern University. She is hoping to find a job at Lake Tahoe this summer. Brad, our eldest (26), is getting ready to leave for Tanzania in September. He has won a Fulbright and is going to do the field work for his PhD in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Chicago. Maybe our next Round Robin letter will be sent from the wilds of Africa! I wonder if they use the same dry flies there as they do in Montana.

Meanwhile, we are not truly idle. Marty continues to work as hard as any ten men—up to his eyeballs in manuscripts, meetings and meningiomas. I occupy myself by working in my veggie and flower garden, attending dance classes daily and working for my friend who has a rather lively catering establishment. And so it goes with us.

We look forward to seeing you and the group in September.

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*Much affection to you -
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Dear Bill,

The Academy's 50th anniversary at the home of it's origin will hopefully attract all senior members who are able to stagger back. We look forward to it.

This year I have had the pleasure of visiting the clinics and operating rooms of past residents of at least four Academy members. This was in no official capacity but just for the fun of it. These visits were all in non teaching hospitals where, with no residents or students, the case handling was more expeditious and, I must say, with excellent results. Many of the teachings of their preceptors are followed with pride, yet with modern equipment and newer techniques their work is up to the state of the art. Much of their operating is microsurgery- done by one surgeon and a well trained instrument nurse, without tying up an associate- who is usually an idle observer anyway. One can appreciate that the practical care and surgical technique by the men in these outlying hospitals frequently are superior to that in our teaching hospitals where new concepts and techniques are being developed. Their mentors can be justly proud.

Here in Maine the ice has mostly gone out and the salmon are running but even Ernie Mack would have trouble fly-casting into this cold wind. With most of the grandchildren in or through college, Peggie and I ski more sedately in our 80th year, foolish probably, but still fun.

I wondered why all of these young whiz-kid professors of neurosurgery were stepping down---until I saw their ages!
---Unbelievable!

Best Regards to All

Sincerely,



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Dear Academicians,

How the time do fly! It has been several years since we last wrote. A number of things have happened in our family that might interest you, and I'm attaching a recent photo from when we were last together.

Son Michael, the one who in 1982 wrote the article, "Do It Yourself Hemifacial Spasm Surgery" for the National Lampoon and was part of the fictitious "four piece band in three piece suits", the MBAs, who put out an album of business songs, has been busy with other unusual projects. He and his friends wrote a humorous book on tennis and another one about odd roadside attractions, entitled "Roadside America". Mike just completed his most recent project, a mounted display of personalized license plates from the 50 states and the District of Columbia that phonetically spell out the Preamble to the Constitution (Exhibit A). After being turned down by the Ford Motor Company, he sold the display to Nissan for a new car and an undisclosed sum. Nissan presented the product to the United States as a birthday present in a full page advertisement in USA Today for the July 4 weekend. As part of the weekend events, Mike and his display appeared on Good Morning America on the 4th. The director of the section of The Smithsonian Institute expressed interest in the project while it was being put together, and the display is now on exhibit there.

Michael, who received B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from Stanford and who worked for a period of time as a private investigator (of business crimes, naturally), now is employed by an investment banking firm in San Francisco. He was married in April at the Stanford Chapel to Sheila Duignan, whom he first met when they were undergraduates. Sheila works as an animator for a motion picture company, so Gloria and I are wondering what sorts of projects the two of them will cook up in the future. Just grandchildren would be fine with us.

Son Jeffrey, who obtained masters degrees in electrical engineering and in business from Stanford, has begun work at Sun Microsystems, and is also pursuing a Ph.D. in electrical engineering at Stanford. His main area of interest at present is computer graphics.

Daughter Betsy, who received her undergraduate degree from Stanford, is currently in the second of a five year Ph.D. program in Italian studies at Yale. Betsy is planning a career in teaching.

After the last child left home, we moved to a smaller house, all on one level. It fits our current needs to a T. I persuaded Gloria to rejoin the work force, and she has been my secretary for the past five years. Now when patients call the house at night and need an office appointment, I turn them over to Gloria; this has caused a few raised eyebrows because she doesn't use her last name at work.

Things in the Duke Division of Neurosurgery continue to change gradually as we pick up new ways of doing things and stop other approaches that have become obsolete. In addition, we are moving toward more outpatient surgery, more frequent admission on the day of operation, shorter hospitalization, etc. in response to the pressure from third party payors. This is reflected in the fact that although our major operative procedures at Duke Hospital have almost doubled over the past decade (from 842 in 1975-76 to 1539 in 1985-86), our average inpatient census declined from 51 in 1986 to 43 in 1987. Its like working on an assembly line where the conveyor belt is gradually being speeded up. We are currently recruiting additional faculty members, not only to help with the increasing clinical load, but also to strengthen our research efforts. If anyone has a top notch candidate, we would appreciate hearing from him or her.

Gloria and I hope to see many of you in Cincinnati.

Sincerely,

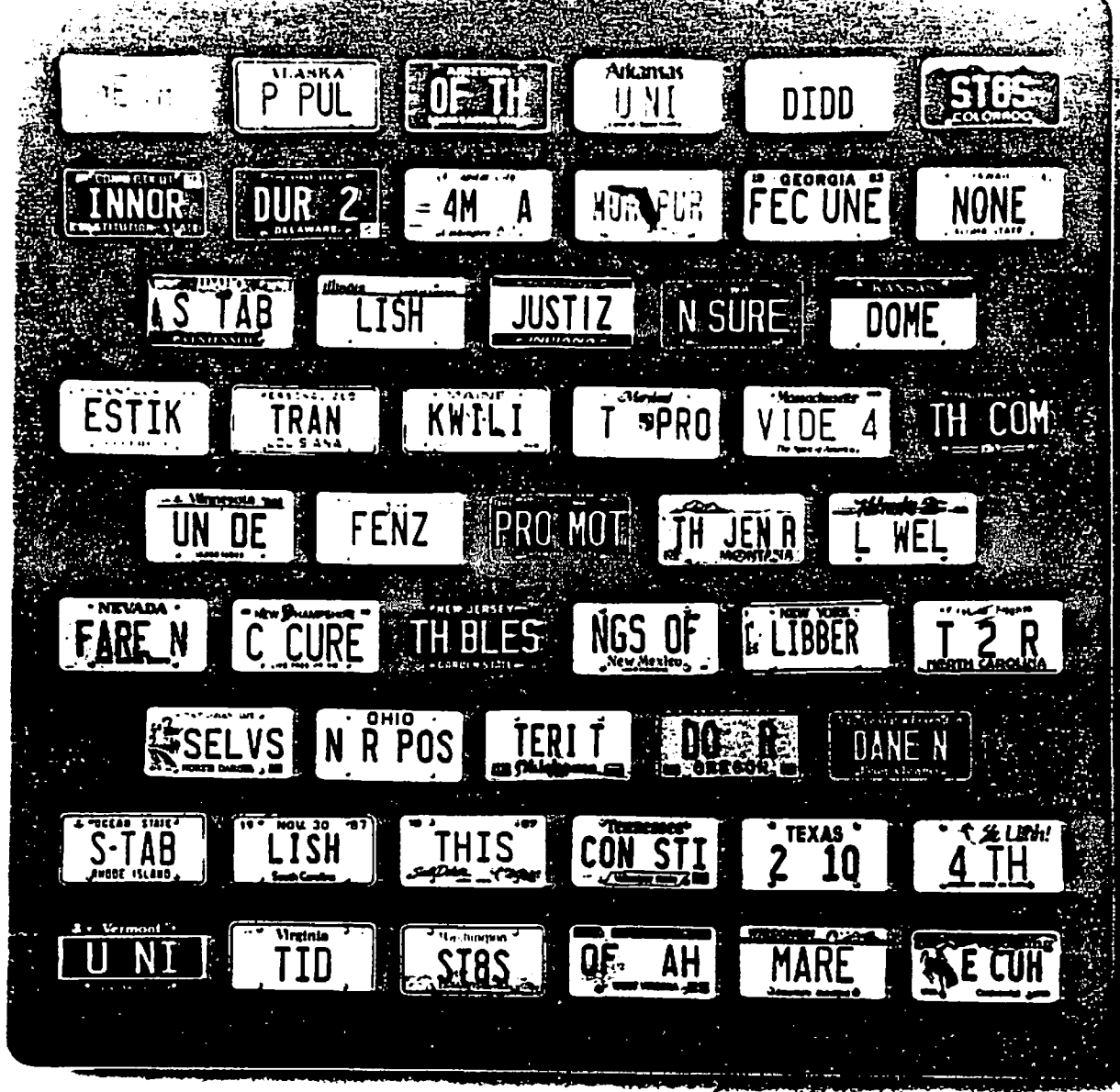


Robert H. Wilkins, M.D.

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Enclosures



EXHIBIT A



This exhibit was created by artist Mike Wilkins in honor of the U.S. Constitution and has been donated to the National Museum of American Art of the Smithsonian Institution by Nissan Motor Corporation in U.S.A.

Happy Birthday.





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Dear Bill:

For the first time I am responding before receiving a reminder.

This year has brought additions to our home. We have a new lap pool - what a joy to swim after a day at the office! Sometime this summer I'll have my own exercise room overlooking the pool and the Bay. Our household is growing. In addition to Lois and Pearl, our two-year old mastiffs, we now have Lily and Rose, six-month old abyssinian kittens. Happily, none of them swims.

This July will mark 20 years at UCSF and I can feel myself slipping into the ranks of senior neurosurgeons. While increasing experience has clear advantages, I think that in many ways I enjoyed myself more before I became so critical. I am taking great pleasure in seeing men that I trained as they proceed in their own careers.

We look forward to seeing old and not so old friends in the Queen City.

Our best to all.

Pam and Charlie Wilson

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Dear Bill:

The last couple of years have been excellent ones for myself personally and my family. Professionally, we have been very busy and the practice is getting to the point where Dr. Sadar and Hawk and myself can't handle it. We've been looking for a fourth man and if anybody reading this letter knows of someone, I'd appreciate being put in touch with him (or her). The three of us are doing over 900 major cases per year and although we enjoy operative neurosurgery, we're kind of reaching our limit and the pressure is on to see even more patients. The hospital has updated our neurosurgical floor and it looks more like a plush hotel than a hospital ward. In addition, the operating room has all the latest equipment one can imagine. We have our own nursing team both on the neurosurgical ward and in the operating room, which is reserved exclusively for neurosurgery.

We have taken three family vacations to various parts of Israel in the last couple of years and have really enjoyed it. Our latest excursion was to Eilat, which is incredibly beautiful and swimming, diving, etc. is spectacular because of the clear water. Jerusalem, of course, is a majestic and spectacular city and we are more fascinated each time we visit.

Myrna is doing extremely well and enjoying our home and traveling. Our three children are all grown and out of the house, so to speak. Jacqueline,

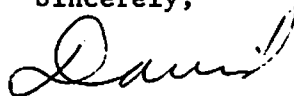
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who is twenty-seven, has a Master's degree in nursing and is an administrator in a psychiatric hospital in Butner, North Carolina. She is married - she married in June of 1985. Lisa graduated from Brown University and is a journalist and has many published articles, all of which seem to be of high quality. Steven graduated from Amherst College in June of 1988 and is looking forward to further studies in religion.

All in all, it's been an excellent two years and in particular we have enjoyed our associations with Academy members at the various meetings. We look forward to being in Cincinnati in September.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



David Yashon, M.D.
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The King's Communique to the "Neurosurgeon"

We really are beginning to think of Syracuse as an Amusement Park. The ferris wheel of living goes round and round, the bumper cars vary between "Slight Scratch, near miss and head on collision". The roller coaster has been a combination of challenge, hold on and fun.

Charlie Hodge's decision to stay in Syracuse certainly pleased us tremendously. In fact, Bob was so delighted that he decided that February 1st was a grand time for Charlie to assume all of the administrative responsibilities for the neurosurgical department. Concomitantly, Bob became Chief of Staff at Upstate and attempted to finish some construction that private individuals had financed. This included a residents' learning resource room complete with a closed video system to the operating room, a library, x-ray viewing, and computer resources. A nurses lounge was designed for the nurses to go for work and relaxing and an ambulatory care unit to upgrade and enhance the out-patient offices.

Simultaneously, Dad King died in Pennsylvania. We do thank Bill Buchheit for all his empathetic care at that time. He watched over our three daughters, unobtrusively moved in when moments became overloaded and was chief chauffeur for guests. I recommend the Buchheit limousine service. In the Philadelphia/Wilmington area where distance is a challenge, he surely covered a lot of ground for a great many people.

The American Board of Medical Specialities Presidency has put Bob back on the airplane. In his attempt to do some long range planning for the organization, he has decided to visit as many speciality boards as possible this year. This is an attempt to meet with and assess multiple points of view and perspectives from a wide variety of physicians representative of their particular boards.

The selection of Bob as one of six SUNY Distinguished Service Professors this year was gratifying. I know several of you wrote unbelievable letters in support of his nomination. We truly appreciate your generous fabrications.

We will miss the courtly gentleman Ed Boldrey. As you know I believe neurosurgeons are unique in a great many ways. Ed was the personification of the dedicated, intelligent, thoughtful and intensely loyal physician reflective of your speciality. With Helen by his side they added a special warmth to every occasion they attended.

Our girls and their families are doing well. I am still pursuing special projects as special assistant to the Dean of Students at S.U. Should you have no other allegiance, "Go Orange"

Bob joins in sending affectionate greetings.

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ROUND ROBIN
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Dear Bill,

I hasten to send a letter which I hope will be included in the 1988 Round Robin issue.

There has been one major event in the Fraser family. On August 6, 1987, Anne gave birth to a baby girl. Eliza Abigail now 11 months old and walking with proficiency. If there are any hazards to her health around, she is able to discover and test them with unusual proficiency. This is a skill that, according to my mother, is passed through the male parent. We are grateful beyond words for this gift. For those of you who wonder, becoming a father again at 49 is eminently rewarding.

On the neurosurgical front, there have been no major changes in the category of cases coming into the neurosurgical service at The New York Hospital. The quantity of patients seems to be increasing. Our graduating resident of last year has formed a head injury research laboratory which I think will generate a lot of basic data.

In regards to the future, I view with some pessimism our profession's intermittent inability to distinguish experimental surgery from procedures of proven benefit. While personally I laud innovation and improvement in all things I find it distasteful in the least when I review our recent brush with caudate nucleus transplants for Parkinson's disease. All the scientific data in animal work suggested that this procedure was of no therapeutic value yet my guess is in excess of 200 patients underwent the procedure.

There have been numerous examples in the past where an ineffective or marginally effective procedure has been utilized in masses of instances where it was clearly not indicated. I look to jugular carotid AV fistulas for augmentation of cerebral blood flow, EC/IC Bypass, cerebellar stimulation (for almost everything), dorsal column stimulation, saline wash of the spinal cord, facet rhizotomy, etc. It is a disappointing extension of our tendency to perform operative procedures of clear demonstrated usefulness (carotid endarterectomy, lumbar discectomy) in patients who would not clearly benefit from the procedure. I seriously believe that we should police ourselves more rigorously than we do. Certainly the reasons for this seem obvious. If we do not (actually even if we do) it seems clear to me at least that numerous governmental agencies and those private and public institutions who pay for health care are going to institute a review of what we do and when we do it. Clearly our own specialty is best positioned to decide what is appropriate. My fear is that this special competence of our own profession will be ignored and buried by massive paper outlining further restrictions from the government. Even if this is going to happen without any modification or influence from our profession, I think that we should review our surgical behavior with greater care.



With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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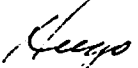
I am responding to your gentle prodding. Allow me to congratulate you for your successful efforts on behalf of the Round Robin.

Since my last note, Ed Laws took over as chairman at GWU in October, 1987. He was soon off to a running start and doing an excellent job. Almost everybody at GW, including the administration, believe he is GW's most shining star. Ed has won the respect and support of the entire Washington medical community, neurosurgeons (Town and Gown) and non neurosurgeons. He continues to carry an extremely heavy operative load.

I have enjoyed my taste of retirement during the past 9 months. Working part time, I continue to see patients 2 days a week and attend conferences. These activities are enjoyable and stimulating. I've learned to suppress "OR" withdrawal symptoms. I really haven't spent much time smelling the roses and I certainly haven't spent any time nurturing them, not that I have anything against roses. However, at last I have had time for some leisurely reading and am also trying to tame an IBM PC 2 computer. One of these days, I will have mastered WordPerfect.

I am hoping to see many of our members in Cincinnati.

Sincerely,


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August 7, 1988

Dear Bill:

Your request for material for the Round Robin produces this tardy report on the Uihleins. Ione and I have been unable to attend many of the meetings, mostly for health reasons. Over the years, however, we have been busy travelling in this country and meeting friends in England, Scotland, Italy and Austria. We did see the Frugonis in Rome two years ago and Piero has not changed. In Austria I had excellent trout fishing on the Lammer River south of Salzburg. Fortunately for us we have been able to see Enid and George Baker as well as Marge and Francis Murphey while fishing, and hunting ducks.

Our four children and grandchildren join us in Vail every December for the Holidays coming from California, Connecticut and Italy. This is the highlight of the year for us. So Life goes on. We are sorry that we cannot attend the Academy Meeting this Fall in Cincinnati, but we are hoping to attend the meeting in Tucson in 1989. Our best wishes to all our friends,

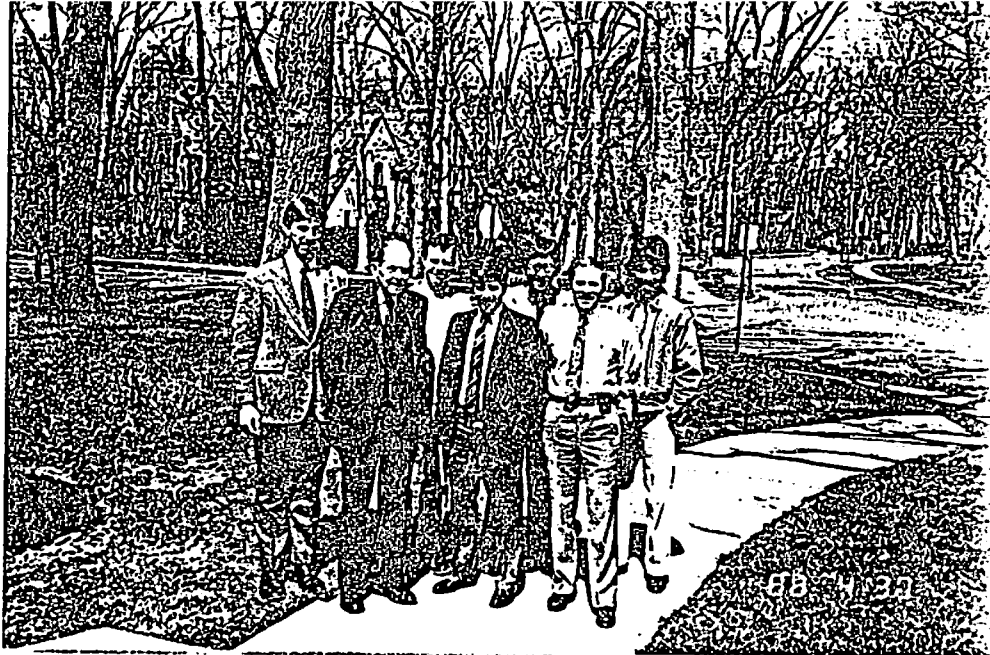
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Dear Bill,

What a delight it is to read The Neurosurgeon. It really keeps us in touch on important issues in all our busy lives, and I thank you.

Our son, Paul, is in his last year of Pharmacology and is planning on going on to medical school, hopefully, in 1989. Allison graduated from college this Spring in Archaeology and, at the moment, is in the wilds of Idaho on a field trip "dig." It will be interesting to know where she will be next year at this time! Julie has just returned home from six weeks in Europe and is about to enter the University of Wisconsin as a freshman, majoring in Zoology. Lots of activity at 2120 Wallingford!

Buz had a very interesting and successful meeting here in June. ICP-VII included about 400 participants from twenty-six countries. The meeting was very interesting and fun, and having this meeting in a university town was a unique experience.

We had another very special visit by Helen and Edwin Boldrey in April. It was such a pleasure for us to have them meet our residents and faculty and talk about his experiences as a resident at the Montreal Neurological Institute. The attached photograph shows Dr. Boldrey at our home in Ann Arbor with his hand on Indiana limestone! You will remember he was born and raised in the Hoosier state.

At last it is vacation time. Three weeks at our lakeside cottage -- I didn't think it would ever happen. Buz is relaxed and building a deck, and I am attempting to learn how to sail. Really relaxing.

Look forward to seeing you all in Cincinnati.

Our best to all,

Diane

Diane Hoff

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Attachment

P.S. Bill - Can't find the solo photo of Dr. Boldrey noted above. I must have sent the only one on to him - which he saw a few days before his death. The attached photo is of EBB