

September 5, 2003

Dear Nelson:

We just arrived back from summer holidays and hasten to send a short note in the hope that you might squeeze it in between the pages of the Round Robin.

It has been a busy year at the Neuro, with the dedication of the Telecommunications Theatre as an addition to the Brain Tumor Research Centre, which opened last year. The Theatre is wired for international exchanges--its first use, at the dedication, screened clearly and promptly our former Director (now CEO of the Salk Institute) who gave a message from Trinity College, Dublin, where he was consulting about a neurosciences institute they are planning there. I recall that, by contrast, for our 50th Anniversary celebration in 1984 of our own Institute, we took about 6 months to set up a multicenter TV exchange. Our new Director, David Colman, formerly of the Neurosciences Program at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, has been getting into harness for the past year and has great plans to develop the Institute's resources. We are already adding a major expansion to our Brain Imaging Center and next in line will be upgrading of facilities for neurosurgery and neuropsychology.

As for family, we are all well. Faith continues to be on "availability" for psychiatric nursing; I walk to the Institute each day and enjoy writing, mainly working to finish my history of the Institute which is slated to be ready for the 70th Anniversary of the Neuro next September---the guest list Dr. Penfield arranged for the opening in 1934 included Harvey Cushing, John Fulton, Gordon Holmes, and most of the prominent neurosurgeons and many neurologists from the States. Christopher last year was promoted to Professor of Surgery at the U. of Toronto in cardiac surgery; Janet at Carnegie Mellon in the theatre school is going up for tenure as Associate Professor; our oldest daughter Pat in Vancouver has taken up pottery with great exuberance; Michael working hard as a Crown Prosecutor in the Ontario Courts; Anna involved as nurse research coordinator in cardiology here at the Montreal General Hospital. And our dachshund Charlie keeps us entertained.

Greetings to all and best wishes for a successful gathering at Williamsburg.

Bill and Faith Feindel