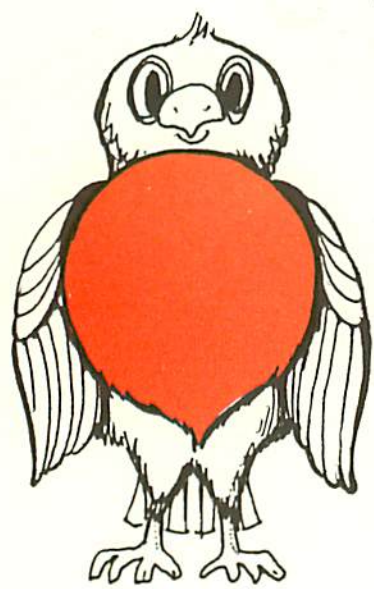
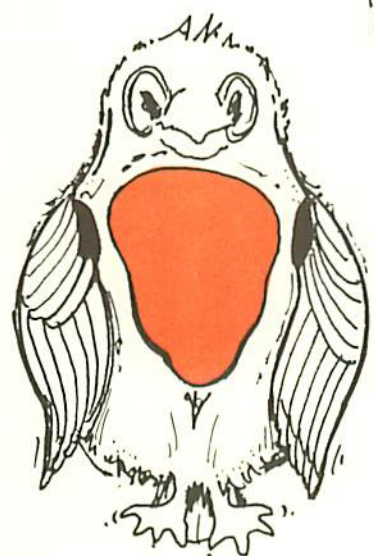
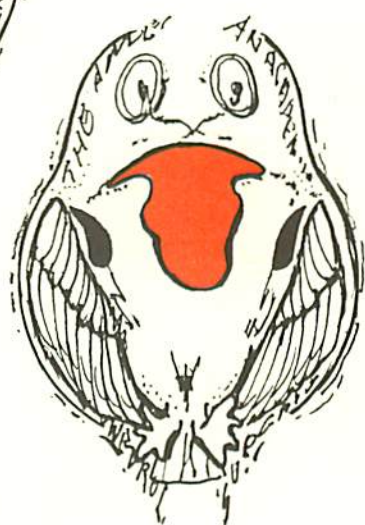


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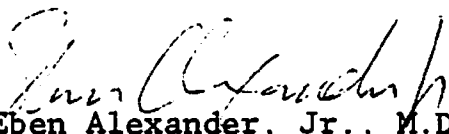
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In spite of the inordinate difficulties the editor has in obtaining contributions to the Round Robin Letter, there are some very worth while spontaneous letters and the membership of the Academy at the meeting in Carmel in October 1983 strongly recommended that The NEUROSURGEON be continued.

We are therefore publishing this issue which primarily includes a letter of welcome from the president, Russel Patterson, to the new members, a photograph and short biography of our new members, of whom we are very proud, and a letter from the chairman of the membership committee pointing out some of the difficulties that are inherent in that position.

Again, I hope that those of you who have enthusiastically supported the continuation of the Round Robin Letter will enthusiastically write "Dear Academician" and send it to me so that we will quickly accumulate additional letters to be published later this year before the next meeting at The Homestead.


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Dear Academicians,

The membership wants to keep the Round Robin letter going and I'm perfectly willing to work at it and continue to try to stir up interest and to get letters from each of you and I invite you now to send me a letter for the Round Robin.

This particular issue of the Round Robin letter is going to be different in the sense that I will dictate this letter reporting a little bit about the meeting but I hope you will have a report from Sid Goldring, our president and from Rus Patterson, the new president. We are certainly in the best hands from the point of view of our officers that we've ever been. As you know, Tom Langfitt has been made president-elect and Jim Correll, vice president.

The most encouraging thing of all was the election of four outstanding new members and I'm giving you a little breakdown on these with a photograph of each one. This is to introduce you to them and ask them to write a letter to the Round Robin so we can hear directly from them.

Robert Bourke is at the Division of Neurosurgery, Albany Medical College, Albany, New York.

He had his training at Harvard College, graduating cum laude and cum laude graduation from medical school at Tufts. He has had a lot of experience as a fellow at the Laboratory of Neurochemistry at the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness and then took his residency training at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis where he finished his residency.

He has been Professor and Chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery at Albany since 1974. He has been active in many areas of research and is, at the present time, Chairman of the Board of Scientific Councillors of the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health. His bibliography is extensive. He and his wife, Marlene, are outstanding people and we will enjoy them.

Paul Chapman is now at the Massachusetts General Hospital where he does most of the pediatric neurosurgery. He went to Yale, where he graduated magna cum laude in biophysics and then graduated cum laude from Harvard Medical School.

He has come up through the ranks of the faculty at Harvard and is a member of not only all the neurosurgical societies in New England but the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the American Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery. His research interests are intracranial pressure detection and management, pineal area tumors, clinical pediatric neurosurgery, congenital spinal anomalies. Most of his publications have been in the area of pediatric neurosurgery and his contributions have been in this area recently in presentation of papers.

Ed Laws, born in New York City. He graduated from Princeton with a cum laude A.B. in economics and sociology, then to Johns Hopkins where he trained with Earl Walker in neurological surgery. He joined the Mayo Clinic in 1972 and has been active there in many areas of research and clinical care and has been active on the national level, in fact is president of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons at the present time. He and Margaret are outstanding people and will make great contributions to the Academy.

Donlin Long was born in Missouri, where he went to college and medical school, then joined the University of Minnesota Graduate School where he took a Ph.D. and worked with Lyle French for some time. Some of his residency was taken at the Children's Hospital Medical Center at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston and he has been Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins since 1973. His outstanding record is known to everyone in the field of neurological surgery and the Academy is delighted at his election along with those others that we have elected to the Academy this time.

The meeting at Pebble Beach was one of the best I've ever attended and I think was a joy to all who were there. In fact at least 10 of our senior members were there and well over 60 of our active members and a couple of corresponding members including Raul Marino from Brazil and Charas Suwanwela from Bangkok.

The following is a new feature for the Academy and I hope to make it an enlarged edition if I can get you to send me scraps of paper, clippings, letters, notes, anything about yourself or about any member of the Academy you know about.

Bill Buchheit has been leading the American Association of Neurological Research Foundation and is well on the way to getting the goal that was set a couple of years ago.

Shelley Chou is in China at the present time and I understand, is arranging for another visit to various neurosurgeons in Indochina.

Bill Feindel is planning for the 50th anniversary for the Neurological Institute next year and undoubtedly you will be hearing more from him.

Don Garner has served us as Treasurer, then Secretary and is retired from that. We appreciate his efforts. He has been replaced by Jim Robertson from Memphis.

Sidney Goldring's Presidential Address about the ways in which he has operated on patients with seizures was unique and a very exciting presentation.

Alan Hudson and his colleagues are preparing for the International Congress in Toronto next year and will want everyone's support for that.

Bob King has been elected to the Executive Committee of the American Board of Medical Specialties which is a distinct honor for anyone and particularly for someone in neurosurgery, since I think this is the first time anyone has held such a position.

David Kline is now the Chairman of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, having served as Secretary for five years and is enthused about this job and very effective in it.

Tom Langfitt has just retired as President of the Vice-Presidents of Medical Centers of the US and will become our new president following Russel Patterson.

Steve Mahaley has become Secretary of the American Board of Neurological Surgery, a job which I am sure he will do as well as he has done all the others.

Dick Schneider is about to publish a 40-odd chapter book on sports medicine, which should be a classic.

John Tew is the president of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and just presided at their annual meeting and did an exceptional job along with his wife, Susan.

Martin Weiss deserves a great deal of credit for his arrangements for our Pebble Beach meeting and everyone at that meeting felt warmly disposed to let him know that.

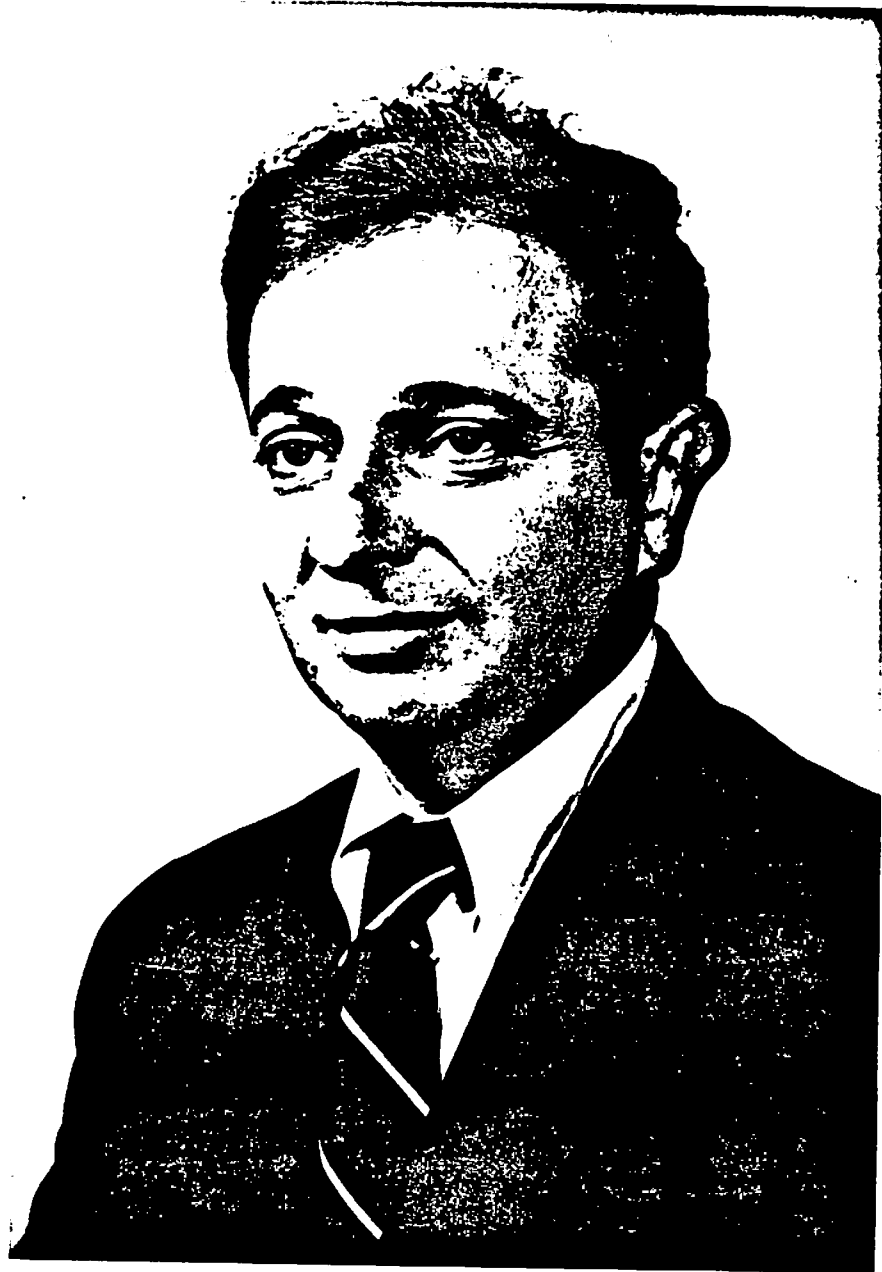
Nick Zervas is the new Treasurer of the Academy and did an outstanding job for us in planning the Boston meeting last year.

As I get more information from various people, I will include that in these letters and again, I want to invite all of you to send us letters.

Sincerely yours,


Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.

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January 25, 1984

Dear Eben:

I hope this letter is in time for your next issue of "The Neuro-Surgeon", and I promise to be more faithful in the future. As you can imagine from your own past positions, this has been a busy year for me. Following that wonderful annual meeting of the Academy in Pebble Beach, I had several AANS "working sessions", including one with the officers of the Congress in November, the Board of Directors in December with a most memorable reunion of past-presidents of the AANS during the dedication of the new building in Park Ridge, Illinois. Also, for the past five years I have been a member of the governing Council of the California Medical Association, initially involved with the Scientific Board and various educational activities, but beginning in 1983 as Chairman of the Finance Committee, supervising the investment of some \$2.5 million dollars and a \$8.5 million annual budget. This is a difficult time for physicians & hospitals in California, with new legislation permitting per diem and "reduced rate" contracts for various classes of patients, encouraging the employment of physicians by HMO's, PPO's, hospitals and commercial entities. Of course, the DRG system for Medicare will have a profound effect on patients, doctors and hospitals. As a member of the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Medical Center, I'm learning more about such topics than I ever wanted to know.

From the personal standpoint, my practice is limited but remains extremely satisfying and emotionally, if not financially, rewarding. The addition to our home in Hillsborough is completed and Lucy is very pleased with everything. We hope Academy members will visit with us during the coming years, write or call 415-342-1552, as we are very close to the airport and would love to see you whenever you have some time just to say hello, have a drink or to spend a few days with us. Two daughters are married and I'm a grandfather X2; my youngest daughter, Lesa, is a senior at Pepperdine. Lucy continues to excell at tennis - much to my loss, as she doesn't play with me now because I "ruin the rhythm" of her game. We have a 40' pool at home so I hope to begin swimming after this year is finished.

Hope to see all of you at the Homestead if not before. We are having a special event during the AANS meeting in April, "two hours of wine tasting" by the major California wineries on Wednesday evening, so don't miss it.

With all best regards.

Conc

Byron C. Pevehouse

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December 15, 1983

TO: ACADEMY MEMBERS

FROM: MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As publicized elsewhere in this issue, four new members were elected to the Academy in 1983, giving a total of about 89 active members with possibly some transfers to senior status this year.

So there are ample vacancies to encourage a strong slate of candidates for 1984 elections. As the Membership Advisory Committee has only a few completed proposals at this time, I strongly urge each of you to take the time and effort to come forth with proposals of individuals who have recently attended an annual meeting, or to consider inviting a promising young neurosurgeon to the 1984 session at the Homestead. I suggest also that you again read the description of the membership process included in the September 1982 issue of "The Neurosurgeon".

It appears certain that we will be re-proposing some prior candidates so let us have your supporting letters for someone who missed the mark in past years. On a sad and disturbing note, information has come to light since October that one unsuccessful candidate of 1983 may have been "lost" from election because of untrue but very serious rumors about personal character and activities. For such a highly regarded honor as election to membership in this Academy, it is doubly important that everyone be scrupulously careful about making any comments regarding candidates unless absolutely certain of the facts. Long-lasting damage can be done to an innocent person's reputation by some unguarded and untrue remark, even when spoken with the best of intentions to advise your colleagues of possible problems.

Enough said about that - let us all be ready for an outstanding meeting at The Homestead and to elect a "baker's half-dozen" of new members. Get your proposal form from our secretary, Jim Robertson, and return it as soon as possible with a photograph, C.V. and two supporting letters for your favorite candidate.

Byron C. Pevehouse
Byron C. Pevehouse, M. D.
Chairman, Membership
Advisory Committee

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THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY
DIVISION OF NEUROSURGERY

November 15, 1983

Dear Members:

It is a pleasure to welcome four new members who were elected in Pebble Beach, Bob Bourke, Paul Chapman, Ed Laws, and Don Long. I do hope that you all are as pleased about joining us as the rest of the membership is about having you. Of all the neurosurgical meetings, the Academy is the most agreeable blend of science, fellowship, and freedom from committee meetings.

I am delighted and most honored to serve as President for the coming year. The biggest challenge facing the new administration will be to try and equal the success of the 1983 meeting at Pebble Beach. Marty and Debbie Weiss outdid themselves, and even the weather cooperated. Even so, I have no doubt that Steve and Jane Mahaley will provide us with an excellent meeting next October 17-20 at the Homestead.

Sincerely,



Russel H. Patterson, Jr., M.D.

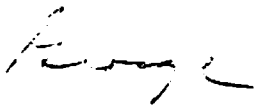


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Dear Eben,

It has been 14 years since I hung up the scalpel and retired from a very active surgical program at the Mayo Clinic. I have missed my many friends in the neurosurgical world, but it seemed foolish for me to try to maintain any active clinical work away from the Mayo Group. We moved to Arizona for fall and winter climate, and have a nice cabin in Wyoming from May to September. Enid and I go to Rochester for annual medical and dental work, but have avoided keeping up with national and international meetings. At age 79 I yield to the younger men.

Sincerely,



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January 25, 1984

Copy of individual letters sent

TO: Robert Bourke

Paul Chapman

Edward Laws

Donlin Long

*To
Russel Patterson*

Dear

Congratulations on your election to membership in the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. As you know, many are presented and few are chosen. I enclose a recent copy of "The Neurosurgeon", a personal publication for the membership, and you will note that you have been added to a distinguished list of members elected during the past decade. The Academy is a special organization and I trust you will enjoy in the future the close relationships and annual meeting activities that have meant so much to me over the past 20 years.

May I request that if you have not already done so, please write a letter of your own to Eben Alexander for inclusion in the next issue of "The Neurosurgeon". Also if you have a qualified candidate to propose for membership, please obtain a proposal form from our Secretary, Jim Robertson, for completion by yourself. Usually it is advisable to invite such an individual to one or more annual meetings before submitting the proposal to the Secretary.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Homestead in October.

Cordially,

Byron C. Pevehouse, M.D.

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The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Department of Neurological Surgery
Donlin M. Long, M.D.
Professor and Chairman

March 6, 1984

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Dear Eben:

I am extremely pleased to now be a member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons. I have now been here at Johns Hopkins for ten years and during this period of time, a number of important things have happened. We have amalgamated neurosurgery and neurology into a functional section of clinical neurosciences. To make this a reality we have built a building which houses all of the neurological sciences, as well as, all of our patient and research related activities. My major interest has been the evaluation and treatment of pain as a symptom and the surgical therapy of benign tumors of the base of the skull. Departmental activities currently focus on cerebrovascular disease, the development of a comprehensive program in spinal surgery, and combined programs of surgery for tumors of the base of the skull with otolaryngology and neuro-ophthalmology. My major research interest has been in chronic pain, particularly pain of spinal origin, though I have maintained a program in my long term interest of brain edema. We currently are in the process of adding clinical and research programs in the general field of neuro-oncology.

Harriet and I live in Baltimore city, only a few miles from Johns Hopkins. We have three children. Kimberly, age 23, is a recent graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and plans to become a historian; Elizabeth, age 19, is a sophomore at St. Johns College in Annapolis with serious plans to become a classicist; David, age 16, is a sophomore at Gilman School in Baltimore and has no defined interest at present.

We have an old victorian gothic which requires our constant attention. We share an interest in gardening and have a continuing effort to turn our 4 acres into a series of formal/informal and woodland gardens. When we are not engaged with something around the house, we can usually be found in an art museum, at the opera or symphony, tramping the southern mountains

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on a lake in Maine, or on a ski slope somewhere, depending upon the time of year and the children's schedules.

Harriet and I look forward to this new relationship with the Academy. I know that both the scholarship and the fellowship will be pleasant additions to our lives.

Yours sincerely,

Don M. Long, M.D.

DML/mk

2 March 1984
Rochester, MN

Dear Eben,

This has been a great year for the Laws family! Being made a member of the Academy was a real high point for me, and I am grateful for the support and continuing friendship of all of our colleagues.

We continue to be a happy family at Mayo professionally, each with different areas of special interest and expertise. We are gradually mastering the high-tech era of lasers, CT-guided stereotaxis, ultrasound, etc.

Peggy and I are busy planning the October Congress meeting in New York. We have lots of good help and the meeting, which will honor Walter Dandy, should be great. We hope to see you there.

With fond regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Laws". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.