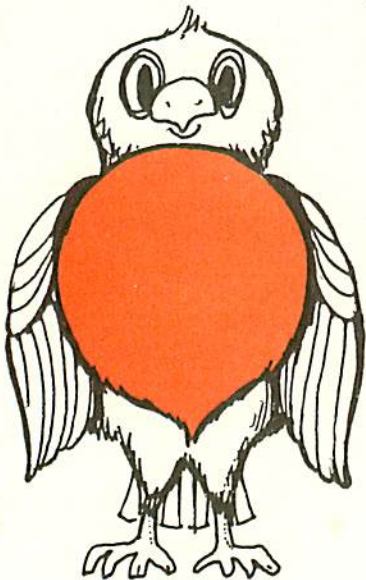
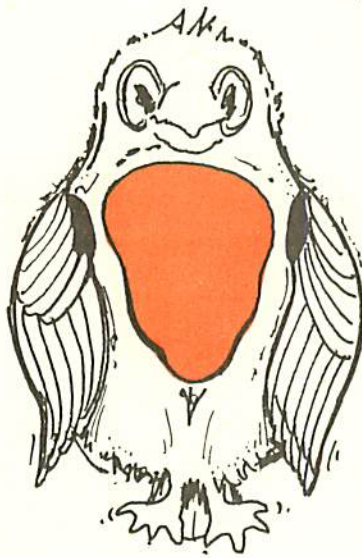
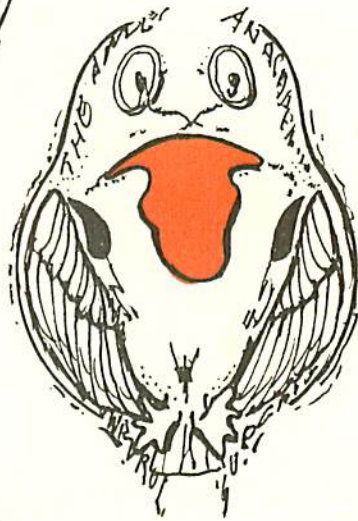
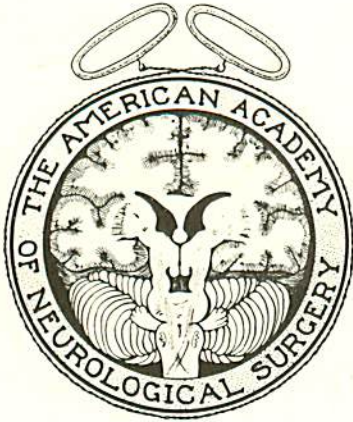


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Dear Academy Members:

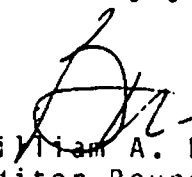
This is the first volume of the Round Robin since I took over the editorship from Eben Alexander. I will try to approach the project with the same enthusiasm as Eben. That in and of itself will be an interesting project i.e. mimicking Eben Alexander. I will try.

I wrote all academicians soliciting letters during the early months of 1986. The response has been about fifty-percent and those responses are contained herein. As you will see the Academy members continue to demonstrate a very warm sense of family. This feeling includes not only our own families at home but our extended families within the Academy. What the kids are doing, where everyone is going and in general what is happening is the tone of the notes. In this sense the Round Robin continues to be an important aspect of the Society bridging the gap between meetings and keeping us up to date on personal and family occurrences.

I thank you for making this edition a full one.

With very best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


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Dear Academician:

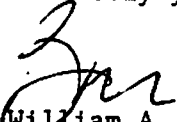
You probably are wondering what the Ernie Mack Society is all about.

This Society was formed as a loose informal group of neurosurgeons who were fishing with Ernie. Ernie encouraged this group, led the trips, made the arrangements and more importantly transfused his enthusiasm for fishing into all of us. Over the last six years we have fished together on the Kalmouth and Klama Rivers in California, at April Pointe in British Columbia, on Grand Cascapedia River in the Gaspé Peninsula, on Lake Meade in Nevada and Lake Murray in South Carolina. This past summer we fished for one week on the Tobique River in New Brunswick.

This Society includes Russel Patterson, Phanor Perot, Larry Pool, Hugo Rizzoli, Bob Ratcheson, Henry Schmidek, Ernie and myself. Last July in New Brunswick Phanor Perot and I acted as a quorum in democratic fashion and held formal election of officers. Doctor Perot became President and I became Vice-President. Ernie was appointed Chief Angler and Tour Director.

This relatively loose group of fisherman would welcome new members provided that they can tolerate retold stories, liberal drinking and behavior unbecoming a group of professors.

Sincerely yours,


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April 15, 1986

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Dear Bill:

I am delighted that you have agreed to replace Eben as the editor of the Round Robin. You may be assured of our continued help and support. A fine round of applause should be given to Eben for the many years of devoted service to this publication, for which we are most grateful.

From the standpoint of practice of neurosurgery as most of you know I have discontinued doing surgery at this point but I am still working as a teacher, consultant and I regularly attend and operate a clinic at our Veteran's Administration hospital. I continue to work in the laboratory, which has continued to give me sufficient work and a great deal of happiness. This year the University very kindly presented me with Emeritus status which was gratefully received. Following this the Dean, in a very generous moment offered me a job as Assistant Dean.

Our laboratory effort in the neurological and neurosurgical section has been directed toward cellular research, the leadership being provided by Dr. John Peacock. I am happy to say that our progress has been good and I am absolutely astounded to witness the behaviour of some of these cells emanating from cell cultures. At this time it seems certain to me that some momentous treatments of otherwise devastating diseases will arise from this line of research.

Bobbie and I continue to enjoy reasonably good health. We are at this time happy to regard the efforts and accomplishments of our grandchildren. Our oldest granddaughter is presently a student at Santa Catalina, following in her Mother's footsteps. She has achieved the honor roll, no mean accomplishment. Our second granddaughter is an extremely beautiful and accomplished child is at this time interested in some beauty contests which I am not certain that her Grandmother and I are as enthusiastic about as she is. We spent a very delightful six weeks in Hawaii this spring, during the severe winter weather here at home. We enjoyed the delightful climate and our many friends on the Kona coast, and were able to enjoy swimming, snorkeling, a little painting, some golf. In regards to the golf, I had the good fortune to play in a tournament toward the end of our visit in Hawaii, and had as a partner, a very excellent golfer and I expect because of his prowess and my enthusiasm we managed to win the golf tournament resulting in a set of new woods and perhaps the loss of a few friends.

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Wm. A. Buchheit, M.D.
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Am at present looking forward to a new soiree with Drs. Poole, Perot, Buchheit, in the quest of Atlantic salmon in New Brunswick, this to take place in June of this year.

This is sent with affectionate memories to all our friends in the Academy with the hope we will be seeing all of you in very delightful surroundings this fall.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Buchheit
Ernie

Bobbie and Ernie Mack

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Dear Academician:

Let me be one of the first to respond to your request for a letter for the "Round Robin". I consider this a unique feature of the Academy which is viable only if a significant number of our members and/or their wives respond to the request of the editor, and I hope we can continue to function that way since the Letter itself means a lot to the Academy.

I continue to be busy though I am not operating, and I am seeing a relatively small number of patients, serving the last of my 8 years on the Council on Medical Education of the AMA, active on the Board of Medical Examiners of North Carolina, and very active as editor of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY. In the latter instance, I have been, at least for the time being, personally reviewing critically all manuscripts, and I have reviewed almost 180 of those since the first of January of this year. It is our intention to make this one of the best journals in the country or in the world, and I believe we have the editorial board to do that.

We, of course, particularly invite the submission of papers by Academy members who must know that their manuscripts will be thoroughly reviewed by their peers in every instance.

Betty and I have had to readjust what she anticipated as my life after 70 since I have taken on the editorship of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY, and we are doing this fairly well. I think Betty had anticipated that we would travel a good deal more than we are, but for the present time I do feel intense obligation to this job, and intense obligation to go to meetings to hear good papers and to be in contact

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with other people regarding SURGICAL NEUROLOGY, and consequently we have not traveled as much as we thought we might. We did have a delightful tour with one of the British Saga travel groups in Switzerland last fall, and spent 2 weeks in London during which I had a good deal of contact with Ian Munro, the editor of the LANCET, and also visited BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

The neurosurgical department here continues to thrive and grow. David Kelly is directing a fine department. There has never been a better resident staff that he has collected now and since Courtland Davis plans to retire from surgery about a year from now, the department is actively adding additional people. It is a pleasure to attend conferences and to be a part of what is going on.

My life has been very much involved with the Committee on Ethics and teaching ethics to the second year and first year students, and altogether I am living a most active and enjoyable life.

Of course, our door remains open to any who would visit us in this delightful part of the country.

Sincerely yours,


Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.

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Dear Bill:

We are getting a lot of response from various Academy members, and you might want to use some of these for the Round Robin Letter, so I am going to send copies of all these to you and particularly the one I sent you from Ed Davis who has been lost to us for sometime, and the one recently from Aiden Raney.

Sincerely yours,


Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.

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Enclosures

P.S. Here is the letter as I interpret it, it's a little difficult to read, from George Maltby, and I will leave out one or two complimentary words that he said about me.

"Dear Eben:

Excuse the scribble, but I have been one of the worst offenders in neglecting the Academy. I appreciate your letter. I will make a real effort to attend in November. Traveling has been a real problem for Jim since her cervical cord injury and that has been part of the problem. We both miss our friends in the Academy.

Jim has done amazing well considering the nature of the injury....dislocating C-1 on C-2 and contusing her cord. She gets around very well but her balance is terrible and she lives in deathly fear of falling again.

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It apparently didn't injure her sense of humor any, although she isn't as easy to live with.

I have just returned from my 50th at the medical school (Harvard). It was dampened by torrential rains so I skipped the Cape Cod outing.

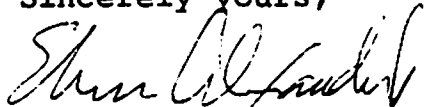
I haven't much news. My golf stinks. I am still doing a little work for the Bureau of Hearing and Appeals as a medical adviser for Social Security.

Please give our greatest love to Betty. Remember me to Bill Bell. I think your group was very lucky to get him.

This coming Saturday, June 21, we are having our 50th wedding anniversary party at the Prout's Neck Country Club....100+ guests. Three of our bridesmaids will be there, one from California. Our ushers haven't weathered the ravages of time as well as the girls..... Best regards, George Maltby"

Bill, if I get any other letters for the Academy, I will pass them on to you for the Round Robin.

Sincerely yours,



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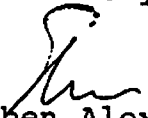
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Dear Ed:

I'm so sorry to hear you're disabled, and I wish that you could come to the Sea Island meeting. I'm glad to hear from you finally since we have sort of lost track of you, and I am sending your letter and a copy of this letter to Jim Robertson as Secretary of the Academy so he will be sure to have your name. By the way, your letter is addressed to the Pullman-Gray School of Medicine, and there is not such a thing.

The residual of the Neurosurgical Travel Club (minus Matson, Otenasek, Livingston, and Schneider) will be meeting at Camp Sherman on the 9th of July. I'm not sure how many of the 11 members will be coming, but I will be coming through Portland on the 9th and going back on the 13th. It would be a pleasure if somehow or another we could work in a visit. I'm not sure how close to Portland you are.

Sincerely yours,


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June 17, 1986

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Dear Eben:

Thank you very much for your note. I will be unable to attend the meeting at Sea Island on November 4th. I am not able to travel any more because of a degenerating cerebellum disturbance and supra nuclear visual pathways. ^

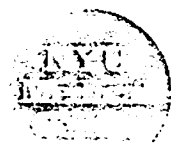
Barbara and I certainly appreciate your interest in the members of the Academy of Neurosurgery.

Sincerely yours,

Ed

Edward W. Davis

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April 16, 1986

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Dear Bill:

Congratulations on taking over the editorship of the Round Robin. I know you will continue the yeoman effort which Eben has carried out for many, many years.

Things in New York continue at the helter skelter pace which has always been the hallmark of our service. Gene Flamm has racked up, I think, his 600th aneurysm. Fred Epstein has somewhat over 150 pediatric spinal cord and brainstem tumors. In recent years I have been restricting myself almost entirely to brain tumors and find myself as busy as I have ever been in my entire professional life.

We are expanding our research activities, particularly in the area of brain tumors and Max Koslow has put together a group from the Department of Pathology who conjointly are looking at oncogenes, growth factors and we recently added a very attractive young Ph.D. whose expertise is in the area of interleukins. We, of course, are continuing to participate in the Brain Tumor Study, however, we all feel that we have got to find some new avenues in the further management of glioblastomas. Hopefully, these basic science efforts will eventually yield some additional answers. We will be participating in the near future in planning for a national study on the management of the low grade astrocytomas, an issue which is long overdue.

Speaking personally, life with Lori continues to be one of great pleasure and pride. Lori is a first year dental student at the NYU School of Dentistry and has recently been elected to the Honors Program for the freshman class. This recognition of her abilities, both in the basic sciences as well as in the application of the practical aspects of dentistry will initiate her into the care of patients at the Dental Clinic this summer and we both are very pleased and excited about



this honor. She is working very hard and I find myself most evenings working along beside her in the Medical School Library. This has been a refreshing experience as I come in contact with many of our first and second year medical students, an opportunity which I find quite stimulating and lots of fun.

For recreation, we, of course, spend our week ends on our boat on Long Island and generally get away for a couple of holidays in warmer climates. I am enclosing a picture of us on our recent Christmas holiday in Acapulco and I think you can see how pleased we are with life in general.

As always,



Joseph Ranshoff, M.D.

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Dear Bill:

I have your recent letter in which you indicate that you have taken over as editor of the Round Robin.

This is a very important part of academy proceedings. I am glad that you have taken over. We shall try to be somewhat conscientious in our correspondence to you.

For the first time in eighteen years, we were unable to go skiing at Snowmass with the children and grandchildren. This was because of the fact that my remaining hip, that is the one that did not have a prosthesis, is now beginning to act up and I am going to have this done in August of this year. I shall retire from practice on July 1, 1986. I cannot deny, all factors considered, I will be glad to retire what with increasing pain present in the hip, etc.

Connie remains well. The children are all well. Bob has now gone to California and is involved with jazz work in Los Angeles and is also getting heavily involved in recording for a good number of concerns there, also Capitol Records has shown an interest in him. Carol is raising kids and David still is involved in solar engineering in Oklahoma.

As to the medical problems that exist here, one of the things that I have been involved with is seeing quite a number of patients that have been having discolysis and also laminectomies in the lumbar area for tumors that are in an area higher than T-12 and L-1. There have been several violations on the outside in which we eventually have done a more extensive series of diagnostic tests and have found the tumors and have corrected it. I think this is an error which should be brought to the attention of the Academy and I am certain most everybody would follow the proper dictates in their approach to these patients. The malpractice problem is most existent in this area. I have heard very unfortunate stories where the rate may go up next year. This certainly does not concern me other than the fact I am interested in so many other people who may be involved.

As to my ultimate plans, I am going to teach and my intention will be directed to neuroscience and particularly to neuroanatomy. I have been approached about taking over the neuroanatomy program in one of the medical schools and I can't deny that this is of great interest to me. It seems that I will have a great deal more time to do the things that I am interested in doing now.

Best wishes to you and your wife. It was nice to be with you the short period of time that we were this winter.

Sincerely yours,



Robert G. Fisher, M.D.
Professor and Chief
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RGF:dm

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April 20, 1986

Dear Bill,

I noted the date on your letter to Tom (March 18) and I hasten to tell you that I only received it last night. So if this is late you know where to place the blame. You are very good to take over the job of the Round Robin and since I am one of the ones who has not always responded, I will try to do better.

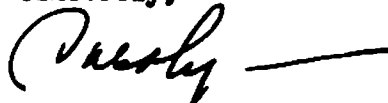
For the past four years Tom and I have rented a house in Exuma, a small island no one else has ever heard of, I think, in the Bahamas over Christmas. The three boys have joined us there for two weeks of heavenly rest and relaxation and a chance to have their father's full attention. The nearest phone is six miles away and you have to line up for it. It is virtually impossible for the hospital to contact us and difficult and discouraging for Tom to get through to them. In other words, an ideal place. We swim, snorkel, sail, eat, sleep and read. We look forward to it all year.

The three boys are all leading interesting lives. David, at 29 with an A.B. from Penn and a M.A. from the London School of Economics, has spent five years working and studying as an artist in NYC. He paints portraits for his bread and butter and to free him to paint what he wants. John is 27, a graduate of Yale, now in his second year at Boston University working toward a Ph.D. in neuro-psychology. He will marry a lovely gal, Emilie Bauernschmidt, whom he has known all his life, in May. We are all delighted and are happily planning for the big day. Frank who is 21 will graduate from Princeton this June and is interested in journalism. He hopes to work on a newspaper and write. Graduate school may come later.

Tom wears his various hats and manages to continue to see patients, administer the v.p.'s office and devote a lot of time to the Pew Charitable Trust. We get away to our summer house in Avalon, N.J. when we can but it is not often. We hope to visit London this summer for a week. Lindsay Synon has invited Tom to be a visiting professor at Queen Square. We look forward to a reunion with Lindsay and Pauline. And then maybe a few days in the country before we come home.

Tom joins me in sending our best regards to all and especially to you.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Langfitt

Larry Pool
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April 20th, 1986.

Dear Bill,

In response to your request for a bit of fluff for the Round Robin let me first of all tender my hearty congratulations on your elevation to this important post of editing the RR. You have a hard act to follow in view of the splendid, self-sacrificing job that Eben has done. We will all miss his deft handling of the RR. But we also know that you can manage it mighty well too, what with your dynamic approach to matters of all sorts, whether in the O.R., on the dais, or on salt or fresh waters with rod-n-reel at the ready.

As to our travels, friends keep asking, this year and last, "did you go South this winter?" The answer is YES. Each of the two past winters we went as far south as Litchfield, Conn., a village 20 minutes due south of West Cornwall. (Oh yes, we did get as far south as Washington, D.C. to see the National Gallery of Art and as far as FUN CITY to see shows, galleries, and friends, etc.). And then there were two northern trips, one to the salmon river Tobique in N.B. and one to the splendid WFNS meeting in Toronto. The latter, as you and Ernie well know, ~~included~~ our trip to Lake Michigan for angling with that zany captain and his EEG apparatus for locating fish we sometimes caught.

Meanwhile I have been typing from 6 a.m. to nearly 6 p.m. for the last 6 weeks to polish up the Ms for my latest book. It is now in the hands of the publisher: Walker & Co., NYC and is hopefully due for the stands about October. It represents my surrogate way of doing neurosurgery; i.e., writing about the dear ole brain. It is aimed at laymen readers.

. Title
(from Robert Burns): Nature's Masterpiece. The Brain and How It Works.

Getting a publisher has been a ghastly chore. It was like fly fishing for wary trout, casting a line here, then there, at one publisher and agent after another with nary a bite until at last, PRESTO, a fish was ON. One agent returned the Ms with the comment: "Unfortunately we cannot accept. The writing is not string tight." That is why I have been so busy lately at the hunt-n-peck machine --- tightening them thar loose strings.

Looking ^{forward} Bill, to our July salmon trip with Ernie and Phanot, et
Yours aye,

Larry



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Dear Bill:

I must express my regret to the membership that over the many meetings that I have not attended in the last few years. The College of Surgeons seemed to take up most of my Octobers.

Ruth has gone back to University and gets her B.A. degree this Fall if all is well. John, in addition to the Law has become involved in the business world. Jim is completing his neurosurgical training in Toronto and Stephen remains in business, in the automobile after-market. Tom, the engineer is still working for Syncrude, a huge oil conglomerate in the Athabasca tar sands in Northern Alberta. With the drop in oil prices I think he is a little concerned about the future. Ruth now has 8½ grandchildren.

In July 1985, I of course gave up the surgical headship and my other academic responsibilities. Skip and John Girvin appear to want me to continue operating as long as I retain my health but there is a cold cut off at 70 yrs. I have had second thoughts about it, most particularly how it will effect the young surgeons as well as I would not want to go out as a failing surgeon. They have strict orders about the latter. I have actually started to write a bit on a manuscript on the vertebral basilar aneurysms. I have never believed very much in writing surgical books because they are usually out of date by the time they are printed. However I have been persuaded that the series, which is now over 1300 cases has some historical interest.

Partly through #1 son John, I have become the happy owner of a Cessna 414 - pressurized and turbocharged. I could not afford it of course, but it is working commercially for one of his companies which takes away most of the economic burden.

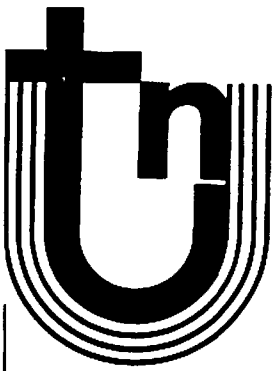
With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

You will have heard of the "battered baby syndrome". Have you heard of the "battered neurosurgeon syndrome?" The last edition of the Round Robin was supposed to contain personal data supplied by the wives, instead of which I sent news items concerning the Ontario academy neurosurgeons! On direct orders from Susan, I am now sending you personal data.

Susan is very busy with her various business responsibilities. The most intriguing has been the financing, building and running of a tourist submarine. This vehicle is presently taking tourists beneath the waves in the Cayman Islands so that they can view the coral and fish. In addition, she is managing finances of a foundry and two other cold metal stamping factories.

My eldest daughter, Jean, enters her penultimate medical school year at Queen's University this fall. Katherine has just completed her second year at York University and appears to be heading for a business career. Erin will start at Queen's University this fall and is entering a general arts program. My youngest, Roy, is about to leave town on a transcontinental rugby tour and is destined to enter engineering at Queen's University next fall. Thus, in 1987 I will have four children at university simultaneously, which suggests to me that I should immediately go back to the operating room and do some more surgery.

Academicians Ron Tasker and Skip Peerless accompanied me on a three week trip to South Africa in March and they were the honoured guests of the South African Neurosurgical Society. We enjoyed a superb visit to the Kruger National Park. After the meeting Skip and Ron went on a hunting expedition and dispatched various unfortunate beasts, using telescopic sites and various other unfair practices.

Harold Hoffman has taken over as Chief of Service at the Hospital for Sick Children. Bruce Hendrick and Bill Lougheed continue in active practice and are keenly sought after as clinical teachers. Charlie Wilson attended the University of Toronto as this year's Keith Visiting Lecturer. His visit was much enjoyed and we were delighted,

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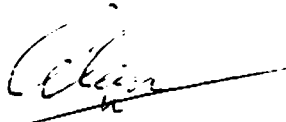
once again, to have Bill Keith in attendance. We had an excellent visit from Len Malis in his capacity as the Botterell Visitor last fall. The names "Toronto General Hospital" and "Toronto Western Hospital" are no more, as the two institutions have fused. As Deputy Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto, I am trying to keep pace with events and ensure that neurosurgery is not harmed by the resulting shuffles and reorganization.

We are looking forward to hosting the A.A.N.S. meeting here in 1988. The facility will be the Convention Centre, which was used on the occasion of the World Meeting last summer.

I think that is most of the Toronto academy news.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.R. Hudson", with a horizontal line underneath it.

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Dear Bill:

As I told you in Denver I have received your letter of March 18th. I congratulate you on your new job as the Editor of the "Round Robin". This is not a letter for the "Round Robin" it is simply to tell you that I will respond in full after the anniversary party here in Dallas next month. I think there may be some interesting overtures and things to report.

Enjoyed being with you in Denver. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards, as always,


Kemp Clark, M. D.
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Dear Bill:

The following is a note for the Round Robin:

I suppose there is nothing worse than a convert! But, roots develop fast in the Michigan soil and the Hoff family is thriving in the Midwest.

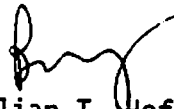
Paul has graduated from St. Olaf College and has just taken the MCAT exams. He hopes to go to medical school in the fall of 1987. In the meantime, he is working for a cardiologist in the Department of Pharmacology here at the University of Michigan. Allison is off to Greece in August to study ancient history for a year in an exchange program. Hopefully, the terrorist problem will calm down by then and she can fulfill that desire to study abroad in a fascinating place. Julie, our 16 year old, is full of energy, finding time to play soccer, tennis, the piano and all those other things teenagers do today.

Diane and I are off to visit her family in Canada in June and then will stop at the Vancouver Expo en route to San Francisco and Charlie Wilson's post-graduate course. A trip to northern Manitoba for fishing will finish off that summer holiday.

We plan to spend most of our summer at our Base Lake cottage, only half an hour from Ann Arbor and the hospital. Back to the commuter world!

Diane and I look forward to seeing you at the Academy meeting in the fall.

Yours truly,



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April 23, 1986

Dear Bill,

It's my turn to participate in the Round Robin. Of course, this must meet the approval of "El Lobo".

I am not up to discussing the future of neurosurgery, but Wolff's research is going extremely well. This year he has managed to grow the best Belgian endive crop possible. Our travel plans were stopped when our eldest son announced his wedding plans. It went without a hitch until one hour before the ceremony when the judge fell ill and went to the hospital. Our emergency J.P. performed very well and Stanley is now married to a lovely Vietnamese young lady who is also a pre-med student.

Daniel still works for the health department in Denver and is still rooting for the St. Louis baseball "Cardinals". (Did you hear that, Lois?) Jonathan is graduating two days before his sister Claudia and we will be able to be at both celebrations, one in Colorado, the other in Amherst, Massachusetts. Wolff claims I am finishing 3000 credit hours after my Master's degree is done this fall.

Well, no one in our family has won the decathelon or the Nobel prize, but we are enjoying New Mexico where we joined the Indian dancers.

As a result, the stock market is doing splendidly and the economy is heading for great days. You are all welcome to visit. It's unique and it is in the United States - Honest!

Best regards,

Wolff & Marie-Claire
Wolff & Marie-Claire Kirsch

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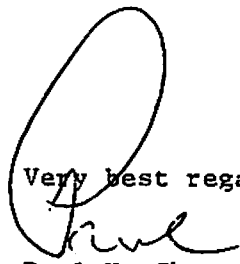
I am pleased to respond to your request for something to put in the Round Robin. It also gives me an opportunity to practice with my new computer/word processor. It was purchased with a view toward entering the modern age. Having thrown out my well-chewed No. 2 pencil, I find I'm somewhat adrift and spending most of my free time now getting it to do what the instruction book rather condescendingly promises. So much for spare time hobbies. In fact, that's somewhat of an exaggeration. I still very much enjoy my amateur egyptology, especially translating hieroglyphic texts of all sorts. In doing so one comes to appreciate that ours is not the first highly litigious society in history. Ancient Egyptian lawsuits occasionally went on for generations. The dead suing the deceased and so forth which has a familiar ring. They also often called upon their beloved dead to intercede for them. Perhaps we might try that if all else fails. I had hoped to take part in a Boston Museum of Fine Arts tour in Egypt last February. It was cancelled along with the general collapse of tourism in that area consequent to terrorist activities.

Tansy is about to embark on a literal pilgrimage to England in two days. As an Episcopal priest she was asked to take part in a world conference on the ordination of women in the English Anglican Church. Appropriately, it takes place at the cathedral in Canterbury, a favorite site for medieval pilgrims, if you recall your Chaucer. After the conference the participants will spend five days touring the other traditional shrines of the saints of England. Before returning home, Tansy will give an invited sermon at the church in Greenford, Middlesex outside London. You can imagine how exciting that will be for her to return to England for such an occasion.

Spring comes late in New England and is all the more welcome for it. Our children are healthy and finding their way through their teens. More about them in future letters. Tansy and I are very much looking forward to seeing our good

friends this Fall and also reading what they have to relate
in this issue of the Round Robin.

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

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April 29, 1986

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Dear Academician,

A lot of things have happened to us this year. Carolyn and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary, our oldest daughter, Elizabeth, went away to graduate school in business at MIT while Susan is an undergraduate at The University of Michigan. The nest is becoming empty.

The results of the bypass study have occupied a great deal of our time and effort and, no less, the economic changes in medicine have kept us moving trying to keep ahead of them.

I guess most wonder what our response would be in regard to the bypass study since we have had such an active role in that area. First of all, we think it was a well done study but its conclusions were applicable only to the population which was selected for that study. Medicine has advanced in the nine years since it began and many of us have abandoned the selection criteria we had chosen many years ago because we no longer think they are valid. For example, we do not feel that those with internal carotid occlusion and no symptoms or very few symptoms need a bypass. These patients represented probably over half of those in the study. For the other subgroups in the study, as was originally outlined in the Stroke methodology article, there just aren't enough numbers to come to any definite conclusion. Over the years we have gradually moved to bypassing those patients with continuing symptoms who failed drug therapy who have evidence of cerebral vascular compromise on four vessel angiography and cerebral blood flow studies. Actually, only 22% of the patients we have done in our entire series of almost 600 patients have internal carotid occlusions and I remember when we started 80% had that; so, we have really changed our approach drastically. As most of the people I have talked to feel that there are definite indications, I am sure that eventually we will reach a point where those people will be defined and the procedure can be utilized effectively. Like all new things which are introduced, we do go through a period of euphoria and testing and application to a wide variety of things and it does take some time before we really understand its true value. This is true for virtually every new

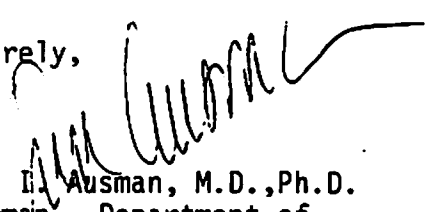
therapy we have and I am sure will go on for some time to come. The posterior circulation bypass, in our opinion, still is extremely valuable, particularly for those patients who have failed medical therapy and are continuing to be symptomatic. In this group of patients, over 70% can be helped with the surgery. I think these are people who have really a perfusion deficit and are not those with embolic disease. I was really dismayed by the reports at the stroke meeting in February because there just seemed to be a general attitude of nihilism in regard to all therapy for stroke. We just can't afford this in regard to any diseases in medicine. We have to try to advance the frontiers and understand that everything we do may not be perfect but we just must go forward. We must create a scientific atmosphere in which this type of investigation is stimulated so that not only the older but the younger neurosurgeons will understand that new ideas are welcome and new pursuits are supported or we will just totally turn off investigation. It is a delicate balance but I think we must be sensitive to it.

I am sure you are all experiencing the problems with the economics in medicine. Maybe the younger neurosurgeons we see as applicants will be a little bit better able to adjust to these changes as they have grown up in an environment where they can be accustomed to more regulations and control than those of us who were raised with a more independent philosophy in medicine. I am not sure this is good but it might be less confrontational.

Enough of my lecturing! Obviously these are the things that I am concerned about.

Best of luck to you all in the coming year from Carolyn, our children and me.

Sincerely,


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Dear Bill:

You asked for information for the Round Robin of the Academy.

The big news in the Ward family is that I intend to completely retire from all my formal responsibilities here at the University of Washington as of July 1, 1986. I must say that I can hardly wait for the moment when I can hit the silk! I badly need the freedom to explore new challenges as well as the time to do many things which I've been totally unable to consider in the past because of the lack of time.

The details of what I will be doing are not yet fixed because I just have not had time to explore some of the opportunities. I know that I will be serving a variety of advisory capacities for some institutions, the NIH as well as some foundations in this country. In addition, I'm considering the possibility of serving as a worldwide consultant in the field of epilepsy where I would be asked to come to various countries to assay their resources and their problems and give them advice on solutions that are appropriate for their environments. This activity would have some sort of relationship with the WHO.

In terms of time, Janet and I have just acquired a boat - a trawler type built in Taipei which has lovely woodwork in it. We've done brief spurts of boating ever since we've been in Seattle, we will now get ourselves broken in on this boat this summer and next summer, we'll make the 4,000 plus mile cruise to Alaska and back. I even hope to be able to find some time to perhaps get my golf game into shape for the first time in my life!

So Janet and I are looking forward with great anticipation to the enjoyable things we will be doing. One element that will not change is that I'm afraid our life is going to be as busy and crowded as ever, but perhaps that is a good thing.

In some minor reflection over my professional past, I am everlastingly thankful that I came through at this particular point in history. I think that they have been perhaps the best of times. Clinical medicine has been fun, and that has been less true in the recent past, and I don't see much change for the future. Neurosurgery has been an exciting place to be, and I've been unusually fortunate in being able to combine a clinical, academic career with research. This has been a terribly stimulating and active period. I'm not sure that this kind of opportunity can be recreated in the current environment in this country.

Both Janet and I are looking forward with great anticipation to the meeting in Sea Island. I hope my golf game improves before then!

Bill, I hope this is enough for you.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



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Professor and Chairman Emeritus

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Benjamin B. Whitcomb, M.D.P.C.

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May ±, 1986

Dear Bill,

Congratulations, and our thanks to you for assuming the responsibility and the often frustrating task of putting out our Round Robin. I hope you younger members can keep it up and enjoy it as much as we older residuals have. It brings in the girls which, as much as anything, makes the Academy unique. From a scientific standpoint the Academy has been a good testing forum for new ideas, experimental work, new techniques, etc. presented before understanding friends- who suddenly become brutal. If there is any flaw in the paper they will see it and likely tear it to hell. This is great, it sharpens the presentation, and when ready for the publisher will be tied up in a blue ribbon.

On the home front, retired down here in Surry, Maine, we have already had visits from John and Katy Lowrey, Eben and Betty Alexander, and last summer we had delightful but brief visits from the Bill Buchheits, The Jim Robertsons and Ernie Mack. A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of joining Ben Stein and George Ojemann on the Brain Conference at Vail. Ben brought his lovely daughter, Marjorie, with him because she is the only one that can keep up with him skiing. Last fall we went to Alaska to attend our surgeon daughter Judy's wedding. Her first go at age 40. She is already happily pregnant and the amniocentesis shows good looking chromosomes except its a male and we need granddaughters. Last week we attended our younger son's wedding in the beautiful Dutch Reform Church in Kingston, N.Y. They are both sea captains, plying the tourist trade in the Virgin Isles in the winter and the Maine coast in the summer. I finally retired last October from doing part time spine and nerve work. Principally, because the increased malpractice premium left me spinning my wheels. However, being in the late seventys I suppose that I should ski and sail more anyway:- but I miss seeing patients.

Peggie and I send regards to all and hope if you come to Maine by land sea or air that you will call on us. Mr. Editor, good luck on the Round Robin and we hope that once a year you can list the names of each member and spouse with their HOME address. Every other year maybe--a recent photo of each. Remember, The Academy is different.

Sincerely,



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May 1, 1986

Dear Dr. Buchheit:

Commissions for taking on the job as editor of the Round Robin Letter. As you know by now it is a thankless task.

Very little has happened in this part of the world except for perfect weather and a deterioration in my golf game.

There has been national condemnation of carotid endarterectomies by neurologists, particularly Dyken of Indiana and the national press. This, of course, has no basis in fact, and is due to many unnecessary operations by general surgeons who know nothing about the indications for the operation and nothing about the brain. Everybody seems to have forgotten about the M.I.H. study years ago that proved it was a good operation.

The neurosurgery training programs are also to blame because there are very few which teach vascular surgery. I firmly believe that such training should be required by the Board before their residents can be certified. There are many other requirements which should be considered by the Board, but this should occupy them for a considerable time.

Sincerely,

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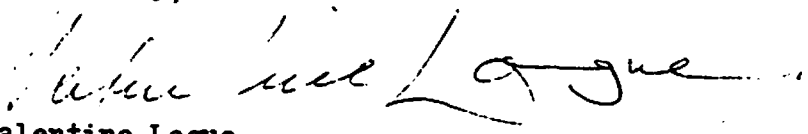
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April the 27th 1986

Dear Professor Buchheit,

Thank you for your letter of March the 18th from which I was pleased to learn that you are now the Editor of "Round Robin" and wish you all success in what I know to be an onerous job. With regard to a contribution to the journal by either my wife or myself I have to confess that we live rather sedate retired lives experiencing little that might be of interest to your readership however should an exciting event occur to us we should be glad to report it to you for inclusion in the "Round Robin".

With kind personal regards
sincerely,


Valentine Logue.

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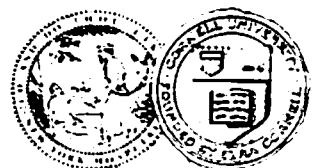
Dear Bill:

I am delighted that you are taking over the Round Robin. I know your long experience as Editor of the AANS Newsletter qualifies you eminently for the post. Your predecessor, Eben, has gone from the Round Robin to editing an internationally acclaimed neurosurgical journal, so this may be a stepping stone to bigger things for you. Bill Collins, watch out!

Julie and I have been going to more medical meetings than we have been taking vacations. Recently, our major vacation trips have been to Iceland for the salmon, and we plan to return this summer. If we have a few days free, we go to Vermont and enjoy country living. We also spend a great deal of time fighting with our computer. Julie tracks all our accounts, and I fiddle with various programs ranging from the stock market to astronomy. It is clear to me that if you have a lot of time to waste, nothing beats a computer. Julie is an expert on data base management, and my bag is spread sheets, which is very convenient.

The children are doing well. Our daughter, Ritchie, is still studying particle physics at the University of Chicago. However, this year she has followed her mentor to Stanford. She will return to Fermilab some this summer. Hugh has started a small computer company with a friend of Ritchie's, and they are just going into production. Xander is scheduled to graduate from Reed College in Portland this spring.

Best regards,

Russel

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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

I officially retired from Kyushu University on March 31, this year, but am busy as ever mostly for writing papers. On March 16 the "Commemoration Lectures" for my retirement was held in Fukuoka. We were very much delighted to have many friends from throughout Japan as well as from abroad including Drs. Theodore Rasmussen, Phanor Perot, Y. Lukas Yamamoto, Albert Rhoton and Jan Gybels (Belgium) as guest speakers. We also had the annual meeting of the Japanese Cerebrovascular Diseases Society that I presided on April 7 and 8. We shared a very pleasant time again with friends from abroad such as Drs. Charles Drake, Sydney Peerless, Neal Kassell, John Little, James Ausman and Ludwig Auer (Austria). Yoshiko, as the hostess, spent most enjoyable and unforgettable days together with her friends old and new.

We are planning to attend the Academy meeting in Georgia this year, and are already excited to see many of the academy members then.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill;

Mary Lou and I recently had a marvellous visit to Japan for an aneurysm workshop. We renewed many acquaintanceships with our Japanese friends. We were to have had a more protracted trip to southeast Asia but this was unfortunately cancelled due to the serious illness of my mother.

A recent happy development in the Weir family was that my eldest daughter had her first child so I have entered the benign phase of grandfatherhood. This event, coupled with my having reached the half century mark, has convinced me that I have scaled my own personal mountain so I anticipate a leisurely walk down the far side.

I have just accepted the Chairmanship of the Department of Surgery at the University of Alberta and will assume my new duties on July 1st, 1986. I will continue neurosurgical practice but will relinquish the Directorship of the Division of Neurosurgery. I am enthusiastically looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities that this will present.

My wife and I and the little children will be visiting Canada's Expo in Vancouver in September. We hope a lot of our American friends will take advantage of this really great show. Best regards to all.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Bill and Fellow Academy Members:

The Keener family seems to stay busy with something new happening all the time.

To bring you all up to date. In 1981 we made a trial move to Gainesville, Georgia, forty-five miles northeast of Atlanta where our group had a satellite office. After a year we decided to make the move permanent. We bought a house in Gainesville on Lake Lanier and sold our house in Atlanta, where we had lived for twenty-five years. There were several outcries from our children at the time, but all have eventually accepted it fairly well.

My practice is very busy but less demanding than in Atlanta. I am no longer on emergency room call and this has been quite nice. This has also given me additional time to become more involved in local medical organizational activities.

I remain President and Senior Surgeon in my four man neurosurgical group. At present I am on the Board of Directors and Secretary of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Our state office is located in my Gainesville office and as editor of a twice yearly news bulletin and record keeper, for approximately a thousand surgeons in the state. This keeps me quite active.

I am a Delegate to the Medical Association of Georgia and have been elected an Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association. Last year I ran for a position on the AMA Council on Scientific Affairs and lost the election in a run-off. This was obviously due to politics.

Ann is enjoying living in Gainesville, which is a much smaller community than Atlanta, though close enough that we can participate in various social events that occur in Atlanta that demand our attendance. We live on the lake in a cedar and rock house without any grass to mow. We have a patio boat that we can cruise around the lake and I have recently put in a radio-telephone on the boat just in case one of

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May 2, 1986

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the children might call for additional financial help.

Jane Ann, our daughter, is married to Malcolm Mackenzie, a young trial attorney, practicing in Savannah, Georgia. They have a new son, named Lyle Keener Mackenzie, who resembles his grandfather very much. Barr Keener graduated from Emory Law School and is now working for a law firm in Miami, Florida and is planning on getting married this summer. John Keener is managing three seafood restaurants in Charleston, South Carolina and sees Phanor Perot frequently. Jere Keener is working for a food catering company in Atlanta and attending Georgia State College part time. Bill Keener is married to Miriam Wright, from Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have a new daughter, Ann Tindell Keener, who looks very much like her grandmother. Bill and Miriam are living in the mountains of North Georgia in a cabin. He has returned from two years in Japan and is fluent in Japanese. He has just been accepted to the Yale Graduate School with a scholarship to study Ethics in the School of Divinity and Far Eastern Studies in the Graduate School. He hopes to obtain a double degree. Jim Keener graduated from Wake-Forest University last year and has traveled around Europe and now is working for Federal Express in Atlanta.

Our closest friends are in the American Academy of Neurological Surgery and we look forward to seeing all of you at the next annual meeting at the Cloister at Sea Island, Georgia.

With best personal regards to you all,



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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

Since Brit's letter of July 12.1985 there is no news of particular interest about the Kristiansen family. Our extensive traveling in former years has mostly been taken over by the next generation and their spouses.

Fortunately our days are busy in comparison with many other retired people. Brit takes care of the cultural and economic matters, teaching English to the Norwegians and Norwegian to the English, providing theatre and concert tickets, and giving parties to visitors and friends, the last one yesterday to Dr. and Mrs. Maynard Cohen from Chicago. In 1951-52 Dr. Cohen served as our first neuropathologist at Ullevål hospital. Kristian has his administrative job in the Oslo City Health and Hospital Services, trying to improve particularly the stroke and cancer care, besides writing some historical accounts, as e.g. the 50 year anniversary volume on a unique private hospital for orthopedic-rheumatologic diseases near Oslo. This hospital was founded by a legacy in 1893 from the sister of a Norwegian millionaire in St. Petersburg in Russia whose life was a real fairytale. Then he is engaged in the centenary celebration preparations this year of the Norwegian Medical Association, and next year of the Ullevål Hospital, and is still editing The Journal of the Oslo City Hospitals - our visiting card to hospitals and institutions at home and abroad. His neurosurgical activities are zero - except giving advice to some patients and trying to keep abreast of the developments with reading.

In June we will attend the First Arctic Stereotactic Workshop in Umeå in Northern Sweden with Lauri Laitinen as President and Harald Fodstad as Secretary, - and then proceed to the real land of the boreal lights-Finmark in northernmost Norway at 71 degrees northern latitude.

Another trip to India - our fifth - will take place later this year to participate in the annual conference of the Neurological Society of India in New Delhi. Kristian's former Indian neurosurgical assistants and associates are faithful to their old guru !

Norway has suddenly changed government and a Labour female prime minister - a medical doctor by the way - is again in power, probably for a short time as a minority leader in the Parliament. The nuclear accident in Tsjernobyl in the Soviet Union has just made great headlines, although we have only had a trace of contamination in this country.

With kind regards we wish you all the best in the important office as Editor of the Round Robin letter.

Yours sincerely

Brit & Kristian Kristiansen.
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April 16, 1986

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Dear Bill:

Congratulations on your taking on the editorship of the round robin letter. This is one of those valuable civilizing influences that none of us support as much as it deserves.

Charlotte and I continue our somewhat atypical lifestyle by swapping locations for weekends and vacation time. It seems to work very well because we are both busy enough during the week that we might not see much of one another if we were in the same city. Besides, nobody needs me in New York and there aren't any jobs as good as Charlotte's in Columbus. The service at Ohio State continues to grow. Gary Rea, a Texan who trained with Shelley Chou, joined us early in 1986. He has been a major addition to the team. Carole Miller is reaching that point in her career where she is doing a lot of travelling and talking. Her long term interest in the spine and in aneurysms is increasingly productive. Joe Goodman has staked out his special interest in brain tumor. He is working with enhancement of soft radiation sources placed stereotactically, in boron neutron capture (at the mouse level) and in phototherapy (photo dynamic therapy). He has also developed a system on the computer that makes it possible to accurately locate stereotactic points without the need for a rack on the patient's head while in the machine, thus obviating the need for non-magnetic or radiolucent systems when doing CT or MRI. This makes stereotactic surgery based on those two imaging systems a great deal more convenient without any loss of accuracy. Gary is taking hold on a number of fronts, with particular attention to hemodynamics in the management of vasospasm and intracranial injury. Some of the clinical correlations with the Swan-Ganz catheter are quite inexplicable at the moment, but seem to be real.

As far as the kids are concerned, there is a neurosurgeon in New York, a government lawyer in San Antonio, and my lovely daughter who is a professional pianist in a local band.

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As I approach the Medicare year, I can still see nothing that I would rather do but the work I am doing, although I would rather not do quite so much of it. We will see what happens in that regard. I have no immediate plans to hang up my saddle, my spurs and my gun. The last year has seen opportunities to exchange ideas at meetings in Spoleto, Grasz, Hamburg, Sapporo and Tokyo. The opportunity to visit some of the Japanese centers has been welcome. Their capacity for discipline and organization is unequalled. My present preoccupation is with the role of hemodynamics and rheology in neutralizing the effects of vasoconstrictive arteriopathy, a.k.a. "vasospasm". Cogent to this debate is the story about the scientist who trained fleas to jump at the sound of his voice, and then concluded that they became deaf when their hind legs were removed. The problem with clinical research is that there are so many variables, many of them unnoticed, that it is easy to mislead ourselves.

As to vacation activities, my joints are no handicap when it comes to casting a fly or diving, neither one of which get as much time as I would like.

I am looking forward to the Academy meeting this fall and the refurbishing of old friendships.

Sincerely,



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May 2, 1986

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Dear Bill:

I have always enjoyed reading the letters in the Round Robin. I feel a bit shy about writing, but here goes.

I thought I would tell you a bit about my family. To begin with, I have three sons. The oldest is a senior at Syracuse University and is studying industrial design. He will be entering the "real world" of working for a living very shortly, I hope. He is certainly very enthusiastic about his upcoming career and the possibilities that are open to him. My second son is 18 and a freshman at the University of Colorado. I have just had the pleasure of spending some time with him following the AANS meeting in Denver. We skied at Winter Park for several days together. He started college with the idea of becoming a physician but despite excelling at his scientific endeavors he has decided that this is not for him and is now in the creative writing program. I am sure he will change his goal several more times before he finally decides on his final course of study. My youngest son, Jason, is a sophomore in high school and I think his major function in life is to have a good time. He is a charming young man who is a joy for me to be with.

As you may know, my wife is recovering, in fairly spectacular fashion, from a serious medical problem. She is looking forward to returning to work and hopefully will be able to travel with me a bit more in the coming years.

Our entire family is looking forward to spending time together in Martha's Vineyard this summer. This is really one of

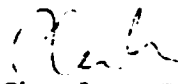
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our favorite spots, both for the kids to have a good time and for the adults to get away from the everyday pressures that we have.

We are looking forward to the next gathering of the Academy and I hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Yours truly,


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June 2, 1986

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Dear Bill:

I am happy to make a small contribution to the Round Robin as I have done intermittently for the last twenty years or so.

Alice and I have just returned from a trip to Vale, Colorado where all of my former residents had a meeting which we enjoyed tremendously in spite of having a difficult time getting back to Denver through a severe snow storm that almost closed the interstate highway. However, we had a good time in spite of our being non-skiers and we were able to play golf and have a very enjoyable time.

The meeting in Denver of the American Association of Neurological Surgery was a good meeting and we enjoyed that very much and then went on to San Francisco and then on to Hong Kong for a week there with my oldest son, who is an archeologist there.

Hong Kong is a tremendously changed city and while this was our sixth trip there it seems to be different each time we go. It is almost like being in downtown Manhattan with all of the new buildings and high rises and it is still as crowded as ever. There seems to be less concern now as far as we can tell about the future take over of the Chinese than there was a few years ago when we were there. Most of the people now think that there will not be any severe alterations in the governmental policy and that they may do it jointly with a consultation from the British who have done a tremendous job of managing the human problems associated with the proximity of Hong Kong to the rest of China. At any rate it seems that most of the people that we were talking with seem to be reconciled to the fact that it is going to be a very smooth and congenial takeover.

Now that I have retired as Chief of Neurosurgery at Vanderbilt, after thirty-six years I am having more free time and I am still seeing patients, although I stopped operating in September of 1985, and while I miss this aspect of Neurosurgery it is still rewarding to see patients and to keep some activity going in the clinical realm.

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I am very pleased that you are taking over the Editorship of the Round Robin and if I can ever be of help please don't hesitate to call on me.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours most sincerely,



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The Round Robin
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RE: ROUND ROBIN

Dear Colleagues:

Harriet and I are in the misdt of an exciting spring. Our eldest daughter, Kimberly, was married a short time time ago to Lee Hunter Riley, a senior medical student at Johns Hopkins. Lee plans to intern in surgery at Johns Hopkins and enter the Orthopedic Program headed by his father. Kim is completing the Master's program at St. John's College and will enter the graduate school of Johns Hopkins University in the fall, majoring in modern European history. Our second daughter, Elizabeth, graduates from St John's college in May. She is planning on a summer at the Greek Institute and looking forward to graduate studies in the classics. David graduates from the Gilman High School this year and will enter St. John's College next year. The resulting world is exciting, but a bit stressful. We plan to relax with a week in London in June, and then try to reorder our schedule, and adjust to the quiet. Harriet is looking forward to attending her first academy meeting in the fall.

Yours sincerely,

Don M. Long, M.D., Ph.D.

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June 5, 1986

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Dear Bill:

I am happy to learn that you are willing to assume the essential but unenviable role as Editor of the Round Robin. This publication adds a very special personal touch to our Academy membership. I hasten to submit this note for your edition.

Our Neurosurgical program is now in a changing and expanding status. Griff Harsh, who took over the reins from me several years ago, is stepping down and we are looking forward to welcoming Steve Mahaley as our new Program Director. Everyone here is eagerly awaiting his arrival this fall. Griff will continue to be active in his clinical activities.

Charlie Drake favored us with a visit last week to address our staff as well as the Alabama Neurosurgical Society. He gave generously of his time and talents both in conferences and especially on the golf course. I can attest to the latter after playing golf three days running with Charlie as a most ardent participant.

As for myself, retirement from surgical practice allows me to indulge in hobbies such as teaching undergraduate medical students, golf, and gardening. An award from the Medical Student Body as Best Basic Teacher for 1985-86 was a very gratifying token of appreciation for my efforts.

With best wishes for your success in this endeavor, I remain

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Garber Galbraith".

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Dear Bill:

The following note comes in response to your request last March, for contributions to the Round Robin of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery.

The Stanford Neurosurgery Service remains very busy. California is establishing regional trauma centers, and Stanford University Medical Center has been designated the trauma center for the Northern portion of the Santa Clara County. This has added somewhat to our trauma load. The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center which is an integral part of our training program and is located in San Jose represents the major trauma center for the Southern portion of the Santa Clara County. This assures our residents in both hospitals of having a very adequate and valuable experience in the management of acute cranial and spinal trauma cases.

In November 1985 Dr. Richard Britt, one of our junior faculty members died after a chronic illness of about one year at the age of 40. During the previous six years he had been extremely active and productive in our neurosurgery laboratory and his loss has been keenly felt by all members of our division.

Almost two years ago Dr. Philip Cogen who trained at the New York Neurological Institute, joined our full-time faculty, and has been working primarily at the Palo Alto Veteran's Administration Hospital helping Dr. Frances Conley supervise our Neurosurgery Service in that institution. Dr. Conley herself has been on sabbatical this past year but will be resuming her active role in our division July 1, 1986. Also two years ago, Dr. Lawrence Shuer who received his formal training at Stanford, also joined our full-time faculty working full-time at the Stanford Medical Center with Gerry Silverberg and myself.

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Also, this July Dr. Issam Awad will be joining Dr. Stanley Shatsky on the full-time faculty assigned to the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. Dr. Awad completed his training at the Cleveland Clinic and has been spending this past year as a fellow in neurovascular surgery at the Barrioughs Institute in Phoenix Arizona. His addition should greatly strengthen our program at the Valley Medical Center.

In July 1, 1986 Dr. Gary Steinberg, M. D., Ph.D. will begin his seventh post-graduate year of training as chief resident in neurosurgery at Stanford. It is our hope that he will on completion of his year as chief resident remain on the full-time faculty in neurosurgery at the Stanford Medical Center to re-organize and strengthening our research program and our experimental laboratory.

In March of this year Shirley and I joined a Stanford Alumni Group of about 30 people and traveled in India for a month. This was our second visit to that country and this time we were able to see far more of the countryside and the people than we had originally. We especially enjoyed our journey up into the Province of Cashmere with its cooler climate and beautiful mountains.

We look forward to seeing all of our friends in the academy at the meeting this fall at Sea Island Georgia.

With personal regards,

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Dear Jim:

I am going to Portland, Oregon, to the Travel Club Meeting and have been in contact with Ed Davis whose wife Barbara Davis runs the interior shop there and has communicated with me. In case you are having trouble getting in touch with them, there address is 27831 Sweetbriar Road, Troutdale, Oregon, 97060, and the telephone number is 503/665-6730 for home, studio--503/665-8535.

Sincerely yours,


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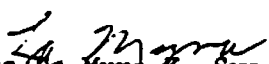
Dear Eben:

A meeting for the older members of the Academy is a wonderful idea, however, Homer is not able to participate. He and I both are most regretful that his physical status prevents our being with you.

We miss seeing all of our Academy friends and if the situation were different we would be there "catching up" on all the news.

All our best wishes for the success of this plan.

Sincerely yours,


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August 5, 1986

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Dear Bill:

I note with embarrassment the date on your request for contributions to Round Robin and hope I'm not too late.

I regret missing the last two Academy meetings because of the fact that I was involved in giving papers at sessions that conflicted with the Academy meeting. And again this year, the American Pain Society occurs November 6-9 where I have been asked to give a review on November 7th.

The past year has been busy with meetings. I was a guest of the Japanese Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery in October 1985; the Society of Neurosurgeons of South Africa in March 1986; the Italian Chapter of the IASP in April; and am involved as a Council member with the upcoming IASP meeting in Hamburg; and as President with the next WSSFN Meeting in Japan in 1989.

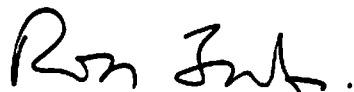
About half of my practice continues to be functional neurosurgery, and we are particularly interested in studying the taped single thalamic unit records obtained during stereotaxis to gain insight into the mechanisms of tremorigenesis and of deafferentation pain. These ventures benefited considerably when we had the considerable pleasure of having Denise Albe-Fessard as a Visiting Professor for three months last spring.

My particular hobby of birdwatching benefited from the various trips of the past year, and Mary was able to come along on several of them. Most recently, after Lauri Laitinen's excellent First Arctic Stereotactic Workshop, June 30 - July 3, we spent two weeks of holidays in Scandinavian Lapland including a memorable two days on a Hurtig coastal steamer.

Mary continues teaching art to the junior school at Branksome Hall in Toronto, and our four children, Moira, James, Ronald and Alison are still pursuing their post-graduate and undergraduate education. Ronald, with a summer work-holiday sojourn in Australia.

We look forward to seeing everyone again.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Eben:

I think your idea of a get together of the Senior Members a day ahead of the regular meeting is an excellent one, however, Mary and I have done most of our traveling for this year and would not be able to attend the Sea Island Meeting.

We just recently returned from a Western Pacific and Asiatic cruise. We also spent a week with our daughter and her husband in Saratoga, California. Not at all against my will, he enticed me into playing in a golf tournament with him. We didn't win, but we did take third place.

I hope you are spending all of your time doing the things you enjoy doing most.

Very best personal regards,



Aidan A. Raney, M.D.

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March 31, 1986

Eben Alexander
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Dear Eben:

In response to your letter of October 21, 1985, I suspect that it is an impractical idea to request an updated biography on my activities by my past wife's, although it would be interesting and possibly amusing; I rather doubt it.

I have recanted on my idea of retiring in 1986 and I continue to practice. I had the idea of pursuing a Ph.D. in philosophy at Oxford. When it got right down to the final decision, I decided I have having too much fun in the practice of neurosurgery.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Theodore Kurze, M.D.

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Doctor George L. Maltby
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May 5, 1986

Dear William:

Thank you for your letter of March 14--congratulations on your new job with the Round Robin or should it be condolences? You have a lot to live up to--Eben did such a grand job. I don't envy you.

Sive and I have sold out in Baca Grande, Fla., and plan to be residents of our first love--Maine. We will have to adjust our thermostats. We plan to live in Maine and take short trips to warm up. Since Sive broke her neck and contused her cervical cord she is not up to keeping up two houses. We hope to go to our 50th at Harvard Medical in June. Our children are fighting over the furniture we moved out of our Florida house.

Congratulations and good luck. I hope now to be able to attend some Academy meetings.

George Maltby

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April 14, 1986

Dear Bill,

At my age of 81 and since I have been retired from Neurosurgery for 18 years, it is very difficult for me to send anything of surgical interest to all the active men in the Academy of Neurosurgery. When a surgeon hangs up the scalpel and closes the office of active work, he is through--of the many surgical Societies I enjoyed membership, nationally and internationally, the friendship and interchange of neurosurgical data and methods of treatment, the Academy of Neurosurgery was the best. From the 1940's to 1970 I missed very few meetings, and we all looked forward to a social program as well as the scientific. The secret was a smaller group of good fellows.

My wife, Enid and I enjoy good health, and have been living in Arizona for 9 years. We have a summer place in Wyoming that helps us avoid the heat in June, July and August in Arizona. The golf is not as good in Wyoming but the fishing is better. Hope to go duck hunting this fall up in Canada with my good friend Al Vihlein, and when I get back will have some cataracts removed from my eyes.

Eben Alexander did a good job to keep some of us old fellows of the Academy in touch, and as you take over his Round Robin duties I wish you well and send my very best regards to all the members--old and new.

Sincerely,

George Baker

Doctor and Mrs. Stewart B. Dunsker .
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Hello Everyone,

The newest development in our lives is that our daughter Shiela will be going to Tulane University next fall which of course, will necessitate lots of trips down south for all of us. She is ecstatic and can't wait!

This February Stewart and I spent time in Cancun, Mexico combining medicine with snorkeling--a perfect mix.

Lately he's been on the radio a great deal discussing his newly opened Spine Clinic at the Christ Hospital.

We both look forward to seeing all of you at future meetings.

Ellen Dunsker

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May 8, 1986

Dear Bill,

Hope you are well. You and Margaret, our daughter, still need to go flying. Here's the news!

Our fourth daughter, Eleanor, will enter North Western in the fall. Elizabeth is a freshman at Tufts Veterinary School and loves it and Boston. Margaret will graduate from Princeton in June and has not made definite plans for the future at this time. We're curious, but not frantic. Victoria is a junior at the Cincinnati Conservatory, continuing her dance major, and looking forward to a summer at Jacob's Pillion in the Berkshires.

We are thankful for all of our blessings, but especially for Thor's remarkable improvement. He has truly been an inspiration for all of us.

Sincerely,

Peggy Laws

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Dear Bill,

Our year since the lovely Academy meeting in Houston has been an encouraging one. Thor has more energy and less pain so we continue to be hopeful with each new chemo. session. Our children continue to bring us joy--Laura is in business in Austin, Texas (Mc Minn and Sundt) handling financial planning for an ever increasing number of people. Young Thor continues his General Surgery residency at Mass. General Hospital and Roberto Heros and Nick Zervas keep us posted on his progress. John has finished the first two years of Law School at SMU--so with Doctor, Lawyer and C.P.A. we feel very secure. They all come home for Christmas and we see them every few months.

The highlight of our year was the superbly planned and executed trip we both enjoyed as guests of the Japanese at their First Intra-Cranial Aneurysm Workshop in Tokyo. We had not planned to make the long trip, but after urging from our Mayo Resident, Phyo Kim, we decided we could not say "No." Flying J.A.L. with sleeper compartments made the flight not only comfortable, but a rare treat. Food and service were both unsurpassable. Ruth and Charlie Drake shared our flight and it was a great delight to spend some time with two such special people. Charlie was the Honorary President of the Workshop and made it a special meeting by his warmth as well as his knowledge and experience. Thor's birthday celebration was a part of the Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Banquet and it was a thrill to see him receive birthday congratulations from his colleagues, complete with an armful of roses and a tiered cake.

We were only home a few days when the Denver AANS Meeting was upon us. We attended only part of the meeting but Thor felt a great sense of responsibility to the Neurosurgical community in presenting a rebuttal to the "By-Pass Study". We were also able to see many friends and share some special hours. Thor's mother celebrated her 90th birthday the last of April so we all gathered in Tucson and enjoyed the desert in full bloom. Fortunately, we don't plan any other months quite as busy as April--but we look forward to another wonderful Academy meeting in the fall. It is such a joy to see you all at the various meeting and we wish each of you good health, good fortune and much love.

Thor and Lois Sundt

Doctor and Mrs. Francis A. Echlin
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June 6, 1986

Dear Dr Buchheit,

Frank and I received your letter of March 18 shortly before coming north from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, to our farm here. Since arrival we have been extremely busy as we moved back into our big old farmhouse which we had rented for the past 7 or 8 years. It is a great pleasure to be home again. Frank will celebrate his 30th birthday in a few days and is in pretty good health. Our eldest daughter, Vale Osborne is vice-president of Sotheby's in charge of Education and Training. Her son, Tony, lives with us on the farm and will receive his BFA in December. He wants to be a metalsmith and values big, beautiful, brass and bronze pots.

Second daughter Diana Gillan lives in London. She is a painter and her husband is a managing director of B.P. Her daughter and son have both been accepted by Westminster School.

Third daughter, Joey Baptair, lives in Montreal and is controller of her husband's Viking Brush Company. She manages to find time to take her M.A. in Psychology.

The other day we hung some pictures in Frank's study. Wilder Plufield, William Cone, Lord Adrian, Herbert Jasper, and Alfred Fessard, etc. Also a fascinating letter from Adrian to Frank dated 1936 inquiring if he had got any interesting results with the "ink-writer" at Queen's Square Hospital in London and went on that Gibbs had some interesting petit mal recordings!

Warm regards to all old friends in the Academy.

Lelitia Echlin

Doctor and Mrs. George Ehni
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April 16, 1986

Dear Dr. Buchheit,

In response to your request for the Round Robin, I submit the following notes on our family and activities.

When one has seven children, it is easy to fill a lot of space--I'll try to be brief! George Jr. and Margo--our two oldest are both married and living in Dallas. Margo has 2 children--Grady, 16 and Tracy nearly 14. Bruce is married, has 2 children--Justin 6 and Meaghan nearly 2--Bruce is a neurosurgeon and in practice with George here in Houston. Nikki is working in their office and is a "Fiber Artist" like her mom. Brian is a Captain in the Infantry and stationed in New Jersey at Fort Dix. Melanie is a pediatrician, married--lives and practices in Houston. Scott is a metal fabricator and also lives in Houston. We are lucky to have 4 living in Houston!

George and I go to lots of meetings, and, as you know, neurosurgeons go nice places! Our travel club will meet in Oregon in July and since neither of us has ever been in the Northwest, we plan to drive and be away about a month, we want to see the Grand Canyon, etc. and the timing is right--I'd rather not go to Europe with things as they are anyway! We're also putting in a pool--will probably see our children frequently then!

Hope this is the kind of letter you had in mind.

Yours,

Lari Ehni

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Dear Ernie:

When my secretary types this letter, I am going to have her make a new list for you to give you an up-to-date number who may come to our "Seniors at Sea Island." We have talked to Kit Heyl who is not going to be able to come and to Ben Whitcomb who will come with Peggy, but I don't think he had even gotten word of the whole affair before. When I get back from Scotland around the 21st of September, I go to the Congress meeting in New Orleans for SURGICAL NEUROLOGY and then come back here on the 17th and after that we will have plenty of time to get ready for the meeting in Sea Island. I think many people feel they are being "left out" and certainly no one should be left out. I hope this will be made clear to everybody either through Jim Robertson or through Tom Buchheit in the ROUND ROBIN LETTER.

Sincerely yours,


Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.

EA:ss

cc: James Robertson, M.D.
Ellis Keener, M.D.
Nick Zervas, M.D.
Phanor Perot, M.D.

Frank Mayfield, M.D.
William Buchheit, M.D.

Enclosure

Booze and Sin will be there

SENIOR MEMBERS ATTENDING "SENIORS AT SEA ISLAND" DAY
SEA ISLAND, GA
NOVEMBER 5, 1986

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Dr. and Mrs. Ed Boldrey
Dr. Larry Pool (& Mrs. Pool)
Dr. Katsutoshi Kitamura (& Mrs. Kitamura)
Dr. and Mrs. John Raaf
Dr. Ben Whitcomb (& Mrs. Whitcomb)
Dr. Charles Drake (& Mrs. Drake)
Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Rasmussen
Dr. Frank Mayfield
Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick (& Mrs. Hendrick)
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Ward, Jr.
Dr. Francis Murphey (Mrs. Murphey)
Dr. Henry G. Schwartz (& Mrs. Schwartz)
Dr. and Mrs. William F. Meacham
Dr. and Mrs. Frank Nulsen
Dr. and Mrs. John R. Green
Dr. J. G. Galbraith (& Mrs. Galbraith)
Dr. and Mrs. Tom Ballantine, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. DeSaussure
Dr. Francis Echlin (& Mrs. Echlin)
Dr. Ernest Mack (& Mrs. Mack)
Dr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis
Dr. Bob Fisher (& Mrs. Fisher)
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September 17, 1986

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William A. Buchheit, M.D.
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Re: The Neurosurgeon

I hope that I am not too late for the fall edition of The Neurosurgeon. Congratulations on following in Dave Reeve's and Eben Alexander's large footsteps as editor. These round-robin letters and magazine have greatly enhanced Neurological Surgery for me since I became a member in 1953 and I am sure this is also true for most of our Academy members.

I turned over the last of my administrative responsibilities when Robert Spetzler became Director of the Barrow Neurological Institute of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center on January 1, 1986. He had been selected to succeed me as Chairman of the Division of Neurological Surgery and Director of the Neurosurgical Training Program in the fall of 1983 and has proven himself to be very productive and a real inspiration to our residents. Hal Rekate jointed our BNI based neurological surgeons early this year as the ninth man in our group. He heads the Pediatric Neurosurgical Section and is also an exciting productive young man. He had been with Robert Spetzler in Cleveland at Western Reserve.

The baboon laboratory is functioning well for our staff and residents, as is the Fellowship in Cerebrovascular Surgery.

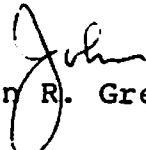
Unfortunately for me, I became hypertensive and azotemic, besides my diabetes, in February leading to the decision to have a T.U.R. It took nearly four months for me to normalize significantly to return to work, excluding doing major surgery. Meanwhile I am seeing patients, am managing our History and Neuroscientific Seminars, and am starting a campaign to raise eight and a half million dollars for the endowment for many of our programs. I am delighted that the BNI is prospering under

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the direction of Doctor Spetzler. I will be bringing Robert and his delightful wife, Nancy, to the Academy meetings at the Cloister and have proposed him for membership.

Georgia and I are enjoying a new townhouse on the golf course of the Phoenician resort in Scottsdale. Our son, Charles, has been working at Motorola in computerized systems. Our daughter, Gretchen is fighting arthritis in her elbows and knees and seems better since she moved to Tucson. We look forward to the pre-meeting of the older members of the Academy and to all the scientific and social aspects of the meeting at the Cloister on Sea Island, Georgia, in November.

Sincerely yours,


John R. Green, M.D.

JRG/bl

Marianna and Henry Garretson
August 1986

Hello from Kiawah Island,

The family is presently here once again for its annual vacation. This gives me the opportunity to write all of you and to send our warmest greetings.

Henry and I keep looking at our sand dunes by the sea. At the moment there is nothing on them except sea oats and sea myrtle. Once the boys are finished with their formal education we may be able to build a home there. Presently that appears to be a distant possibility as John, the older son, will be a sophomore at Harvard and Steven, the younger son, will be a junior in high school this coming year. Yet we continue to dream and plan.

This summer Henry and I are enrolled in the Annapolis Sailing School located here in the Charleston Bay. Since the boys are both avid sailors and Steven is quite a formidable windsurfer (sailboard sailor), Henry and I decided we'd better "get with it" and learn more about the art of sailing. Hopefully the day will come when we'll have a larger sailboat than the secondhand, fourteen foot Laser we presently own. It is really a single person (the boys have managed to fit up to four teenagers) sailing craft. Definitely it is considered a "wet sailing" vessel -- great for the young and all right for the occasional sail for the "more mature." What Henry and I envision is a more comfortable boat capable of following the sun in the years to come. The sailing school will no doubt be the litmus test indicating whether or not we are indeed fit candidates for these plans/dreams -- pipe dreams?

It has been a busy year for us -- a phenomenon common to all.

We are looking forward to the meeting on Sea Island in November and to renewing treasured friendships.

Our fondest regards,

Marianna

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My dear Bill,

congratulation for your new job, and thanks to Eben Alexander for the tremendous work he did in the past, not only concerning the Round Robin letters.

The Pia's had in 1985 one of the most busy, important and happy years.

As Foundation President of the Academia Eurasiana Neurochirurgica with 100 Active Members of both continents we celebrated in Bonn in Sept. 1985 the Inauguration and First Convention with the topic: Pain - a medical and anthropological challenge. Those days were a scientific and cultural high light, and I am happy, that it was so successful ^{and the} "bosses" of the American Academy and the Senior Society - our godfathers - the presidents of the World Federation, the Asian-Australasian and the European Association were present as well as the representatives of Scientific Academies, the Government and the Eurasian countries. The most impressive day was the discussion on pain and suffering seen by representatives of all great world religions, an agnostic, philosopher and cultural-historian, and psychiatrists and psychologists.

The Second Convention, in October 1986 in Hakone under Keiji Sano's Presidency with the Topic "Plasticity of the Central Nervous System" may give an impression of the scientific concept of the new Academy.

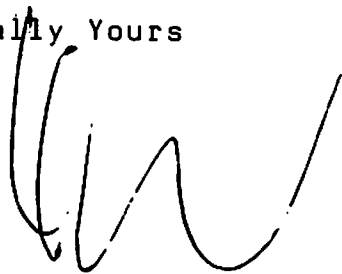
The second highlight was the invitation to join a commission of the Pontificia Academia Scientiarum, Vatican-City in October 1985 on "Artificial Prolongation of Life and the Exact Determination of the Moment of Death" with the invitation to discuss the problems of central death. Scientific and personal atmosphere and the Audience by his Holiness Pope Johannes Paul II. mean most remarkable days in my life.

The daily work in the hospital, 1800 operations per year, with my new hobby to operate upon so-called inaccessible processes of brain and spine are fascinating for the older getting H. W. Pia as much as it was with the young one. My professional time will end in three years time. I am happy that six of my "boys" did their habilitation 1985 and 1986 and became "Privatdozenten".

And finally, but nevertheless remarkable: the Pia's got in January and April resp. 130 years and enjoy their life, still walking, swimming, horse riding, enjoying music and opera, and as often as possible travelling around the globe.

This was my first and I confirm not my last letter, last not least because of closer relations between the American and Eurasian Academy, better between old friends.

Cordially Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. W. Pia', written in a cursive style.

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Inauguration of the Academia Eurasiana Neurochirurgica in the "Redoute".

First row Lore Pia, Franz Böckle, moral theologist and Rector magnificus of Bonn-University behind Sir Douglas and Lady Miller, Sidney, Karl Carstens, Past-President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Prof. of law, H. W. Pia, behind Fons Walder, Antonio Luyendijk, Leiden, Prof. of History of Medicine, special lecturer, and on the right F. Isamat, and behind A. Vasconcellos-Marques.

