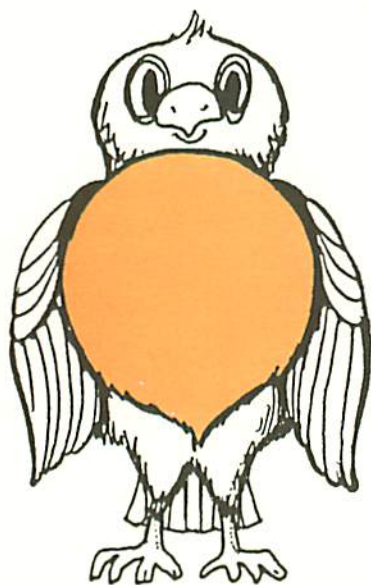
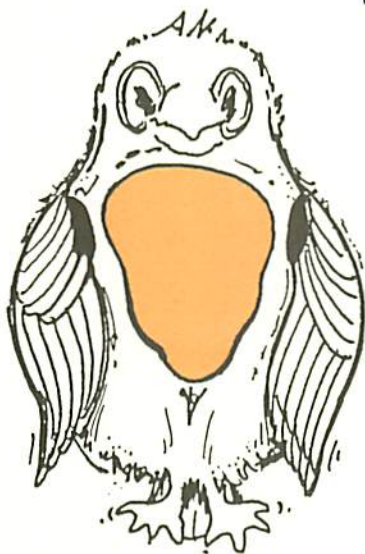
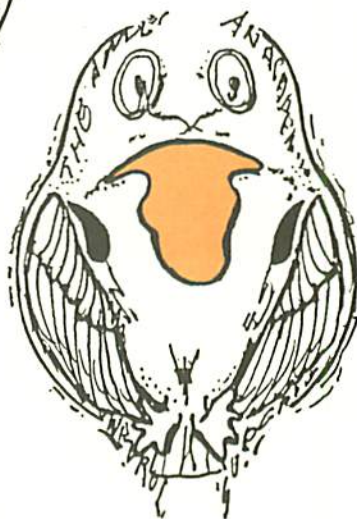


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Dear Nelson:

I am pleased to see you have taken over the Round Robin Letter editorship and this is my contribution for the year.

As last year, I am planning for the Harvard Medical School Class of 1939 Reunion, this being our 63<sup>rd</sup>. There are 30 of us surviving. I expect we will have ten people there from the class, plus some wives and widows. Since we came to know each other very well during medical school (only 3 of the class of 125 were married), we have been a close group through the years.

I have just finished talking to one of our most esteemed Academy members, Dr. Larry Pool, up in Connecticut. He has been intermittently sick with hemorrhagic pneumonia but is now well, and very bright and alert. He has completed a long document about those he trained in neurosurgery – not taking personal credit – but giving credit to the achievements of these bright, effective friends and colleagues.

Larry is a remarkable person, having, with his brother Beekman, been one of the world's best players of amateur squash racquets when he was at Harvard undergraduate school. He has done many things, including writing five books since he retired. It is always a pleasure to talk to him on the telephone. If any of you are in the area of his retirement home, I recommend you get in touch with him.

*Wake Forest University Physicians*

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I am in the process of writing another paper, this time "The Mystery of the Gold Leaf." This relates to the fact that we somehow, in the 1930s and 1940s, used a gold leaf over craniotomy wounds, which was supposed to help in the healing. I understand how silver came about as a use in this type of wound care since Halsted, with whom Cushing trained for 14 years, used it around the turn of the century. I am not sure, however, how gold came about being used. I know it was, having been given a sample of the foil by one of the head nurses when I finished at the Brigham/Children's Hospital. I came upon it recently (I have a photograph of it now) but I have been unable to find exactly how this was used, and why. If anyone who gets this letter knows anything about the use of gold foil, I would appreciate a response.

Betty and I continue to enjoy good health and we send our best regards to all Academy members.

Sincerely yours,



Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.

EA/cs

6/30/02

Dear Academician,

Since I wrote you last year, Carolyn and I have moved to Rancho Mirage, California. The warm weather has been great for my health.

Carolyn has done a superb job putting the house together while also taking care of her ailing 97-year-old mother. She also broke her right wrist last August and has just been given the green light to begin to use it more actively.

I am continuing as Editor of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY. I am enjoying it although I am sure that some are not because of my editorials. The scandals with Enron, World Com, Andersen and others in the business world plus the governmental corruption are all signs that we have strayed from principles. That is my warning to neurosurgery and medicine. The public expects outstanding conduct from all of us and not self-centered behavior from which they will ultimately suffer as demonstrated in the recent scandals. If we are above reproach, the public will support what we want. Our national leaders need to make sure this happens, but, unfortunately, personal gain has infected our profession also. So this is my message. Basically, we, too, will become an Enron unless we mend our ways. The public will only punish us with more socialism and controls. Cone Pevehouse was telling me how in the past the doctors regulated themselves so that everyone understood that the profession was at stake. I remember those times and he is right.

I have also become a consultant to The Tiber Group, a Chicago based healthcare management firm. I am working with them and other hospitals on setting up Neuroscience programs.

Also, I am in the final stages of negotiations to become Director of a new Neuroscience Center here in the desert. I will write you more next year when it happens.

This year we traveled to lecture in Turkey at the skull base and meningioma meeting. We will be in Japan for the Japanese Congress and also for the Stroke meeting for which I am the Honorary President. We will go to India in August to lecture and hopefully will be in China at the invitation of the neurosurgeons in Tianjin.

Besides that we are doing much, much better and only have to be grateful for the blessings we have and have had.

We will be in Arizona for the Academy meeting and hope to see you all there.

Carolyn and Jim Ausman



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Re: Round Robin

Dear Fellow Academicians:

Catherine and I have grown fond of the Round Robin's yearly visit, and our message through it to friends and colleagues in the Academy. Spring is short in Colorado, with an almost surreal transition from the endless commitments of winter to a summer pace where hectic schedules are punctuated by vacation and weekends in the mountains. Our family has enjoyed the transition to our new community. Catherine has emerged already as a leader in local social affairs, garden club and church. Armand enjoys a wonderful school, the Colorado Academy, where an emphasis on academic excellence is married to the arts, languages and personal creativity. And he is relating well to his new cello teacher, a firm but gentle grandfatherly figure who seems to believe in Armand's talent without crowding him.

On the work front, we had a dizzying year. There was the Congress Presidency and the extraordinary challenges of holding our Annual Meeting only a few weeks following September 11, 2001. The leadership team and America's neurosurgeons responded marvelously to the challenge, and we managed to cast the most successful meeting in the Congress' 51 year history. The RUNN Course remains an important priority for Catherine and myself, and it seems to be more successful each year, with greater attendance and with a more stellar cast of new and veteran faculty. The academic mission of that Course is more important today than at any time in its two decade history, given the challenges of scientific literacy facing our trainees and young faculty, and the splendid opportunities presented by translational neuroscience, promising to change the face of our discipline in upcoming years.

And we continue to embrace incredible opportunities of program development at the University of Colorado. We have had to formalize the nuts and bolts of an efficient new academic Department, including finances, operating procedures, and administrative and academic infrastructure, recruitment and program development, and meaningful roles for our team within the University and our hospital systems. Research efforts have been initiated in cellular and molecular neurosurgery, and in the development and assessment of technology in robotics and image-guided surgery. And we are in the midst of recruitment of an outcomes scientist to lead a core center for neurosurgical outcomes. On the clinical front, we have recruited critical care, spine and functional and stereotactic neurosurgeons. All in all, we have grown from seven to

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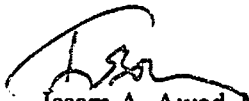
twelve full-time clinical faculty and from one to four full-time Ph.D. scientists in our Department. Our clinical activity has increased 20 percent in the past 18 months at the four integrated clinical sites. And we are all engaged in the extraordinary enterprise of moving the Health Sciences Center from its current location to the new facilities at Fitzsimons, with brand new clinical and research space taking shape over the next several years on an expansive new campus.

Our essential challenges are those of leadership in a time of change. There are the anxieties and fears of the unknown, and we must manage long-fostered insularities and resistance to change. But there is also an incredible momentum among young faculty and trainees toward a new vision and confidence in a bright future. The neurosurgical outlook from Denver is reminiscent of Maya Angelou's verses in her poem "*On the Pulse of Morning*":

The horizon leans forward,  
Offering you space  
To place new steps of change  
Here, on the pulse of this fine day  
You may have the courage...

Our family looks forward to meeting all of you in Arizona next fall. May the Round Robin bring each of you the blessings of new seasons.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

Over the past year, the activities of the Barrow family have been largely dictated by the three youngest members. Emily (14), Jack (12) and Tom (10) keep Mollie and me(?) quite busy with homework, soccer practice, lacrosse games, dance recitals, and plays. Among these activities, we have arranged some family time in Jackson Hole, Wyoming where we all enjoy outdoor activities together. This coming fall, all three of our children will be in the same school which is one block from our house. Emily will begin high school.

Our department has experienced some growth during the past year. As of July 1, we have added three additional faculty members including Aviva Abosch, specializing in functional and stereotactic neurosurgery, Praveen Mummaneni in complex spinal surgery and Mustapha Ezzeddine in neuro-critical care and stroke neurology. Additionally, Michael Cawley has completed his training in interventional neuroradiology and begins his practice as both a vascular neurosurgeon and interventional neuroradiologist this July. We have nearly completed the development of the Emory/MBNA Stroke Center which will include stroke neurology, vascular neurosurgery, neuro-critical care and interventional neuroradiology. Our goal is to bring all of these activities into a common cost center in an attempt to eliminate unnecessary competition and align all incentives: clinical, academic and financial. A 7.5 million dollar philanthropic gift was acquired to assist in the development of the center. Our molecular neuro-oncology laboratory recently received its fourth NIH grant with Erwin Van Meir, Ph. D. as principal investigator.

Between our domestic and professional activities, Mollie and I keep active and continue to enjoy it all very much. We look forward to seeing everyone in Arizona this fall.

With warmest regards,

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Secretary, American Academy of Neurological Surgery

FROM: Mitchel S. Berger, M.D.  
Scientific Program Chairman

RE: Round Robin letter

This has been an exhilarating year at UCSF for a number of reasons. We successfully competed for a Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) award from the National Institutes of Health and National Cancer Institute. We are one of two SPORE grants awarded in the country for translational research in brain tumors, and I am very excited, as are my colleagues, to begin to bring new molecular-based therapies to the clinical setting, to try to make an impact on gliomas. In addition to our SPORE grant, we have a Program Project Grant in Neuro-Oncology, and a growing group of investigators dedicated to treating brain tumors. We have also grown our program in the Center for Neurological Injury and Repair, and now have all our bases covered to perform translational research in other areas that are so important for our patients, such as pain, epilepsy, vascular disease and trauma. As the Department grows, we are planning to move into a new Brain Tumor Research Center, which will be approximately 22,000 square feet on our new UCSF campus called Mission Bay. Probably the best part of Mission Bay is that it is near the San Francisco Giants Baseball park, so I suspect we will be able to go down there from time to time, to see a game in between experiments!

In addition to how well the Department is doing, I am pleased and yet sad at the same time that my only daughter is starting her last year of high school. I realize that she will probably "fly the coop" after this year, so I have one more year to try to spend as much time as possible with her, and I look forward to it. My son, Alex, is doing very well in golf and recently finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Northern California for his age group. Wouldn't it be great if he won a golf scholarship! Joan is doing very well and continues to enjoy life in California, where she is close to her sisters and parents.

Thus, all is well, and we are having fun in the process. We will hope this coming year is also a great year as well.

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Dear Dr. Hopkins and Fellow Academicians,

Thank you for extending the deadline for these letters and for one last reminder letter. The months of June and July seem to become shorter each year.

Neurosurgery continues to prosper at MGH under the careful leadership of Bob Martuza. It is a great pleasure to have Bob and Jill back in Boston. If we could only crawl out for under some of the reimbursement issues !

The Borges household has had a terrific year. Susan continues to work as an elementary school reading teacher with a special interest in the Orton-Gillingham method of teaching children with dyslexia. Our oldest daughters have completed their first year after college graduation. Elizabeth (23) has finished her first year of medical school at the Loyola University School of Medicine in Chicago. She loves both her school and Chicago. Her twin sister, Allison, is on her second job as a TV reporter. She now works for Channel 4 Eyewitness News, the CBS affiliate in Rock Island, Illinois. In this new position she has her own camera – man and can visit her sister on weekends! Lawrence, Jr spent the summer teaching English and Math at an orphanage in Costa Rica. It was a wonderful opportunity to improve his Spanish and broaden his horizons. He is a Junior at Harvard, pursuing a major in Environmental Science and Public Policy. Fred (16) is beginning his Junior year in high school. He spent a busy summer working as a sailing instructor at the Courageous Sailing Center in the Boston Harbor and going to lacrosse camps. He is looking forward to soccer this Fall and lacrosse in the Spring..

I've been pleased to welcome our newest faculty member, Dr Jean Coumans. Dr Coumans has completed a spine fellowship with Ed Benzel , having previously trained at Georgetown with Bob Martuza. Dr Coumans is a welcome addition to our Spine Service.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Arizona.

Best regards and thank you again for the deadline extension.

Yours truly,

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Dear Colleagues:

Our department continues to thrive and has been blessed with a very smooth transition from Dr. Kelly's leadership to my formal appointment as Chair here. The faculty is functioning at high capacity and our newest members, Dr. Joe Alexander and Dr. Tom Ellis, have fully integrated themselves into the group.

Lesa and I are continuing to experience the joy and challenge of moving adolescent boys and girls into collegiate men and women. Our oldest, Byron, will complete his senior year at Pepperdine and hopes to pursue a career in the medical field. Daniel is mid-way through his time at Oklahoma Christian University and our oldest daughter, Leslie, is completing high school here in Winston-Salem. She was honored with a national scholastic art award last spring in addition to being a finalist at the State Science Fair. She is driven toward an "outdo her parents" award. Our youngest two daughters, Courtney and Emily, are active in scholastics and athletics in middle school here in town as well.

We continue to enjoy life on the farm outside of Winston-Salem where Lesa raises miniature horses. We would welcome any of you to come spend a little time on the farm if you are in the area.

This fall we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wake Forest University School of Medicine. For those who continue to recognize our institution as the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, we have undertaken an effort to align the identity with Wake Forest University in a more overt way. The formal name is Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Bowman Gray Campus.

Lesa and I look forward to spending time with you in Scottsdale in the fall.

With kindest regards,

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Dear Academicians!

This is our first Round Robin Letter!

We still speak very fondly about the magnificent meeting in Palm Beach! What an experience! We are quite excited about meeting you all again in Phoenix!

The past months in Berlin have been characterized by a change in government and by tremendous financial problems. In fact, as some of you might have learned, the suggestion has been made (and is still being discussed) that one of the University Hospitals in this city be transformed into a municipal hospital. For a city such as Berlin, the main "export article" of which is innovation and know-how, closing down one of the renowned "idea factories" would have, we believe, devastating consequences.

We still have no grandchildren. We do not even have married children (although they are adult). To tell the truth, we are not extremely eager to become grand parents.

We will visit the United States in July (California) in order to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> (yes, you have read correctly: 60<sup>th</sup>) wedding anniversary of my cousins.

Christina and I are looking forward to receiving the good friends of the Academy in Berlin on their way to Dresden in April 2004.

Looking forward to meeting you, and with kind personal regards,

Yours  
Christina & Mario

July 29, 2002

Dear Fellow Academicians,

This year's letter is something of a variation from the past three.

As of the last week in June, I assumed the position of Professor and Chairman and Program Director of the Department of Neurosurgery at Thomas Jefferson. This came about as the previous Chairman was relieved of his responsibilities, amid a flurry of problems, and the University officials asked if I would leave retirement and come back to run the department. After some consideration, I agreed to do this. The time frame will be until Jefferson finds another department chairman, or until the residents currently in training finish. The shorter of the two will be my choice. This certainly represents a change in lifestyle from that of a retired surgeon; on the other hand, it's exciting to be back in the foray!

Out time in Europe represented about 50% of the year. Christa and I had wonderful trips to Switzerland, Italy, Austria and throughout Germany. In particular, we spent an interesting Christmas in the Austrian Alps in my town of Obergurgl, followed by New Years with Hans and Ute Reulen. In the spring, we took an extended motor trip through Switzerland, down through Italy as far as Venice, and then back to Austria and home to Espelkamp, our little town near Hannover in Northern Germany. All together, we had a great year. It was interesting to be in Europe on 9/11. The Germans and Austrians both acted as if their country had felt the blow. There were signs of sympathy throughout the lands, and people were shaking your hand and expressing sympathy. It was very interesting to see.

We are currently in residence in our home in Flourtown, and we extend an invitation to anyone passing through this part of the world to give us a visit.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Friends,

I was very happy to read the Round Robin last fall. It is wonderful to be brought up to date about all of you and your families. As for me, life goes on. I drive to Dresden every month to help organize fund-raising events for the reconstruction of the Frauenkirche, I get great pleasure out of my children and grandchildren who, fortunately, are all doing well, and I play tennis as always.

I don't see neurosurgeons very often these days, but last week I had the great pleasure to meet old friends in Hannover on the occasion of Samii's Erimitierung. He invited colleagues from all over the world to a one week symposium. People attended who I hadn't seen for years. Most of them had attended the WFNS in Munich 1981, which is where we met for the first time. Many friendships developed over the years and often grew to involve entire families. It is amazing well you can get to know someone simply by attending neurosurgical meetings.

I was so pleased and honored to have the Pattersons stopped by for a visit to Würzburg after the Hannover festivities. It was a treat to have them stay overnight. Hopefully, they won't be the last neurosurgical visitors to come to Würzburg from outside Germany.

Have a wonderful summer where ever you are. My best wishes and greetings to you all.

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June 21, 2002

Dear Fellow Academicians:

The past year has been a busy and emotionally charged year. Naturally living in New York City, the past year has been colored by the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. We knew only two people who were killed by the tragedy, though we know many with harrowing stories of escape or near miss. Just as it appears that the City is beginning to recover, new threats arise. Luckily, even though there are threats to our bridges, tunnels, office and apartment buildings, restaurants, and civic spaces, most New Yorkers have an inner strength that allows them to proceed with their lives unimpeded. Interestingly, though people of our generation are proceeding relatively unscathed, our friend's children and their generation have been dramatically affected not only by seeing friends and family die untimely deaths but also by a diminution of their expectations for the future.

On a more positive note, we have been embroiled in a very forward-looking adventure. We are immersed in finalizing plans for a new vacation home on Long Island. Construction should start in the fall. Joan's architectural background comes in handy and she has stimulated our architect, Steven Holl, to make our future home both visually exciting and functional. The design is truly unique, with few right angles anywhere.

One of the highlights of our year was celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, which we did both in New York and on the Cote d'Azur.

Professionally, the year has been a good one for both of us. Joan has been sought out to put her combined architectural and business backgrounds to work on urban redevelopment projects mainly in the US but also in Morocco. I have had the pleasure and unique honor to serve as your Vice President this year, one of the most unadulteratedly positive aspects of my 2001-2002.

Joan and I are eagerly anticipating seeing everyone at the annual meeting at The Phoenician in October.

Martin B. Camins, M.D.



July 26, 2002

Dear Round Robiners:

No New Yorker could reflect back on this past year without thinking first of the events of September 11. Our Neurosurgical offices look out on the New York skyline and we watched, horrified, at the two plumes of smoke billowing forth from the towers and the utter sickening feeling when we watched both buildings tumble and disappear. EMS had set up a triage center for walking injured in Liberty State Park. We sent a team to cover Jersey City Medical Center and kept another team here in Newark. Many of you may have seen the story in the New York Times Magazine of the firefighter who Allen Maniker operated on, correcting his C6 burst fracture caused by a blow on the head. This firefighter is still having great psychological problems dealing with the fact that he survived and many of his buddies did not.

On Wednesday evening, September 12, I called the Director of the Triage Center and asked what his instructions were, since our teams had been on duty for thirty-six hours straight. Should I dismiss them? His reply was "No, we are just starting to move debris and there will be at least a thousand and maybe as many as two thousand severely injured casualties". We waited through the night. Unfortunately, as you know, only five more people were saved.

This past year has been a very active and exciting one for the entire Carmel/Bello clan. Jonathan Carmel continues to be in charge of the European commodity positions for a Wall Street firm called Angelo, Gordon. This requires Jonathan to be in the office at approximately 4:00 A.M. and he generally stays until the New York Stock Exchange closes at 4:00 P.M. Since most of his business and most of his clients are in Europe, he is frequently in London for a week or more at a time. Despite these hours he seems to have a very active social life. Only the young can burn the candle at both ends.

Jason has finished a two year period doing spinal cord injury research with Wise Young at Rutgers. Jason won a Howard Hughes Fellowship after completion of his third year of medical school at P & S. His research uses gene chip arrays to follow changes in the spinal cord after experimental injury. In addition to research, Jason has fulfilled the course requirements for a Ph.D. from Rutgers. His thesesproposal has been approved, the experiments done and he is starting on the writing. It appears that he will get both his M.D. from Columbia and Ph.D. from Rutgers in May of next year.

Jason is going through some angst in choice of careers. He would like to have time to do his cord-injury research, and had pretty much decided on pediatric neurology as a career choice. However, he is having some misgivings about his choice, and will be spending a month on the neurosurgical service here in New Jersey next month. I can hardly wait.

David Carmel continues to amaze. He has successfully completed his second year of the Graduate Business School at Stanford University. We all flew out to his graduation on June 15, 2002. David had decided to take a chance and apply for a White House Fellowship starting this summer. He was successful at each of the levels of competition in the process of cutting down the initial 3,800 applicants. We were thrilled and delighted when his interviews in Washington ended successfully and he was appointed a White House Fellow. He has already selected an apartment in Washington D.C. and has moved his van there. He will start at the Treasury Department on September 1, 2002.

Jacqueline Bello continues to be the greatest medical cheer leader of our time. She has been the President of the Bassett Alumni Society, and has just completed her term as President of the Staff and Alumni Association of Montefiore Hospital. Now she is moving up within the Alumni Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. This year she is the recording Secretary and continues to lead us all forward.

Several very exciting things have happened in the Department of Neurosurgery this year. In March, we moved into the brand new clinical home of the Neurological Institute of New Jersey. This is a 20,000 sq. ft. facility and the architect has done a superb job. The service continues to be very busy and to grow nicely (13.2% over the last twelve months). We have hired two new faculty members who started this month. Charlie Prestigiacommo trained at the Neurological Institute and will do interventional and microvascular neurosurgery. Jeffrey Catrambone finished his fellowship at the Henry A. Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis and will be doing pediatric neurosurgery. We can certainly use their help.

In the middle of last month I was elected to the AMA Board of Trustees. This was achieved only through the efforts of many neurosurgeons. Both the AANS and CNS were wonderfully supportive, as were the Washington Committee and Katie Orrico. Direct phone calls were made by the officers of both organizations as well as the CSNS and the Senior Society. I believe that Neurosurgery is convincingly making the case that the concerns of Neurosurgery reflect the true needs of American medicine, and that the AMA will increasingly heed those concerns.

Both Jacqueline and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting in Arizona. Till then...

Yours,



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Fellow Academicians,

All is well with the Chandler family. We have had another enjoyable year in Ann Arbor with a surprising amount of activity in our "empty nest". Jesse, now 24, is a third year medical student at the University of Pittsburgh and thriving well. He and his girlfriend Nicole, also a med student, spent 4 weeks with us studying for the National Board exam this past June. In spite of the busy study schedule, it was very nice to have them with us.

Scott, age 27, moved back to the Midwest after working in San Francisco for 5 years to begin law school at Case Western Reserve University this August. He has been staying with us for this summer while apartment hunting. Scott traveled for a month with friends in Southeast Asia prior to coming to Ann Arbor in June.

Susie, Scott and I had a memorable trip to Japan and China last September. In spite of leaving 10 days after the tragedy of 9/11, we had a wonderful trip. I was a guest at a brain tumor meeting at Kagawa University in Japan and then we visited a long lost aunt of mine who has been living in Beijing since 1948. Since I had never met her before, it was an emotional meeting and real connection to the past.

We all skied in Montana for a week in March and had a great time. I would strongly recommend Big Sky to the skiers.

After 15 years, Susie retired from her position as a Clinical Social Worker at a nearby hospital for chemically dependent patients where she worked with the children and families of addicts. She is enjoying putting her energy into numerous community volunteer / fund raising activities and serves as an Elder in our Presbyterian church.

I continue to enjoy my work at the University Hospital and remain as busy as ever. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting this Fall.

Sincerely,

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Dear Nick:

I'm pleased to report that all is well in Cleveland. I am preparing for the departure of my oldest son, Nate, for college at Brown University in the fall. He had a great year and graduated as the valedictorian of his class at Hawken School. He recently returned from visiting the campus in Rhode Island and informed me with tremendous excitement: "Dad, I met more hot girls in four hours in Providence than I did in eight years in Cleveland!" So I guess he is ready to move on in the world of academia. Meanwhile, my younger son, Jeremy (age fourteen going on thirty-five), has been busy advising his older brother about techniques for meeting college girls, based on his own personal experience.

Work continues to be challenging but enjoyable, and pediatric neurosurgery at Rainbow is going great guns. I have been incredibly busy at work this year, but did manage to find time to break into the music world with a song I wrote entitled, "*Extreme Neuroanatomy*" which has now become part of the required medical school curriculum at Case Western Reserve. Surprisingly, it has not yet received much attention on the pop charts nationally, but I will gladly sing it for anyone who gives me a call.

Life is good. I look forward to seeing everyone in Scottsdale.

Sincerely,

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RE: Round Robin Letters

Dear Fellow Academicians:

The year 2002 started off rather shaky for the Connolly's. In January, I developed acute sciatica with a footdrop, but Rand Voorhies operated on me with excellent results and I recovered rather rapidly with complete cessation of my pain and recovery of my motor function. Since then, we have been doing well except for the stock market, which I am sure is affecting everybody to a certain extent; maybe more to those closer to retirement than our younger members.

We are fortunate in having Roger D. Smith join the Neurosurgery Staff at Ochsner Clinic. Roger is a graduate of The University of Southern California School of Medicine and did his neurosurgery training at The Barrow Neurosurgical Institute under John Green and then spent time in Zurich with Professor Yasargil and at Queens Square with Professor Lindsey Simon. He was on the full-time faculty at LSU Medical School for five years and then has been in private practice in New Orleans until he joined us in January. Roger's primary interest has been in cerebral vascular disease.

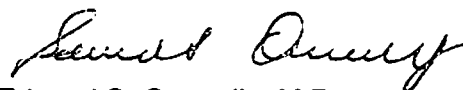
Our children keep us interested in what is going on in the world. Sander, our oldest son, is at Columbia practicing neurosurgery and has allowed Elise and I have to the pleasure of his company at multiple neurosurgical meetings, which is a particularly bonus for us. Sean, our second son, has decided that Emergency Medicine is not fulfilling enough, so he has left Emergency Medicine and is taking a Gastroenterology Fellowship. Our third son, Paul, remains in Dallas in the business world. Our daughter, Patty, is living with her husband in Houston. Our son, Christopher, has decided to go back to school and is starting business school at Tulane in August and Jimmy remains an Ear, Nose, and Throat resident.

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I think Elise is becoming a professional quilt maker. We seem to have more quilts around the house and in various degrees and completion than a department store.

We will look forward to seeing everybody in Phoenix this fall.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Fellow Academy Members:

Corinne and I have had an eventful year in our family. Our daughter Elizabeth graduated from Princeton in June. She is starting a job here in St. Louis working for Emerson Incorporated; this is a large worldwide manufacturing company specializing in electrical components. Liz eventually wants to go to business school after getting some experience. Our son, Ralph decided to stay here in St. Louis and attend Washington University. He is going to be attending the undergraduate business school here at Washington University beginning in August. We therefore consider ourselves very lucky to have both of our children here in St. Louis for the next few years.

I am still busy with American Board of Neurological Surgery projects and activities and am finding the administrative aspects of chairing the department to be increasingly challenging because of all of the external pressures, which are operating at the present time. Corinne is keeping busy with a number of volunteer activities and still spends a lot of time on our children's activities as well.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the Academy members at the Phoenician in October.

Sincerely,

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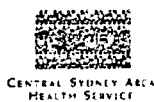
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Dear Fellow Academicians,

At the time of last year's Round Robin we were full of hope and expectations regarding the 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Neurosurgery. This started in Sydney four days after September 11<sup>th</sup>. After considering cancellation we were determined to go ahead with the meeting as the cancellation would have promoted the terrorists' position. In any event, our financial commitments were set in cement by that time. Ultimately there were over 2000 Registrants and the meeting seemed to be successful. As a result of missing speakers there was an increase in discussion time and this was strongly and favourably commented upon by many of the Registrants.

We were extremely grateful for those, including many members of the Academy, who generously expanded their contributions to fill the void.

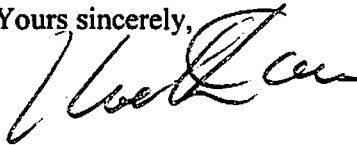
Medically, the most significant event in the past twelve months relates to a major crisis in Medical Indemnity. The State Government responded in December 2001 by undertaking indemnity cover for public patients. Notwithstanding this, the mutual company which covers 90% of the doctors in this State, including me, and 60% in the whole country went into provisional liquidation. The State Government has now embarked on a programme to reform tort law and will impose caps as well as some measures to contain the more outlandish elements of the legal fraternity. Further measures of risk management are being introduced. The Federal Government provided cover for May and June 2002 until the provisional liquidator defines the real state of the company. By the time the Academy meets we may be in enforced retirement.



The major family event this year was the marriage of our second daughter Lisa, in April. She continues to climb up the corporate ladder in the meantime and now has regional responsibilities. Our third daughter's business continues to expand. As well as promotional personnel she now provides models and is moving to larger office accommodation. Our eldest daughter continues to act as an art consultant to corporations and private individuals with the occasional spice of a entertainment star thrown in for good measure. Adrienne continues to play tennis but the increasing limitations imposed by her knee degeneration have us wondering how long the orthopaedic surgeon can put off definitive surgery.

Our travels have been light over the past twelve months. We had a commitment in China in October 2001 and will be in Germany and London in June 2002. Adrienne and I look forward to the Academy's Meeting at the Phoenician in October.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Nick:

Thank you for organizing the Round Robin letters for the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. It is always a pleasure to hear from our fellow academicians.

The Dempsey family continues to do very well in the past year. Diane and I are finding Wisconsin to be a wonderful place for our family and children. Our oldest daughter, Kara, is an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She continues to do excellently with her studies and it remains a joy to us that she is close enough for visits home when the studies permit. Our son, Conor, celebrated his graduation from high school this spring and will be enrolling at DePaul University in Chicago with an interest in computers. He continues to be active with his basketball and tennis, and has passed his father by in both sports. Our Chicago roots remain quite deep. As both Diane's and my family remain in Chicago, that proximity has allowed us to remain close to our tight knit families, something that we are sure will continue with Conor's choice of colleges.

Diane continues her teaching both at the University of Wisconsin's Arboretum Program and with the local school district. As a teaching naturalist, she continues to bring us excitement and perspective on the changing seasons that add an enjoyment to each time of year, as well as in reaching her students and family. As for myself, I am happy to say that I am beginning to get a little more exercise and running. It is probably even more important for mental well being that any physical benefits but it is also something that I have long enjoyed. It is a pleasure to be getting back at a moderate pace. I wish I could say that we are doing more canoeing here on Madison's lakes, but I think we will have to leave that as one of those hopeful plans for the future.

The program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison continues to do very well. We now have 9 surgeons and 5 PhDs in the department, with plans for continued growth primarily in the basic sciences. We have been able to develop some very exciting collaborations with our large Neuroscience center here and all of the faculty have benefited from the collaborative nature of this institution. I am happy to say that we have been able to continue to put together multiple sources of support for growth and we will be opening our completely new Neurosurgical ICU



and patient floor in the coming month. It is a long-awaited step but I am convinced we can't let the facilities rest and we are now planning our Outpatient Clinic space additions to match our clinical and research growth. The teaching program has been enriched with several visiting professors in the past year, including John McGillicuddy, Jack Walker, Jim Rutka, Ed Laws and Mark Hadley. They provided invaluable insights to all of us that there is more than one way to go about Neurosurgery, and we have enjoyed the visits immensely.

We all sincerely hope that the other members of the Academy are well and have enjoyed a happy and productive year. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,



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Salzburg, den July 24, 2002

**Hans Erich Diemath**

**Dear Friends Academicians!**

**This is a very sad letter since Karin has left me on April 9, 2002. It is now more than 3 months but no day without tears. She had no signs of illness or complains except she was very tired and had a loss of weight. The diagnosis was made on January 22, 2002: An adenocarcinoma of the sigma with many metastases in the lever. The last 10 days I was staying with her in the hospital day and night, the last 5 days she was more or less in an uremic coma but I was hoping (unrealistical?) that she will feel my presence. We have been married for 45 years and so I have lost a part of my own personality. Now I am living lonely in the house with 11 rooms, my only companion is Sam, our Golden Redriever dog. My "crisis management" is working until midnight and then I have a walk with Sam over the meadows and through the wood of the surrounding area of Salzburg.**

**My children take care of me in a wonderful way, but in my opinion it is not wise to incorporate an old and very sad grandfather in young families.**

**Our youngest daughter Maren has finished her study of law and has born a beautiful little girl – Liv-Lauren Karin – our seventh grandchild. She is now 2 months of age and Karin was looking forward so much to this baby but destiny did not allow it. I go often to Graz to see Liv-Lauren Karin, and to go with the perambulator.**

**The children, children in law and grandchildren are thanks god all healthy and well.**

**Now nearly all my friends from my time at JHH (1959/60) have left us. But my ties to JHH are still strong and alive thanks to Professor Don Long and I am very proud of the honor being a "Walter Dandy fellow".**

**I am going on with my juridical medical work still being chairman of the board of medical experts at the court of the Austrian Medical Chamber. I will have more than 100 expertises this year.**

**Being honorary president of the European Academy of Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology, it is a pleasure to invite you cordially to attend the next congress. This will be on May 21-24, 2003 in Graz/Austria, the place where I am coming from. I personally will be happy to meeting many of you.**

**With all my best and heartiest wishes for all of you.**

**Sincerely Yours**

**Hans Erich**

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August 8, 2002

Dear Academicians:

This has been an eventful year of change for us. The biggest change is that I retired as of April 1. Earlier this winter, when retirement was just around the corner, Ellen set two goals:

- A. We were going to go to a movie on a Tuesday night and,
- B. We were going to have a dinner party and I would show up.

So far we did see the movie.

I have continued to get up early in the morning so I can take advantage of each full day. I feel like the teenager who thought he made a new discovery when he found out that girls were not so bad after all: I found a whole library that does not contain any medical books, and I can't read them fast enough.

Our first non-medical trip was to the shareholders meeting of Berkshire Hathaway in Omaha Nebraska. Because of the unusual nature of the company, it is the largest shareholder meeting in the world. This year 13,000 people attended. Needless to say, Omaha was filled to the brim. Every visitor on every plane going to Omaha and every visitor in Omaha was there for the meeting. The business part of the meeting only lasted 45 minutes. Then Warren Buffett answered questions from the audience for the next 6 hours. That was an impressive display.

We also took another trip to visit our daughter, Shiela, who lives with her husband, only 30 minutes from the Chicago loop. That made it easy to take advantage of Chicago as well as visit them.

I attended a meeting of a surgical instrument company in Switzerland at the end of July. Certainly it would not be reasonable to waste a trip to Switzerland, so we spent 5 days touring the countryside, with side trips to Lucerne and Zurich. They were both beautiful, but Zurich has a spectacular art museum that we did not know about. If you have the opportunity to go to Zurich, don't miss this museum.

The trip and weather were only perfect. This year Switzerland put on a fair that was produced in 5 different cities, each site with a different theme. The fair occurs every 30 years and we were fortunate to be there this year. It is possible that we could be at the next one in another 30 years, but we are not counting on it. To make the trip even more eventful, August 1 is Switzerland's equivalent of July 4th, and we watched fireworks through the window of an elegant continental restaurant. What a way to spend the last evening in Europe!

Last year we were scheduled to travel to Italy. Because of 9/11, however, the trip was delayed for one year, so we still have our Italian trip to look forward to right after we return home from the Academy meeting.

Within Neurosurgery, I continue to be active: Because the Professional Liability problem continues to worsen, the Washington Committee appointed me to a task force to help develop some coordinated efforts within neurosurgery. Whether or not that problem will ever be solved or even ameliorated remains to be seen. And, the Department of Neurosurgery in Cincinnati asked me to take a more active role in teaching the med students because they now have mandatory rotations on neurology or neurosurgery. That will start later in the year.

Not the least of our excitement this year will be the trip to Phoenix to The Academy when we will have the chance to visit with all of you again.

Sincerely,  
*Stewart*

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Dear Nelson and Fellow Academicians,

Since our last letter, a new Director of the MNI has been appointed – David Colman from Mount Sinai, New York who will take over here on September 1<sup>st</sup>. He comes with an excellent record as a neuroscientist focusing on the physiology and pathology of neuro-myelin. Don Baxter had held the reins of the Directorship for the past year and a half after the departure of Richard Murphy to become CEO of the Salk Institute. We look forward to David's fresh views and his strong teaching, research and administrative experience to enhance our program here.

Ted Rasmussen passed away in January at the age of 92. Up until Christmas last year he had been keeping in touch by correspondence with his friends and former students from all parts of the world. A celebration of life and work was presented on March 22<sup>nd</sup> by his colleagues Gilles Bertrand, André Olivier, Brenda Milner, Fred Andermann and myself, which will be extracted for publication. Ted had his neurosurgical training here at the MNI with Penfield, Cone and Elvidge and returned in 1954 from a stint as Professor of the University of Chicago (where he succeeded Earl Walker) to take over from Dr. Penfield as Director of the Institute. He probably performed more operations for epilepsy than any other surgeon of his time and became the foremost authority in this field. He efficiently administered the institute, hospital and academic department from 1954 to 1972 in a well-ordered manner while at the same time continuing an active surgical

practice. He will be warmly remembered by many for his wisdom, modesty and gentleness.

As many of you will know from my previous letters, Faith and I now live next door to the Osler Library, which is undergoing a major upgrading thanks to a handsome gift from Jack McGovern, a great Oslerian. Fifty thousand volumes have been decanted, leaving the eerie site of the Osler Room with empty shelves. The work is going forward on time and the Library should reopen in September.

We traveled to Quebec City in May to receive the Order of Quebec, along with twenty-seven other citizens that included artists, writers, directors of art museums, and a former Prime Minister of Canada. We stayed at the Château Frontenac where the AANS met in 1955 and the Congress of Neurological Surgery even more recently. Harvey Cushing stayed there with some members of his family in 1896 and we were able to retrieve their names from the guest registry which prompted me to put together a manuscript on Cushing in Canada that has been lying dormant. We were accompanied by our dachshund, Charlie, who of course considered the whole affair entirely set up for his benefit.

Christopher our eldest son has been promoted to Full Professor at the University of Toronto in cardiac surgery. He and his wife, Mary Ann had an exciting foray to New Zealand taking in the tracking at Milford Haven. Patricia, the next in line was involved in DOXA, a documentary film festival in Vancouver which she reports as highly successful. Janet, who is on the staff at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh graduated with a Master of Fine Arts which she managed to do along with her heavy load of teaching drama students how to talk. Her husband, Bob, is doing a repeat performance of Uncle Vanya at summer theatre in Toronto. Michael continues as Crown Attorney in the Ontario Courts and plans to attend the International Accordion Festival held just below Québec City this coming September. He is now taking on jigs at weddings and other festivities of his friends. Anna has been working in the Pain Research Unit but had to take time out to have an L4-L5 disc removed which gave her a personal experience of root pain until it was successfully removed by our spinal surgeon at the Institute, Benoît Goulet. During the past September, I was surprised to find

that a stress test and angiography showed up a high-grade stenosis of my main coronary. This was expeditiously bypassed and with excellent nursing care beginning in the Intensive Care Unit and then followed at home with Faith and Anna, I have had a most satisfactory return to full activity.

The Neuro flourishes with a new Brain Tumor Research Center about to open this Fall and a major expansion of our Brain Imaging Center planned to start construction at the same time.

The Willis Expedition in England that we had hoped to attend last Fall was postponed because of my bypass, but we plan to make that as a special trip this year. This will mean that we will not be able to have the pleasure of attending the Academy Meeting but send our warmest regards to you and all the members and spouses from ourselves and from your friends at the Neuro.

Sincerely,

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

William Feindel, M.D.

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**Attention: Academy of Neurological Surgery - Round Robin**

Dear Fellow Academicians:

I have been negligent in getting this Round Robin letter in the mail and it will be a day late.

I feel obligated to write this Round Robin letter to my colleagues in the Academy of many years because unfavorable things do happen, in spite of the general upbeat atmosphere which the usual sequence of Round Robin letters produces. Here at the University of California at Irvine we have had unfortunate central authority decisions made concerning the continued development of the Department of Neurosurgery, which I started in 1970, and the result of three previous appointments as "Chairman" of the Department of Neurological Surgery at UCI College of Medicine has been nothing short of catastrophic. Excessive money has been spent, the organization of teaching and research has been almost non-existent and the clinical cases have not improved as I had expected they would under appropriate direction. I know

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L. Nelson Hopkins, M.D. and Fellow Academicians  
July 30, 2002  
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that some of you at the national level have been involved with our central administration and that your opinions reflect the above sequence of disasters.

Currently, we are on the mend, but it has been a very difficult time indeed. Dr. John Kusske is now Chair of the Department and is doing a superb job well under the most difficult conditions. There is lack of money, there has been a deterioration of collegial callings in the Medical Center, research programs have been, at best, intermittent and not well administered or done, and the required trauma clinical activities have devastated time available for proper academic activities of the faculty and staff in Neurosurgery. The result has been that we have been unable to retain two very promising young neurosurgeons who had been with us for one and two years and we are now searching for additional personnel. There is still a very good future for this medical school and the department, but there will be further severe difficulties since the current hospital campus will be destroyed piecemeal and replaced with a brand new hospital and more appropriate facilities over the next eight years. This is a situation not commensurate with joyous acclaim because of the serious, serious problems of adequate facilities during the interim. The requirement of rebuilding this hospital campus is predominantly based on the need for earthquake-proof buildings. This will be an excellent institution in the next ten years, but there are many obstacles to overcome in the meantime.

Now that my bad news is off my chest and to be shared with anyone who is interested, I am certainly willing to talk about the problems of the Residency Training Program. The Neurosurgery Residency Program was disapproved by our own committee in December, 1997 and our resubmission for approval was therefore withdrawn from ACGME consideration -- and that application remains on the shelf. The situation here has not been disapproved by any national organization and I am confident that when we settle down further we will be able to collaborate very closely with superb basic neurosciences on campus. We have a good working relationship with them at our weekly conferences and they are, indeed, able and capable people. Our teaching proceeds at a reasonable level, but it ... certainly can be improved as well.

Continued.....

L. Nelson Hopkins, M.D. and Fellow Academicians

July 30, 2002

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As for me, I am "semi-retired" -- and my main activities are now at my home office as per the letterhead. I am at the Medical Center two or three times a week for considerable time, with teaching and research paper development as my major activities. I do see consultations, but I have no hospital patient care activities. I am seeing some medical-legal problems and I am developing a proposed course for the medical student/resident curriculum based on the "errors of neurosurgeons" -- if it develops as I hope it might, as the mistakes which we make are very powerful educational tools. I have considerable support in this effort. My other effort at the present time is to reemphasize work previously done on CSF pulsatility and I am presenting papers on this topic, which have considerable importance in my opinion, at several of our collegial societies.

My family continues to grow and amaze me. Kay has had a right hip and right knee replacement for her arthritis, but she is doing quite well. The rest of the family is making progress as expected in their fields of interest and commitment -- nurse, graphic artist, ophthalmological PA and photographer and equestrian.

It is always a pleasure to attend the Academy meetings and I hope to see you all in Scottsdale in October.

Most sincerely,



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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from our house in Pauma Valley, California. The weather is wonderful but we still miss Fall and Summer in Minnesota.

The whole world remembers September 11, 2001, but we also remember September 13, 2001, when we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with most of our family. Our daughter and husband couldn't come because of transportation problems related to 9/11.

We are continuing to be in reasonably good health for our ages. At least, we still enjoy being fairly active and our mental capacity remains clear. We play some golf, read a lot, and really enjoy visiting with friends and family.

We intend to take a driving trip to Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Sun Valley, Idaho in late July.

We will be in residence at our retirement community house in Scottsdale, Arizona in October and are looking forward to the meeting at the Phoenician. If anyone wants to see what a retirement community can offer, we'd be happy to enlighten you with a tour of our place.

We hope to see you all and perhaps meet some of you younger members. Best regards.

Lyle & Gene French

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Greetings to all of our friends in the Academy. Life in the Giannotta family is ever evolving, with kids continuing to leave for college. The empty nest is looming and Steve and I feel very fortunate that we still enjoy each other's company.

Brent continues to pursue his major of International Relations and also play hockey for USC. He spent his spring semester in Madrid, where he improved his Spanish language skills and traveled around as much as possible while making some great friends. We visited him for a week in March and enjoyed having our own personal tour guide. In the summer Brent attended a month-long seminar at the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution in The Hague. He looks forward to moving back into the fraternity house for his senior year.

Nicole loved her first year at Marymount Junior College in Palos Verdes on a hilltop overlooking the Pacific. She made new friends, joined a few clubs, and adjusted to life with roommates. She was a beautiful debutante in June and the ball was a magical evening for the whole family. Her summer has been spent as my assistant and also volunteering at the Red Cross and at University Hospital.

Robyn stayed busy as president of her junior class, playing golf and softball, and participating in Youth and Government. She

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again spent eleven days in Washington D.C. this summer with the National Student Leadership Conference.

Steve remains happy at work. He was named Medical Director of the University Hospital and enjoys being part of the administration. But a serious mid-life crisis resulted in the major purchase of a Harley-Davidson Dyna Wide-Glide. Weekend riding has usurped some time formerly spent at the driving range, but he still managed to shoot his first hole-in-one in December and a personal best score of 74 in July.

In trying to adjust to a very empty house, I have kept busy playing USTA tennis, golfing more, traveling more with Steve, and volunteering at University Hospital and Robyn's school. My activity and stress level will rise this year while serving as president of the Mothers' Guild at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Scottsdale...

Steve and Sharon



Dear Friends,  
(from Georgia Green)

D's just wandered the Academy is meeting at the Phoenician this fall — I look forward to seeing everyone.

D rather expected that "summer years" to be sort of receding chair-ish — not so! D born to Lee O. Petty Dutz. Had to give up tennis. The trip re placement worked fine, but when D broke my knee, I some-how D felt the tennis had to go. boos, I took up bridge, & found D ready like the game — we play two times a week, sometimes three.

Dive belonged to a very special needlepoint — purchased group for many years we made every Monday — the "stick & ditch" group. D finally finished my big chair. I designed the canvas for seat, back, & arms — a big job, but it really is nice.

Also, I have a pretty lively group of bridge friends who like to go out to dinner, to shows, etc. Dive had involved with our heart ball committee since being ball chairman in 1960 — that

makes me the oldest of the ninety members committee, who not one a half million dollars or more every year, so as you may imagine, it's an all year affair, & we have lots of good times along the way!

Then, of course, D's still parting — not as much as D did, but enough to enjoy. Both the D's are & D's are all my very good customers!

No D's present, but D'm planning to take my daughter on a cruise as a graduation gift when she graduates from veterinary school in another year or so — a mid-life student! Looking forward to Oct. All best wishes, Georgia

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August 2002

Dear Nick:

The past year has revolved around family, friends, and work with the usual mixture of joys and sorrows. Ellin and I have with great happiness seen our youngest daughter Jennifer Ruth married to the Honorable Bruce Oakley, at our home in Santa Fe on July 27, 2002. With them at the ceremony in our meadow against a spectacular setting of Sun and Moon Mountains, ponderosas and pinons, and an azure and crimson sunset, were her 6-year-old twins Paige and Connor and his two daughters, Jessica, 9 years old, and Sarah, age 7. Also in attendance were our grandchildren Claire, Laura, Joel and Jeffrey whose ages range from 7 to 11. It was wonderful to witness their joy in the presence of family and many friends of two generations.

Sadly, my mother Vivian Isenberg was not alive to share in the joy although she had been looking forward to a wedding celebration. She died peacefully in her sleep at the age of 96 on June 14, 2002, of congestive heart failure following a fall in October. Although slowed by age, she remained mentally alert and beautiful in face and spirit to the end.

The Department of Neurosurgery continues its productivity despite the challenges of lowered reimbursements and onerous regulations. In hope of contributing to the harmonious relationship between the medical school and the hospital as well as between fulltime and voluntary faculty, I have agreed to serve as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs in addition to Chairman of the Department and Chief of the Neurosurgery Service at The Methodist Hospital.

I continue working on the neurophysiology of dystonia and mechanism by which pallidotomy or DBS produces relief of primary genetic dystonia. In 2001, Lippincott Williams and Wilkins published my most recent book, Surgery for Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders, eds. Robert G. Grossman, M.D., Joachim K. Krauss, M.D., and Joseph Jankovic, M.D.

I was very touched to receive the Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Neurological Surgeons at the May 2002 meeting in Toronto. This is an award that I will always cherish, coming from my colleagues.

Ellin and I send best wishes for good health and a happy and productive year to all of our Round Robin members.

Sincerely,  
Robert G. Grossman, M.D.

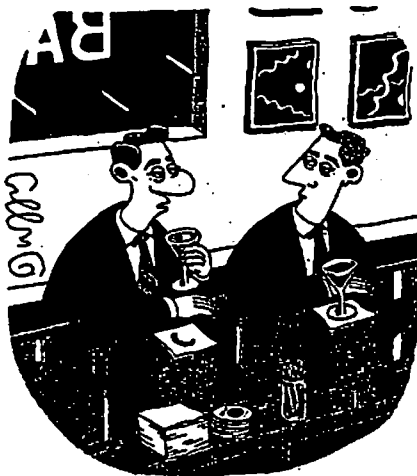
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Dear Nick,

When last I wrote, I was a fun-loving innocent lady from St. Louis, planning a larky birthday trip to Chicago with some of your other innocent fun-loving friends. We had a wonderful trip in early September, (the birthday girl pulled a no-show, but that's another story) and we ladies had an architectural boat tour of Chicago, did the Art Institute, the Terra Museum, had Cosmopolitans atop the Hancock – fearlessly we sat there and talked of grandchildren and weddings – past and future – and clothes and shoes and art, and husbands and even watched planes creating lovely trails in the sunset sky. And then the next week, all hell broke loose, and though somewhat recovered now, I turned into a scared old woman. My first flight post 9-11 was to our meeting in Palm Beach and a terrible turbulent wind-whipped flight it was. My sophisticated businesswoman seat companion (not Bob – he was reading a neurosurgery journal, oblivious to our imminent peril) grabbed me and we both cried and she said, “Be grateful – those people on those 9-11 flights never had the luxury of plain old turbulence.” I met men at the meeting whose bright, intelligent wives had opted not to travel for fear of terrorism, and were there some of you who made other excuses, but really were also afraid to travel? Will we ever be innocent and fearless again?



*"I figure if I don't have that third Martini,  
then the terrorists win."*

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Life does go on, granted at a heightened stress level, but we've had the fun of helping plan Robert's (our 32-year-old son) wedding in Pawleys Island in August. He finished his urology residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in June, quickly moved to Washington, D.C. for an oncology fellowship at the National Cancer Institute, flew to Chicago to take his boards (GU really knows how to torture a person) and has a few weeks to set up a lab, a house, and help his bride "do a wedding." She is also starting a new job at NIH doing critical care with AIDS patients.



*"But, sweetheart, why do you have to marry a doctor?  
Why can't you marry a fireman?"*

Our 27-year-old daughter, Mary Connell, finished her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of law school at Northwestern and is also ensconced in Washington, D.C. as a "summer" (the lingo) at a big law firm. She does a few fun legal projects, is wined and dined, treated to sunset cruises on the Potomac, karaoke nights at bars, golf outings – including lessons, dinners at homes of partners and is paid an outrageous salary. Lawyers are out of control!



Bob is enjoying setting up his clinical trial for the Carotid Occlusion Surgery Study, but not enjoying the governmental hoops through which he is having to jump.

*"It would be a great honor for me to be counted as one of your successes."*

Looking forward to seeing you in Arizona in October. We'll fly there. We'll have some wedding pictures to show, and we'll have our wonderful book discussion group, long sharing breakfasts in the ladies hospitality suite and lovely receptions and dinners. But will we be lighthearted and innocent and fearless? It is going to take me awhile.

Julia Grubb

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Dear Colleagues:

It is with pleasure that Lori and I offer the first Hadley contribution to the Academy's Round Robin Letters. We are honored to have been selected for Active Membership in the Academy during last year's meeting.

We are fortunate to have three creative, healthy, delightful children. Christopher, age 14 years, will begin high school in the fall (Ninth Grade). He has had a remarkable academic and athletic career thus far and has enjoyed extra-curricular band participation (clarinet) and math team competition. Jack, age 6 years, is about to begin first grade. He too loves school and sports and has been a leader in both arenas. He is sweet and sensitive, yet clever and artistic. Mollie, age 3 years, is the clear master of her own destiny and that of our household. She enjoys school (pre-kindergarten) three half-days per week and strives not only to keep up with, but surpass her brothers. If the collective energies and schedule demands of this crew weren't been challenging enough, we recently got a new puppy (Bucky) a Pembroke-Welsh Corgi.

Lori and I remain very focused on our children and our enjoyment of them. Between school schedules, track and field, band, basketball, baseball, swimming, soccer and ballet, we remain active in our community and in the Episcopal Church.

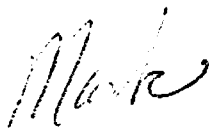
The art, science and clinical practice of Neurosurgery remain strong at the University of Alabama at Birmingham under the guidance of our fearless leader and Chairman, Richard B. Morawetz, MD. My main clinical and research interests remain disorders of the human vertebral column and spinal cord. In conjunction with same, I led/assisted a dedicated Committee of my peers in the process of medical evidence based guidelines productions on issues of acute cervical spine and spinal cord injuries. We completed our task in one year and published 22 topics as a supplement to *Neurosurgery* in March 2002, entitled: *Guidelines on the Management of Acute Cervical Spine and Spinal Cord Injuries*.\*

I am privileged to have been elected to a leadership position in organized Neurosurgery. As President-Elect of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (at the time of submission of this

letter) I am excited about the future of the discipline of Neurosurgery, optimistic about the present and future of organized Neurosurgery and am immersed in the tremendously important multiple initiatives before the AANS/CNS Washington Committee.

Lori and I are looking forward to returning to Phoenix in October for the 2002 Academy meeting (sans children!!) at the Phoenician Resort. This year's Annual Meeting site is particularly appealing to us. Having trained at Barrow Neurological Institute from 1983 through 1988, Phoenix, Barrow NI, and Academy members Robert and Nancy Spetzler and Volker and Lynne Sonntag are very dear to us.

We forward our best regards,



Mark N. Hadley, MD, FACS  
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It has been truly an extraordinary year for everyone. We were fortunate at MUSC to lose no one directly related to anyone in the Department in any of the horrible terrorist events of this past year. Through very hard work by everyone in the Department, we were able to increase case volume and actual receipts by almost 20 percent while reducing expenses by nearly ten percent. This outstanding Departmental performance almost made up for some stunning Institutional reversals. Our new dean and his new administration replaced the head of the Practice Plan in September, verified that all Departmental reserves had been spent (excuse me, I mean "invested") and that those funds were therefore not "accessible". A couple of weeks later, they also discovered that there were no development funds available from the Dean's office. The net impact on the Department of our own little Enron and Argentina was to counter balance the excellent strides made by the Department. However, the honesty and forthrightness of the new administration is refreshing and has put us on a sound footing to move forward in the coming year.


Program development has continued in a very satisfying way. Sunil Patel, my vice-chairman and active skull base and primary tumor surgeon, has received a K-23 award to study the brain stem in neurogenic hypertension. He continues to lead active clinical investigations in malignant brain tumors. Jeffrey Campbell continues to make our Pediatric Neurosurgery Service grow and thrive. We offer the only Pediatric Neurosurgery Service in South Carolina continuously staffed by pediatric neurosurgeons 24/7. Jeff has also recently completed his Master's Degree in Clinical Research and is embarking on his clinical research career. Our newest faculty member, Steve Takacs, has rapidly established a busy functional neurosurgery service and recently implanted the 225<sup>th</sup> deep brain stimulator for Parkinson's disease in his personal series.

We matched well this year and last, we have made substantial gains in clinical volume and clinical income, our young research program is growing. We are well positioned to consolidate these gains and move forward in the coming year.

On a personal note, my golf handicap continues to fall and Jennifer's involvement in national hedgehog politics continues to grow. She was instrumental in forming an organization that has rescued almost 250 pet African Pigmy hedgehogs from undesirable homes and pet shops, provided their new owners with helpful food samples, several care items and instructions in hedgehog care, and generally has been a thorn in the side of breeders who raise and sell hedgehogs without regard to the presence of inherited diseases in their breeding lines. It is beautiful in Charleston in the late fall and early spring and there is a great deal to do during the Spoleto festival in late May and early June. We would be delighted to have fellow members of the Academy visit us here in Charleston.

Best wishes to all for a much better year this year.

Sincerely,



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Dear Nick,

The past year has been a hectic, productive and enjoyable one for the Harbaugh family. The biggest event of the year is a new daughter, Gwennyth Emily, born January 18th, 2002. It comforts me to know that I will have at least one child around the house to bring me my walker.

Kim has built up an active private practice with a special emphasis on peripheral nerve surgery. Her group now includes four neurosurgeons (with the addition of our graduating chief resident) and two neurologists. She also continues to work as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anatomy at Dartmouth Medical School and takes care of our children (I claim to help, but the division of labor is about 90% Kim and 10% me). Her big news this year is that she is now a board certified neurosurgeon, having passed her oral ABNS examinations this Spring. She has shown remarkable dedication and perseverance in the face of considerable obstacles and I am very proud of her and her accomplishments.

This has been a good year for me professionally. I have been honored with acceptance into the Academy and the Senior Society and have started my term as Chairman of the AANS/CNS Section on Cerebrovascular Surgery and as President of the New England Neurosurgical Society.

We are looking forward to this year's Academy meeting in Scottsdale. Kim grew up there and most of her family lives in the area. We hope to see you soon.

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

In that this is my first contribution to the Round Robin, I want to express my delight in, and gratitude for, being inducted into the Academy. Meg and I look forward to many years of social and academic interaction with other members.

The four years since our move from Boston to Palo Alto have been both exciting and productive. Although disappointed to leave Mass General, I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to join Gary Steinberg and others at Stanford. In the last five years, the Department has tripled in terms of full time faculty, clinical cases, NIH funding of research, and scientific publications. I have concentrated on building the Stanford Brain Tumor Program and managing the residency program's efforts to comply with the new ACGME work hour specifications.

The increased intensity of Meg's business activities has evoked multiple changes. For me it has meant more direct responsibility for family activities, and, pleasantly, more time with our boys, Griff, now 17, and Will, 14. For Meg, and occasionally for me, it has brought the opportunity to travel the world and meet some very interesting people. Although sometimes I enjoy my occasional role as corporate spouse, in it, I often feel more like my fellow Alabamian, Forrest Gump, than a meaningful participant. One exception was last summer's helicopter evacuation of a co-participant in the CEO Summit from Sun Valley to Boise following a head injury. I learned that, even on vacation, one still might need a trephine.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to join the Academy. I look forward to Scottsdale in November.

Sincerely,  
Griff

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

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Canada.

Dear Nelson,

Thank you so much for including me in your call for the Round Robin.

My new life without Bruce has taken considerable adjustment. Thankfully our children and good friends have been a great support. My sincere thanks to the many of the academy who have been in touch.

Sheelagh, our daughter, and her family live in Thunder Bay, Ontario on the north shore of Lake Superior. She is presently working on a committee recruiting medical personell for Thunder Bay area. They have had moderate success but as you know the whole world needs medical help.

Sheelagh's thirteen year old daughter is going to be staying with me for a month. She has been chosen as a page for the upcoming session of the Ontario Legislature. Needless to say I am delighted to have her here. Her brother, Reed, is an active ten year old and an avid soccer player.

Michael our son, after ten years in the Arctic, has moved south. He and his wife Suzanne and James, four, and Sarah one and one left Speke, live in a small town in central Ontario where he is teaching in the local high school.

My life is mainly about organization. Bruce was a great collector and neither of us threw anything away. Organization is a long way away!

My best wishes for a truly great meeting in Scotland.

Sincerely  
Gloria Hendrick

Sunday May the twelfth/02



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**RE: Round Robin letter**

Dear Nick:

Clearly, the highlight of our year was the meeting of the Academy at the Breakers that I had the honor to preside. This event, which I had the good luck to share with all of my family, will forever remain as one of the best memories of my life. It truly was all fun and camaraderie and none of it was "work". Fortunately, I made the very fortunate choice of selecting Mary Jean and Richard Morawetz as Local Arrangements Chairs and they were simply spectacular. They did all the work and made the meeting fun not just for the Heros family but, I hope, for all the attendees. To my knowledge, the meeting ran flawlessly thanks to the constant careful attention by Richard and particularly, Mary Jean.

Having had my fun with my year as President of the Academy, I am now beginning a year that will not all be fun as President of the AANS. As all of you well know, the challenges that organized neurosurgery is facing on a number of fronts are formidable and will make this year for me a difficult one, although, of course, I do welcome the challenge and I hope that by the end of the year, I can look back and say that I was at least able to contribute my grain of sand towards making things better for all of us. So far, perhaps, unrealistically, I have not planned to cut down my clinical practice in any significant way, but my good colleagues in Miami have offered to give me some relief from the call schedule so that I can concentrate mostly on my elective cases. So far, Debbie has been most understanding of my demanding traveling schedule, but her patience will be tested later on this year when I have to go to Japan, India and South America representing the AANS.

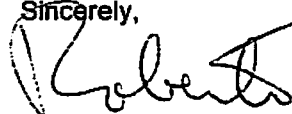
Debbie continues to get busier and busier and her challenge this year is to find another partner to share her neuro-oncology practice at the University which continues to grow by leaps and bounds. She has a good prospect in mind and we hope that works out. Rob has one more year of residency before he finishes in North Carolina and then he owes the Army four years, so he is beginning to think about where he is going to be assigned for that time. Elsie is managing to work full-time and share the care of her baby, Solomon, with her husband, Seth, who is finishing law school this year. Little Solomon has turned out to be a beautiful baby with, believe it or not, blond hair and blue eyes; yes ... there are some of those genes somewhere in my family. We will bring pictures to the meeting in Phoenix since many of you met Solomon when Elsie brought him to the meeting at the Breakers when he was two months old. Carlos has turned into quite a basketball star and the highlight of my week now is going to his games Friday evening or Saturday morning. The residents have learned that when I take the case over at about 3:00 on



Friday, it is because I have to finish and get out in time to go to a basketball game. They don't complain ... it would do them no good.

Well, so much for this small rundown on the Heros family. I look forward to seeing all of you at The Phoenician this fall.

Sincerely,

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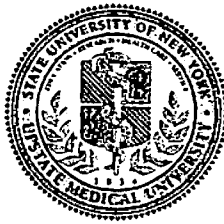
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Dear Nick,

It is a pleasure to be able to contribute to the Round Robin again. This has been a very active year in Syracuse from both departmental and personal points of view. We currently have nine surgeons in our group and have added a new Ph.D. Dr. Krishnamurthy has joined us from Hershey and has done a wonderful job resurrecting the VAH program to include substantial numbers of cases, new equipment and regional referrals. On top of this, he does pediatrics- a combination made in heaven as far as I am concerned. Dr. Yonemura who did a fellowship with Volker and then worked on the west coast has also joined us and is introducing some startling spine surgery techniques and has added a lot to our program. Blair Calancie joined us from the Miami project. He is a scientist with well funded interests in motor evoked potential use in the OR and human spinal cord plasticity following trauma. He is a pleasure to work with and has added real depth to our scientific and spine programs.

As you know very well, NY state has forced residency programs to follow the letter of the work hours rules. This has been a challenge for us. We are blessed with an excellent group of NPs and Pas as well as residents. Nonetheless, there are problems with coverage and continuity of care. This has resulted in less lab time for our residents and a somewhat more fragmented service. The hospital has been very good at providing as much support as possible however, so that I think we will eventually be able to complete our goals of training and providing significant responsibility to the residents. There is a clear generational change occurring here as in most medical schools. The favorite residency slots are becoming anesthesia and radiology because of the more controllable hours. We still are seeing though committed students headed for more rigorous lifestyles.

On a personal note, our personal family is growing with 4 grandchildren now- 2 boys and 2 girls. What a treat they are to watch grow and develop their own individuality. Every time Cathy and I get to see them (almost weekly) there are changes

in function that are truly amazing. Cathy is a continual joy and has remained very active at work in our department and helping family and friends with a variety of building projects. In our spare time we sail from Stonington, CT and hope to make it up to Gloucester at the end of July. Later in the summer we will spend several weeks in Marthas Vineyard at our little cottage there. This is a place we love and is where we were married. It remains a very special privilege for us to be able to get there periodically. We hope that any friends who in the area will contact us (508-627-3016). We can provide great food and decent wine.

We hope that our colleagues and friends in the Academy are well and enjoying their time at work and play.

My best personal regards,



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RE: Round Robin

Dear Nick:

These are tough times for academic medicine. They are particularly tough for neurosurgery units. We are subjected to federal auditing, increased malpractice and decreased reimbursement. It is clearly a low point in our professional lives. Despite all that, "when the going get tough, the tough get going!" Who said that anyway?

We remain in the black financially at the University of Michigan. Building continues including two new large research buildings. We will upgrade our own office space in the process of those building projects and expand our faculty. We need three more faculty members to keep up with our Department obligations. The current faculty of nine is a great bunch and I think they enjoy the work here. The Dean is in the process of replacing 15 Department Chairs over the next five years. I am slated to be replaced in a couple more years. The search process will start a year from now. I will continue to practice and enjoy the life here in Ann Arbor after that transition.

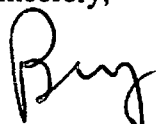
Diane and I celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to the Baltic. We had a marvelous time. We saw and learned so much. It was an outstanding cruise, preceded by several days in Norway with good friends then terminating in Glasgow renewing friendships with Bryan and Sheila Jennett. I did two fellowships there in the early 1970's when the Glasgow Coma Scale was being developed by Jennett and Teasdale. Graham Teasdale is one of our own members.

Our three offspring continue to do well and remain healthy. We now have two married and three grandchildren from those marriages. Two of our children, Paul and Allison live here in town and are thriving in their careers. Paul is an otolaryngologist and Allison is a physical therapy graduate student. Julie is a medical social worker who is married and lives in southern New Jersey.

Diane has recovered quite well from her disc surgery last fall and then subsequent surgery for a femoral hernia. She is going full blast now and looking forward, as I do, to our visit with you in Scottsdale.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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

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University at Buffalo  
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L. N. Hopkins, M.D.

Professor and Chairman of Neurosurgery  
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July 1, 2002

RE: Round Robin

Dear Fellow Academy Members,

This has been a wonderful year for Bonnie and me. We have two grandchildren "on the ramp" and two more "in the oven." We just spent the past week babysitting while mom and dad enjoyed some vacation. We are delighted that our parenting, these days, is limited!

Our department, in particular the endovascular service, continues to flourish. Our university relationships, particularly with the aerospace engineering and physics groups have fueled our academic endovascular endeavors.

Bonnie and I continue to spend a significant amount of time in Jackson Hole, where we now host three meetings each year.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this year's Academy Meeting.

All our best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nick and Bonnie Hopkins".

Nick and Bonnie Hopkins

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**  
HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH SCIENCES  
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July 9, 2002

Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins  
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Dear Nelson,

I think the theory of relativity must explain the phenomenon that time passes faster as we get older. It seems like yesterday that I prepared a note for the Round Robin.

The major change this year has been at the University level with changing of the guard at the Presidency level. Dr. George Rupp resigned his post after nine productive years and has been replaced by Dr. Lee Bollinger former president of the University of Michigan. Our own "new" Dean Dr. Gerald Fischbach has assembled an outstanding support group and plans are underway for the further development of Columbia P&S. We are pleased by the fact that our Dean is a neuro-scientist. Columbia also has been strong in the neuro-sciences and in clinical neurology and neuro-surgery and we, therefore, expect there will be even greater support for neuro-science at Columbia in the future.

My own activities in the school will continue to revolve around International University Affiliations. There has been a growing number of foreign students coming to Columbia for senior electives and P&S students continue to spend some time abroad as they have done for so long.

My non-University activities still involve fund raising for support of science and scholarship in Armenia as well as the humanitarian programs conducted by the Fund for Armenian Relief.

Our son David, who is at the Mallinckrodt Institute at Washington University in St. Louis, continues his research in teaching activities in interventional radiology there. Our son Steven is still in New York where he teaches and follows his musical interests and our daughter Jean who is in Boulder, Colorado raising our grandson very nicely. We visited them in April following which I was honored in Chicago by receiving the AANS Humanitarian Award. We slipped off for a restful vacation in Sarasota, Florida in June where we relaxed and visited old friends.

This September we are planning an extended trip to China mostly for pleasure and partly to meet with the people with whom I have been corresponding at Fudan University in Shanghai.

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We did consummate a collaboration agreement with Fudan and a student exchange in both directions has begun.

In view of this trip I am afraid we will not be able to come to the Phoenix meeting. We will miss seeing our friends and feel especially sorry for not being in the cheering section for Don Quest.

With warm regards,



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July 25, 2002

Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins  
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Dear Fellow Academicians:

My role as CEO of Cancer Care Ontario is both interesting and challenging. All radiotherapy and 50% of the systemic therapy is delivered from nine "Cancer Centres" placed in various cities and towns in Ontario. These outfits are funded by Cancer Care Ontario and have their own finance departments, record-keeping system, IT programs, etc., etc. Many of the management systems are incompatible with the adjacent "Host Hospitals" where the in-patient cancer work is performed but which is funded via that Hospital's global funding system! My first task is to integrate these two entities to create a true comprehensive cancer centre in each of these cities. The second task is that of setting up a Cancer Quality Council which will be an arms'-length organization responsible for setting cancer standards and monitoring quality and financial outcomes across the Province. This is a very high-level, expert-only group and is essentially reporting to all citizens in the Province. It will independently publish its results of both comprehensive and specific cancer responsibilities in the Province. To get all this done we have had to institute a Province-wide IM system. Essentially this is needed to link the hundreds of IM cottage industries, of varying levels of sophistication, which exist in hospitals' clinics, etc., etc. Our target is to capture 90% of all patients with cancer in the Province within two years of inception of the plan and we are on track to do this. A subset of that program is one of linking 46 small communities in the North with the two major cancer centres. The physical areas are immense (one cancer centre is responsible for a land area larger than France), but the population (excluding polar bears) is sparse and scattered. These various war games involve many issues with which you are all familiar.

Susan and I spent two months in Southern Africa, prior to my assuming my most recent job. We had a wonderful time photographing animals, particularly in Namibia, close to the Angola border. Susan took off again soon after our return for her annual walking tour, this time in Southern France. She had a wonderful time with our son-in-law's mother, her annual walking companion. Susan and I are leaving tonight for Wales to attend a family wedding and Susan will stay on to attend the Commonwealth Games in Manchester at which her nephew is swimming on the Canadian Team. Having swum in Sydney, Andrew took up a swimming scholarship at Ann Arbor, where he is studying engineering.

Jim Rutka was very proud to host the Senior Society Meeting here this Spring. It was a great opportunity for me to see some old friends. Dave Kline very generously stayed over to help with a fundraising program to support peripheral nerve research and this gave me the opportunity of taking him out for a day's sailing in my new boat.

I doubt that Susan and I will attend the Academy meeting this year as we now have to go to various cancer meetings. I wish you all success for an excellent meeting.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alan R. Hudson, OC, FRCS  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## Message from our Family

Dear our friends and families;

It is our pleasure to report that our family members are completely healthy and going well.

Takeshi is continuously working harder complaining of too many meetings, because he is managing 16 committees in his university as a vice hospital president, 7 committees in Japan Neurosurgical Society, and 4 committees in WFNS. It is not reasonable that most of the top business meeting in our university has been set up on Tuesday afternoon, on his main operation day. However this problem could have been resolved by increment of his operation speed. He looks to be happier in the operation theater. A huge business enemy might be National Insurance in the Welfare Ministry, where the hospital fee has been cut by non-rational reasons. He get up at 5 O'clock in the morning, achieving his periodical morning exercise, and come back to home later than 9 O'clock mostly.

Mieko has multiple workings; a leader of street gardening on our town community and a manager of our apartment, as well as a housekeeper of our home. On this Sunday we cooperate in gardening of our home to set up the annual summer barbecue party for Neurosurgery members. In this early summer, we went to Istanbul and London together to attend the medical meetings. She looks happy to meet her international friends in the party. It was our happy to spend a few days after the meeting in a scenery district; Kappadocia, a magnificent and miracle world. This is our best way to cover the lack of communications in our busy life.

Tsuyoshi, 29 y/o elder son is working in the computer technology of Hitachi Company and living in a different town, west to Tokyo. He was requested to buy his car by his salary, because he had crashed his father's car twice. Economical independence might be important to know the man's responsibility. He has no sign to marry.

Satoshi 26 y/o, 184cm tall second son is studying in the postgraduate course in the department of physiology. He is concerning to gene analysis now, and will work in the research group of neural department in the National Brain Institute from the next year.

It is regrettable that we will not able to attend the Academy meeting this year, being invited in China in the same period. Please give our best to our friends in the AANS.

Mieko Kawase

Takeshi Kawase, M.D.



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**RE: ROUND ROBIN**

Dear Nick;

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, I was in my room at the Sheraton Hotel in Adelaide, Australia. My old friend Harald Fodsted had just left after solving the world's problems and making a very significant dent in my bottle of Mittleton's Irish Whiskey. His parting comment as he closed the door behind him was, "Never vaste good viskey on a Norvegian". He then chortled as he headed for the elevators, planning to pursue his plundering and pillaging in the tradition of his Viking ancestors.

I considered myself lucky; Harald is not known as an early-to-bed type. I had just flown in that afternoon from Singapore. I had hoped to have some time to go over my slides for an early talk the next morning and hit the sack. The time was 10:45 PM – Australian time – not bad, I thought. The hotel had a high-speed line in each room. I decided to check my email before turning in.

I couldn't get on AOL. Someone else was on my account – my wife. Carol was probably checking out her bids for more pudding molds on EBAY. I logged onto another account and fired off an IM (instant message) to Carol, telling her we had quite enough of those silly pudding molds. She immediately IM'd back that one can never have enough pudding molds. We kept up this banter for a few interchanges until...

"Oh m'God, Patrick. A plane has just hit the World Trade Center."

I thought that it might have been a small commuter plane – like the ones I take up to Maine in the summer. I'd always thought that they flew too close to those buildings as from LaGuardia they circled around the tip of lower Manhattan to follow the Hudson before turning east.

"Was it a commuter plane on the way to Maine?", I typed. No answer.

After a while Steve Case's voice from my laptop proclaimed, "You've got mail!"



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"Patrick, a big commercial airliner hit the World Trade Center." Carol wrote; "Turn on CNN, if you have it."

The hotel TV had about 40 channels. CNN was one of them. The image of the blazing south tower was surreal. As I was watching, the second plane hit the other tower. By that time every news channel was carrying the story. The Pentagon was hit by another plane. Another airliner crashed in Pennsylvania. Then, the unforgettable images of the two towers collapsing. I watched, in detached fascination, how the antenna on one of the towers remained bolt upright as the building went from 110 stories to rubble. Casualties: over 3000; another 700 at the Pentagon.

I tried to call home; couldn't get through - all circuits were down or overloaded. It was the same story with the office. I had images of floods of casualties being dumped on Bellevue and NYU Tisch Hospitals. I had flashbacks to triage at the NSA Hospital in Da Nang, Vietnam 1968. I needed to get back. Screw the meeting.

I spent the entire night calling the airlines; mostly hearing about how important my call was to them and that my call would be answered by the "next available agent". When I finally got to talk to a human being, I was told that all US airports were closed and would remain closed for an indefinite period. How about going through Canada? No go, I was told - the US borders were closed.

"Today we've had a national tragedy...", President Bush proclaimed from the TV set. "We will hunt down and punish those responsible." Right on!, I thought. But here I was cooling my ass in Adelaide, Australia while my colleagues were probably busting theirs back in New York. Some Chairman I am!

Would the US Navy want a 60 year old brain surgeon with past battle experience to do his bit and help punish the "Evil doers"? There were no recruiting offices in Australia, at least none that I could find at 4 AM. I continued to watch the drama unfold on CNN with multiple replays of the planes hitting and the towers collapsing as I sat on hold with yet another airline. I didn't sleep that night; angry at myself for being in Australia when I was needed in New York.

Meetings of the World Association for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery are usually fun affairs. You get to see old friends who had also been considered part of the lunatic fringe of conventional neurosurgery in the 1970s and early 80s. But there was a pall on the meeting in Adelaide. The Americans were subdued and the others treated us as one would treat someone who has had a death in the family.

I finally got through to the office on September 13<sup>th</sup>. There was no joy there either. "Don't even bother trying to come back early", Annie O'Sullivan told me when I expressed my concern over not being there to help with the workload.

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"It's awful here. The place smells like formaldehyde. And it's so depressing!", Anne added. Our office is in the building next to the county morgue.

Apparently, there were very few casualties taken to Bellevue – only two people with depressed skull fractures needed our services. People either died at the WTC or walked away without significant injuries. I went on to the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies meeting in Sydney. There was no way to get back.

Australia is a great country, in my opinion, combining the very best of the United Kingdom and the US. Our Australian colleagues had organized a great meeting at the Sydney Convention Center on Sydney's beautiful harbor front. But their friendliness and natural generosity could not hide the fact that much had changed during the previous week.

About 400 registered Americans had not been able to get to Sydney. However, I did see Peter Black at one of the parties. He'd just arrived. He had to give a talk the next day and it had taken him over 40 hours to make the trip from Boston to Sydney using a circuitous route that began in Canada. This increased my respect for Peter as a man of character. But the vast majority of the other Americans at the WFNS meeting had been, like me, already out of the US when September 11<sup>th</sup> happened.

To boost my spirits I rented a sailboat and took some friends sailing in Sydney harbor. As we sailed in that spectacular harbor, I thought about one of my patients: Peter, an Australian writer, originally from Sydney. Months ago Peter had sent me a picture of himself at the helm of a large sailboat sailing under the Sydney harbor bridge. Peter had just died in late August 2001 after a prolonged battle with a glioblastoma.

Peter was a tall, blond, robust, good-looking man in his early 40s who had begun having problems expressing himself. After the MRI and the New York routine of shopping for a neurosurgeon, he and his wife settled on me. I resected the tumor from his dominant posterior temporal lobe. He then embarked on the usual quest for the cure with radiation and the various chemotherapy trials *de jour*. Peter's wife, Debbie, was a high rolling bond trader at a prestigious firm in lower Manhattan.

Debbie was not as glamorous as her husband. But she was tough, smart and very much in love with her husband whom she felt that she had to protect against what she thought to be a marginally competent and unfeeling medical profession.

After a good run of reasonable function following treatment, Peter started to deteriorate neurologically. Debbie became more desperate. She was intelligent enough to realize that open hostility got her nowhere but there was always subtle sarcasm that made encounters with them mildly unpleasant. If you can't cure my husband, you're not as smart as you think you are, she seemed to be saying.

She helplessly watched Peter become aphasic, hemiparetic, then hemiplegic, lethargic and finally comatose. I resisted the prodding of his oncologist to "debulk" the tumor that

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had, by that time, gobbled up most of his dominant hemisphere without any evidence of mass effect. Debbie's emotional interpretation of this seemed to be that I was unwilling to help her husband. Peter died the last week of August 2001.

As we were sailing under the Sydney Harbor Bridge, I thought of that picture Peter had sent me with him at the helm looking happy and healthy.

Finally the meeting was over. I was able to catch my September 21<sup>st</sup> flight back to Los Angeles and New York. As I was checking my bags at the Sydney airport, someone behind me, tapped me on the shoulder. "Doctor Kelly?"

I turned and saw a familiar face.

"Debbie," she said, " You know, Peter's wife".

"What a coincidence!" I thought. I told Debbie about sailing in Sydney Harbor and that I'd thought of Peter. She told me that she'd arrived in Sydney on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September to see Peter's family and to spread his ashes over Sydney Harbor – one of his last requests.

Our previous encounters had been tense, never comfortable but since we were stuck in a line together, I fumbled to make conversation. Inevitably, the subject soon turned to the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy. She reminded me that she worked at the World Trade Center with Cantor-Fitzgerald..

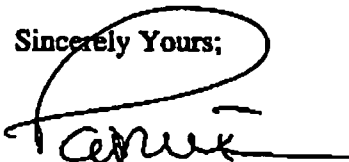
Everyone in the World Trade Center offices at Cantor-Fitzgerald was killed on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Her husband's last request had saved her life. We were now returning home on the same flight.

She said, "Let's have a drink together in the lounge."

The airport security line was interminable. For some reason, I was selected for special scrutiny. I never made it to the lounge. I didn't see Debbie again. I did not envy her lonely return to New York having lost her husband and then all of her co-workers. Some time, hopefully years from now, Debbie and I may be able to have that drink together.

When I got back home, New York was missing a few buildings in lower Manhattan. But, in addition to the change in our southern skyline, New York was no longer the same city I'd left two weeks before. September 11<sup>th</sup> has changed many things.

Sincerely Yours;



Patrick J. Kelly, MD

July 1, 2002

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### **Round Robin Letter**

Dear Academicians:

Something has happened that will prevent me from enjoying being an old man! My Bioengineering Research Proposal to the National Institutes of Health has been funded to the tune of 6.88 million dollars for a 5-year period. This proposal is based on discoveries made in my laboratory over 20 years ago describing 2 new amino acids (carboxylated derivatives of glycine and aspartate). We did a lot of work trying to discover the significance of these amino acids and got no where fast until the Head of the Laboratory of Protein Chemistry at the NIH contacted me in the fall of 1999 requesting some of the monoclonal antibodies we had prepared to the amino acids and peptide linkage. To make a long story short these amino acids play an important role in brain iron homeostasis and Alzheimer's brains are loaded with iron - particularly in the mesial temporal lobes. Iron and other redox metals convert amyloid to a highly toxic free radical thus creating another risk factor. This led to the proposal linking abnormal brain iron to Alzheimer's disease and coupling this with studies of peripheral blood lymphocytes (that are also abnormal in Alzheimer's disease) and new MRI technology designed to differentiate between iron in storage form (ferritin), protein bound iron (transferrin), and the dangerous form of free iron (free radical formation). We have a genetically engineered mouse that has iron regulatory protein deleted, that accumulates brain iron abnormally and develops a neurodegenerative disease that is the basis for developing our MRI and peripheral blood assays. We are working with Celera Genomics looking for polymorphisms in the iron regulatory gene. New sequences are being developed on this model to differentiate iron in its various stages. We will study patients with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) who convert to Alzheimer's disease with a 15-30% probability per year. Our team includes geriatricians, neuroradiologists, radiobiologists, cell and molecular biologists, clinical psychologists and biostatisticians.



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It is a real thrill to take advantage of my professorial biochemistry appointment and shift gears as I withdraw farther and farther from the day to day practice of neurosurgery. I still do the occasional cases, 2-3 per week but try to confine my surgical activity to those cases and patients that I have great interest in. We are generating some real excitement with this study and we will keep you informed as the study progresses.

Our Center for Neurosurgical Research, Training and Education is still involved in generating new surgical instruments and techniques. We are in the process of licensing a device for closing the femoral artery after puncture as well as developing a new technology for tissue ablation. We have completed a long-term study comparing clipping to suturing for the creation of hemodialysis vascular access and will be submitting this for publication shortly.

The family still takes first priority and we had a most enjoyable visit with my daughter Claudia who is now on the faculty of Barts Hospital in London. Her husband who works for Morgan Stanley was transferred to London from New York in the summer of 2001 - they lost friends on 9/11. Marie-Claire and I had to tear ourselves away from the new granddaughter - we miss her very much. Our grandson David, who lives in Colorado, continues to distinguish himself with his hockey achievements - his team won the state championship and he was selected for the Junior Olympic Training Course in Minnesota. Our son Jonathan remains a happy bachelor in San Diego and now is discovering mortgage payments, having just purchased a home. Our son Daniel relocated from Denver to California and is currently trying to adjust to rooting for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland Raiders after being a committed Rocky and Bronco fan.

Marie-Claire is thriving in California. She loves our home, our garden, and the proximity to the children. Furthermore she loves the fact that the NIH grant came through. She says she married me for better or for worse but not for lunch!

Have a great summer.

Yours truly,

*Wolff and Marie-Claire*

Wolff and Marie-Claire Kirsch

Shigeaki Kobayashi, MD  
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Dear Colleagues:

This year has been busy for me as I am serving as President of the Japan Neurosurgical Society. Preparation for the annual meeting of the Society is busy but in a way enjoyable; this will take place in October 2002 in Matsumoto City. We are expecting about 4000 participants to the meeting. A few new things will occur; one thing is that all presentations will be made exclusively by PC. Another would be all poster presentation will be made on the digital screen using large plasma displays. 800 oral presentations and 500 poster presentations will be made this way. Fortunately, we are inviting around 40 foreign guest speakers including many Academicians.

The medical environment in Japan is changing, reflecting the difficult economic situation. The government has increased the patient's payment to 30% of the hospital charge. For neurosurgical practice, the health ministry has reduced the medical charge to individual items unless a hospital operates on an aneurysm or a brain tumor more than a set number of cases. The Society is making efforts to amend this code by lobbying in Tokyo. As for me, this year will be my last year to work at the National University; I am stepping down from the professor and chairmanship next year at the age of 65. But I plan to continue neurosurgery in my practice. As a second Vice President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, I need to continue my duty representing Asian Neurosurgical Societies.

We have 4 children – two daughters and two sons. Two children are in the medical profession. One daughter is married, having two small grandsons. I am glad to be able to attend the Academy meeting this year with my wife Hideko and look forward to meet many of our old friends and to make new friends.



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July 10, 2002

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RE: Round Robin, 2002

Dear Nick:

I have waited until my return from the Arctic before writing this letter for the Round Robin. A group of 25 shared a wonderful trip to Spitsbergen, Norway in mid-June for the Third Arctic Stereotactic Conference. The meeting was organized by myself and Dr. Alain de Lotbiniere and included neurosurgeons from around the world. The previous Arctic meeting was held in an Inuit village in 1998 to celebrate the career of Ron Tasker. This years meeting was even further north (above 78° and only 700 miles from the North Pole). Longyearbyen is about as far north in the world as one can go and still stay in a hotel. Our honored guest was Dr. Bjorn Meyerson. The group met in Oslo and then traveled the next day to Spitsbergen where we stayed at the Funken Hotel, an old building that used to house one of the original coal mining companies. The meeting included wonderful arctic hiking, a five mile sea kayaking experience on the Arctic ocean (it was even snowing a little during that experience), enjoying the midnight sun, wonderful food and accommodations, a one day boat trip to visit the Russian settlement of Barentsburg (where we had a tour from the resident surgeon... thankfully he spoke French), and to top it off, we spent approximately 45 minutes in close proximity to a polar bear. Our boat broke into the ice flows near a glacier where a bear had recently killed a seal. This was a fantastic opportunity for arctic photography and all obtained great photographs of the bear. Of course the small group allowed a wonderful scientific exchange on topics such as movement disorders, brain tumor management, radiosurgery, and pain.

Susan and I continue to enjoy our life in the city of Pittsburgh and our career at the University of Pittsburgh. We have a superb faculty and group of residents. This year we performed over 6000 cases for the entire program. Only with outstanding residents could we have reached such numbers. At the same time, our research and educational programs have expanded in keeping with this caseload. We look forward to sharing personal and scientific experiences with you all.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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July 23, 2002

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

Peggy and I are grateful to so many of you who have been concerned about and asking for our daughter, Victoria. I am happy to tell you that, at present, her leukemia is in remission. She went through a very rigorous treatment protocol and is now back at home in Telluride resuming a normal life. The rest of the family is doing fine, and everyone has responded beautifully to the various stresses and strains of the past year. Not the least of these was my own busy schedule with responsibilities involving the RRC, the American College of Surgeons, and the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies. Somehow, all of the work seems to get done, and I have been able to continue to be pretty active surgically as well, in no small part thanks to the superb support of my colleagues here at U. Va.

The Academy has really benefited from superb leadership, and I hope that this meeting in Phoenix will be truly excellent. Peggy and I look forward to seeing all of you there. With best regards.

Sincerely,  


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Round Robin:

On my retirement from a limited practice dealing chiefly, with chronic pain on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001, two things happened that altered my pre-conceived conception of retirement. First, I learned on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001 that solo practitioners in our "Fair State" must service their patient's records for an additional 5 years. Second, the nurse wishing to check the blood pressure cuff for accuracy took my blood pressure, which as always was 110/60. My pulse, however, was now markedly irregular. This translated into a diagnosis of auricular fibrillation non-symptomatic which means the rhythm will not likely return to normal on conversion attempts (it did not.)

To date 15 months later, my time and activities seem consumed with practice mail, copying records, attending courts and depositions and taking coumadin.

I have promised myself that on retirement I would resume attendance of the Academy's fall meetings. Last fall I thoroughly enjoyed the Brakers meeting although, I recognized less than ten members. Now that the attendance fee is reduced for retirees, I cannot afford to miss future meetings.

My wife Carmen and I will see you in Scottsdale on October of this year. We both consider ourselves well and strong. Our daughter Eliza is schooling for a professional dancing (Flamenco) career.

Sincerely,

  
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Dear Nick:

It's a pleasure to be able to provide a brief update for the "Round Robin".

My professional life and practice remains steady and active, and I have enjoyed providing some leadership of our academic health center medical staff for two years. Most recently, I have served as the head of our Council of Clinical Chairs for the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. We are part of a 1,400 member academic unified practice plan, which interestingly is a subsidiary of a \$4 billion academic health center. Whether this relationship has enhanced our collective bargaining abilities or reduced them is yet to be seen. Maintaining physician input into the leadership of this 19 hospital academic medical center based hospital has proven to be a daunting task.

The University of Pittsburgh department has continued to prosper, with more than 6,200 patients undergoing neurological surgery in the last fiscal year. The secret of academic leadership, in my view, is to surround yourself with people smarter than you are. I have had little trouble in reaching that goal. Having surrounded yourself with such bright, articulate, and productive individuals, the question remains as to the best method to herd the cats? The model of authoritative academic leadership that I witnessed previously, seems no longer operational in today's arena. I am constantly amazed by the clinical, academic and research productivity of my own department, and the field at large.

Julie continues to be the anchor of our family, maintaining a wide variety of interests in reading, gardening, and family affairs. We have enjoyed several recent trips, most recently to Budapest and Prague, two outstanding cities with tremendous historical and cultural contributions. With our two children out of the house, we made the decision to add a third Brittany. Just like with children, another dog is an exponential increase in duties and responsibilities. Of course, shortly thereafter, both children returned to the Pittsburgh area, and so our integral family reassembled and enlarged. After six years away from Pittsburgh, Stephanie has returned, has a job at the University of Pittsburgh in Biomedical Informatics and is pursuing graduate training in preparation for a career in the administration and software side of the ever expanding information technology field. Andy, feeling more comfortable closer to home, has found a niche in electronics engineering technology, which I suspect will be the hardware side of the information technology explosion. He is

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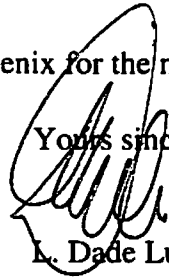
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fascinated by tools and technology. Our basement has become an ever expanding workshop containing a variety of powerful and scary devices. Fortunately, he understands them all and knows how to use them. While going to school, he is working part-time at the University of Pittsburgh as well. He and I plan to spend a week fishing in the Pacific off the coast of Costa Rica this summer, dodging weird and large mosquitoes, but hopefully no resurrected dinosaurs.

We hope to be able to come to Phoenix for the next meeting and see you there.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Dade Lunsford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

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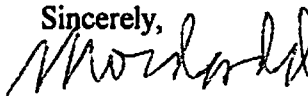
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Dear Dr. Hopkins:

Our section remains strong, despite a continuing search for a chairman of the section. The section did over 1300 cases last year and has seen a steady increase of 5 or 10% cases per year. I was very pleased to obtain an RO1 from the NIH that will fund our vasospasm research effort to the tune of about \$400,000 a year for 4 years. We will focus on electrophysiological changes in vasospastic smooth muscle cells and the role that nitric oxide and potassium and calcium channels might play.

My family is well. Sheilah continues in the financial planning office at the University of Chicago. We spent 3 weeks overall in Banff in the past year - 2 skiing and one in the summer hiking, running and biking. I ran the Chicago marathon last year for my first time in the Masters category and was the first Illinois masters finisher so I actually earned money from running. Sponsorship, however, has not been forthcoming so I will continue in my day job. Iain turns 13 in September and will be a bantam in travel hockey this year. He keeps busy with soccer and baseball. Their hockey team won the state B level pee wee and the Northern Illinois Hockey League bronze tier championships this year. Robyn turns 11 tomorrow. She continues in ballet and various musical endeavors (piano and violin). Our 8-year-old daughter, Erin, finds ballet too regimented and wants to move into modern and/or flamenco dancing.

Sincerely,  


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Dear Academicians:

As Jill and I plan for the upcoming fall meeting, it is a good time to reflect on the past year. Overall, despite the international terrorism and a few family health problems, the year has been good. Most notable among the latter was a long distance neurosurgical diagnosis and ultimate treatment of my mother. At age 89, she still drives and lives independently in the small Pennsylvania coal-mining town where I grew up. One Saturday while we were on the phone, she told me of some double vision that she thought was from her cataract surgery and lens implant and that she had arranged to go to the ophthalmologist on Monday. On Sunday morning when I again spoke with her, the diplopia was worse and now she had eye pain and a droopy lid. Over the phone, I had her look in various directions and it was clear she had a progressive third nerve palsy. I called my sister who lives outside of Philadelphia and she got my mother to a local hospital. An MRI showed a posterior communicating artery aneurysm. I called Robert Rosenwasser and he took over, arranged her middle-of-the-night transfer to Jefferson and did an angiogram and coiling the next morning. She is now back at home and doing well with hopes for recovery of the third nerve function and with a follow-up with Robert in the fall. My mother said she got the "V.I.P." treatment and she and I are extremely grateful for the speedy and high quality care Robert and his team provided.

Our children are doing well. Robin is now in her last year of architectural graduate studies at the Harvard Design School. Chris is in his last year studying creative writing and film at the College of Santa Fe. (Hopefully both will join the work-force when they finish!). Kathi is still performing with the San Francisco Ballet and we look forward to seeing her when they come to NYC and to the Kennedy Center in D.C. this fall.

Jill started the "MGH Comforters", a quilt group at the hospital. They initially made about 20 quilts and donated them to a shelter for abused women affiliated with the hospital. Their next project is underway and the quilts are for newborns at the MGH Hospital for Children. It is a good combination of her artistic talents as a quilter with her volunteer efforts at the hospital.

MGH neurosurgery is doing well. We recently dedicated the Nicholas T. Zervas Chair of Neurosurgery at Harvard/MGH and had the unveiling of a wonderful oil portrait of Nick. The portrait is by Warren and Lucia Prosperi who had also painted Don Long, Al Luessenhop, and a number of MGH physicians. Paul Chapman, who wears many hats in the department including residency program director, director of pediatric neurosurgery, and the primary neurosurgeon involved with radiosurgery in the newly opened Northeastern Proton Center, is the first incumbent of the chair. This fall we will open the Center for Nervous System Repair, a new set of laboratories within the department headed by Jeff Macklis and dedicated to developing neuroprogenitor cell techniques and their potential applications to neurosurgery.

We look forward to seeing all of you, sharing our joys and problems, and dancing the night away.

Until then,  
Yours truly,

Bob and Jill Martuza

The past year has been a pleasant and rewarding one for the Mayberg family. Katherine (3) and Matthew (7) are busy in the usual school, camp, and sports activities that keep us running around. Terry has taken up painting, and has found that she has a real talent. She thinks that the potential for reimbursement is better than anesthesia, and there is the added benefit that she doesn't have to deal with surgeons.

Work at the Cleveland Clinic continues to go well. The Department of Neurosurgery is growing and is now fully subspecialized. The addition of interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and neuro-oncologists has made the Department multidisciplinary and has really stimulated exchange of ideas. I am fortunate to have a number of bright, young faculty who keep things interesting and are constantly pushing the envelope. The Institution has been highly supportive of some new ideas, and we all have a lot of fun trying to make them work.

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Dear Colleagues,

The highlight of our lives remains our children. We continue to try our best to focus our energy on their growth. And this has been great fun. As usual there is a constant struggle between the time demands of work and our desire to be at home with our kids. Jenna, age 11, is really a great kid with abundant intellect and personality. She is always calm in a house that is often mayhem. She has great pride in her competitive swimming. In fact, two days from now I am taking her and our next oldest daughter Ilana, age 9, to the Midwest Age Groups US Open Swimming Championships. I have become a swimming dad or rather a taxi driver across the tri-state region. The good news is that it is possible to work on manuscripts while sitting up in the bleachers. (The trick is to get to the pool early and spot an outlet to plug in one's computer!) Ben, age 8, has a passion for drawing and art. I came to realize this one-day when he presented me with a rather remarkable free hand copy of a Van Gogh. His one request over the last year has been an easel, which we finally fulfilled several weeks ago. Jacob is our Bill Gates at age 6. His computer and X-Box skills are legendary in the neighborhood. I cannot beat him at Star Wars dogfight even if I cheat by tickling him in the heat of battle. Our next son Robert is my future fishing pal. He often walks around wearing his fishing vest and camouflaged pants. He would rather go fishing than eat ice cream. To resolve this issue, we frequently take the older 5 kids fishing in which the first hour is spent digging worms, the second hour fishing, and the third hour eating Dairy Queen and wiping up the car seats dripping with melted blizzards. Lastly, our little baby daughter Monet is doing fine, having been born prematurely requiring a PICU stay.

Undoubtedly, one of my professional highlights over the last year was being appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Neurosurgery. Hopefully, the quality of my work will justify this honor. One other high was receiving a teaching award from the residents. My biggest academic challenge is attempting to maintain a balance between the demands of my research laboratory and a busy surgical practice. Our department remains quite strong. We have a great group of neurosurgeons and residents that work extremely well together.

With warmest wishes and best regards,

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**Dear Academicians:**

Mary Jean and I have just returned from London. A group of us who are responsible for professional liability and general liability insurance for the University of Alabama System go to the Lloyds market every year to buy excess liability coverage. The University of Alabama System is self-insured. We found that the insurance markets are in considerable turmoil, a consequence of the St. Paul Insurance Company having withdrawn from the medical liability insurance business in the United States completely, and Phico and Scipe, two other companies in the same business, appearing to be in financial distress. Added to this, the events of 11 September 2001 have had a serious negative effect on many of the large international re-insurers. There appears to be no chance of any sort of meaningful tort reform in the near future, as the report of the Institute of Medicine regarding medical errors has been used by the trial lawyers as a reason to encourage Congress to oppose tort reform legislation.

Locally, our medical center is experiencing many of the problems all of you are familiar with. The University continues to use the hospital as a "cash cow" to subsidize multiple activities on the University campus, something that probably cannot be sustained on an ongoing basis. However, the University has come to depend on these funds, and has no place else to go for them. This, added to the problems of declining reimbursement and increasing labor costs, is making for an interesting situation.

Mary Jean and I are thoroughly enjoying the little bit of time we get to spend in Nova Scotia, and invite any and all of you to come and see us whenever you are in the area.

Sincerely,

Richard and Mary Jean Morawetz



July 12, 2002

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RE: 2002 Round Robin Letter

Dear Fellow Academicians:

Life has certainly become a bit more serious since the terrorist attacks. We are adjusting reasonably well in Indiana.

As of 7/1/02 I have assumed the half time position as interim CEO of the Faculty Practice Plan and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. It is too soon to let you know if I have made the right decision.

Tere and I are looking forward to hosting the interim meeting of the Neurosurgical Society of America in Indianapolis in October. We plan to visit Sun River Resort in August to be sure that they will be ready for the NSA Annual Meeting in June 2003.

The training program has been blessed with outstanding residents. We are still not sure how the new resident work hour regulations will affect the training.

Looking forward to the Annual meeting and golf in Scottsdale.

Sincerely,

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**Academy Round Robin Letter for Jean and Jerry Oakes-2002**

Life is good! The past year has found the Oakes' household healthy and prospering. Our two sons Matthew and Peter are twelve and nine. Matt successfully managed the sixth grade and the soccer schedule. He has been away at camp in Vermont for two months to the delight of his brother and the concern of his mother. Soccer has been good for Matt. He has developed good friends that are supportive and are consistent over the years. He's beginning to mature physically and emotionally and is able to wear some of my clothes, especially my shoes. The junior high school is just a couple of blocks down the street and he can walk to school again this year. Peter is moving into the fourth grade and is the primary goalie on his very successful soccer team. He too has spent his time at camp and wants to be gone longer next year. He has started to read for fun. Harry Potter has been a great influence. He has now read and reread the series several times.

Jean has finally left the orthopedic group she has worked with for the past few years. Their interests and hers are just at odds. She'll probably take some time off and be Mom for a while. I don't think it will be permanent and believe she will get back into medicine but in a position where she has more control of her life and surroundings. Her yard looks beautiful and finally after years of trying I think we are finally going to be able to produce some tomatoes. In the past "creatures" have successfully made off with most of the crop but this year will be different!

There have been a number of changes of me. In January I became the chief complaint department for the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery. That term will run for two years. A number of decisions will be made in that time that will be of some significance. My two meetings will be on the big island of Hawaii and probably in Costa Rica. This July the editorial office for *Pediatric Neurosurgery* moved to Birmingham. The journal will add some time to my schedule but it will be interesting and give me a chance to shape an academic vehicle into something a little different, hopefully. The American Board of Pediatric Neurosurgery continues to be a rewarding experience. The way that pediatric neurosurgery integrates with our adult colleagues is evolving and will need additional work.

Our group added the fourth and fifth faculty members. Four pediatric neurosurgeons and an active scientist make us as large as some of the largest programs, but in a relatively small state. Training residents and fellows is as challenging and rewarding as it has ever been. The eighty-hour workweek will not seriously alter the situation here.

My relaxation continues to be my shop. It is in the midst of a major overhaul and hopefully it will be complete in the next few months.

All in all we are doing well, no serious health issues, no debt and a family that is maintaining the ship in a forward direction.

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Dear Friends,

Judging by our lot, retirement from practice just means trading a fairly stereotypic life style for one that is freeform. The workload doesn't seem to diminish for us type A's. At least, Julie seems busier than ever with the Visiting Nurses and the School Volunteers, now known as "Learning Leaders." The new name is probably an invention of the marketing department like "New York Presbyterian Hospital", which institution provides us with all-day feel-good ads on the radio.

As for me, answering email takes a good deal of time, and, of course, leads to more email. I remember joining the army and sending postcards from exotic places to every friend and relative I knew. That proved to be a mistake since I received masses of letters from all of them, who no doubt wanted to cheer up a lonely soldier stationed in Paris fighting the Korean War. The press of military duty made me a poor correspondent.

After the email, then I think about CoAxia, a small company that makes an intraaortic balloon to fight stroke. The CEO is a neurologist friend with whom I share a lot of fairly weird patents on devices designed to improve the circulation. So far, a couple of patients have been treated with the balloon device, and it really seems to work.

The rest of the family, two sons and a daughter seem to be on track along with the three granddaughters. One couple is in Ithaca, and we fly Air Patterson to see them frequently. The other two are on the West coast, and we see them probably twice a year. Our son in Mountain View has joined a computer startup, and the son in Portland is exec for the Physicians for Scientific Responsibility and a regular columnist for the Oregonian.

Best to all,

*Russel*

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Dear Academicians:

Greetings from the Northwest Wonderland where the best kept secret is "that it doesn't rain every day." We are having a beautiful summer and retirement can be fun if one didn't invest all assets in hi-technology securities. Locally, Microsoft is thriving and I don't see any signs yet of a depressed economy in this region. This is a community that just spent ½ million dollars to nurture and transport an orphan orca killer whale to rejoin its family pod in Pacific waters near British Columbia, appropriated more than 3 million dollars of tax money to pay defense costs for an alleged serial killer of young women ( matching DNA evidence); while simultaneously closing many city parks and swimming pools because of "inadequate funds," the code words heralding the next rate increase of real estate taxes.

Lucy and I are enjoying our new house; she has made a virtual arboretum of the gardens. In April we attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of my medical school graduating class at Baylor in Houston – over 40% are surviving, some still in medical practice. But I looked around the room during luncheon and thought, "What am I doing around all these old men"? The ravages of age creep up on each of us! However, I am proud to announce that the WA Dept. Motor Vehicles, after exhaustive testing, renewed my driver's license to age 80 while also awarding me a Handicapped Person's blue placard for special parking privileges. Now I can enjoy driving the new Lexus around Bellevue & Seattle.

Our three daughters, respective husbands and nine grandchildren are doing fine, three of the latter now in college. We will spend some time in August with them at our Lake Tahoe place, but no more water skiing for me.

We plan to attend the Western NS meeting in Victoria and if all goes well, hope to see all of you in Phoenix in October.

With all best wishes,



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Dear Academicians:

Jane and I have rejoiced in the past year on the births of two grandsons to our sons and daughters-in-law in Salem, Massachusetts and Dallas, Texas. Their arrival amongst our other wonderful grandchildren has given the happy occasion to visit all of them which we have enjoyed greatly. Now if we could make arrangements for the "hold out" son in Colorado!? Love of the outdoors, mountain climbing, skiing the back country and kayaking are the credentials of interest.

This summer we have been privileged also to travel to The Czech Republic for a Czech/Slovakian Neurosurgery Society meeting. It was a delightful trip and we especially enjoyed our trip in Prague which, as first time visitors, we found to be a fabulous city with splendid architecture, brilliant music halls and interesting history.

We also enjoyed two days in Colonial Williamsburg with Mary Jean and Richard Morawetz checking out the facilities for the Academy meeting 2003. Mary Jean's attention to detail and demand for a special venue are well known to all of you. And of course Richard has urged that we show no restraint in planning the upcoming meeting. We do think it will be a fun and somewhat different meeting atmosphere.

On the local scene, our program continues to thrive with an outstanding faculty team and resident corps. I am really proud of them and the honor of being Chair of such a superb department. Like many of you, I am fretting about the proposed ACGME restrictions on duty hours and work day, not so much for the residents individually for I appreciate how hard they work and the benefits to family and personal well-being that come from a less demanding work day than most of us experienced in our training. Beyond this however I do have concern for an erosion of the discipline, the mental toughness and commitment to being at the bedside and in the OR that most of us feel distinguishes the inherent professionalism of a neurosurgeon. For better or for worse we've moved a long way from the old philosophy that "residents reside". I certainly hope that this new millennium continues to see the "best and brightest" of our medical school graduates looking beyond lifestyle and reimbursement. Such is the soul and tradition of our Academy.

Jane and I look forward to seeing you all at The Phoenician.

Sincerely,

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ROUND ROBIN LETTER  
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

Lawrence H. Pitts MD

Things keep evolving in San Francisco. I will be reducing my practice to patients with acoustic neuromas and skull base pathology beginning in September. That comes as a result of my becoming Vice-Chairman of the University of California Academic Senate for a year, and Chair the following year. The job entails worrying about the entire gamut of problems facing the University faculty, but I'm also acutely aware of specific problems facing the health sciences faculty that are not widely known outside academic health care centers. I hope to put a face on some of the problems and see in what ways UC can begin to address some of them. It should be an interesting diversion from brain tumors and spine aches and pains.

Mary is still busy as a docent at San Francisco's Strybing Arboretum. My daughter Jennifer continues as a faculty member in Political Science at Yale, working on her second book. My son John left his SF investment banking firm and has taken a similar job as a stock trader for a firm in London. Maybe things will pick up for those in the financial world, and for those of us who want our retirement funds to grow.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Scottsdale.



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July 15, 2002

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This is our first "Round Robin" having only been recently elected to the Academy. Peggy and I have enjoyed the camaraderie and scholarly substance of the academy during our short tenure.

The past year has been rewarding both professionally and personally. My grandchild, Cathryn Newman, 2 ½ yrs.old, continues to astound us with her pronouncements and interpretation of events. She is a true delight. Another grandchild, Andrew, arrives in October. My daughter, Christine, remembers the leisurely times as a health systems analyst only working 12-hour days. Today she is a non-stop mother. Richard completed his first year at Brooklyn law and has found his niche. He enrolled in a summer program in Ireland and his horizons have opened to include International possibilities. He enjoys studying law and living in NYC.

Our house renovations were completed after 7 months -- a welcome relief from the one bedroom apartment we occupied during "deconstruction". The piano now has an acoustically sound environment. The new kitchen has been inaugurated and Peggy continues to enjoy entertaining.

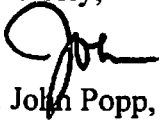
Peggy's work at the Medical Center (VP Center Operations) has had several positive spin offs for the Neurosciences Institute. Most notable is an affiliation with G.E., that resulted in the placement of a 3T research magnet to study neurologic diseases and the relocation of 5 G.E. scientists from the global Research Center to our new Advanced Neuroimaging Research Center. This collaborative research initiative will enhance the work of our present neuroscience faculty and our recent neurosurgical hire, Alan Boulos, our former chief resident who brings with him the endovascular skills acquired during his two year fellowship with Nick Hopkins.



My work as Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Head of the Neurosciences Institute has been exhilarating. The NSI has taken on a life of its own and now encompasses the departments of Neurosurgery, Neurology, Psychiatry, PM & R and the Center for Neuropharmacology and Neurosciences research. While not a "natural" fundraiser, it comes with the job and the NSI has been successful in this regard having secured \$15 million in endowment in the past 2 years including two new chairs in neurosurgery.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Phoenician.

Sincerely,



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**Dear Fellow Academicians:**

**It is hard to believe that another year has gone by, although looking at the changes around us, maybe it is less hard.**

**It continues to be a pleasure to work in the Department of Neurosurgery at Mount Sinai in New York. Our program lost two of my very close friends last year when Chandranath Sen and Noel Perin left to begin a program at St. Lukes' Roosevelt Hospital in New York. While I miss them working every day, we have stayed good friends and see each other often outside the hospital.**

**The department has grown considerably this past year. Dr. Mark Krieger, whom I knew as a medical student at Columbia, joined us in pediatric neurosurgery after finishing his training and fellowship at USC. He has been here for a year and a half and performed over 175 pediatric cases his first year. Dr. Aman Patel, who did his neurosurgical training and endovascular fellowship at UCLA, is now doing all the interventional work at Mount Sinai. This is for neurosurgery, neurology, and ENT. Aman has been so busy, he is almost ready to look for an associate. The quality of what can be done through the endovascular route continues to amaze me.**

**Dr. Tanvir Choudhuri, finished his neurosurgical training at Columbia and then did a fellowship at the Barrow Institute before joining us in spine this year. Also, Dr. Arthur Jenkins trained with me at Mount Sinai and then completed a year of spine fellowship at Brigham with Eric Woodward. Both Tanvir and Art are building our spine program rather vigorously along with the other voluntary neurosurgeons, Sunny Sundaresen, Martin Camins and Mark Arginteanu. The volume has dramatically increased and the quality of their work is outstanding. It is a joy to see such young talent.**

**The hospital has been facing some difficult times this year for the first time, but clearly will weather the storm. We have a new CEO in place and hopefully we will have a new Dean shortly as**

Letter to: L. Nelson Hopkins, M.D.

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Arthur Rubinstein was recruited to the University of Pennsylvania as Dean. As president of the medical board this year and last, I have to spend many hours each week with things other than neurosurgery. While they are interesting, I always have to reflect on whether the time spent is really worthwhile and or accomplishing anything. We all face those questions regularly.

Our residents are always fun to be with. The quality is outstanding. We will have a new experience this coming year as my son Alex joins our program.

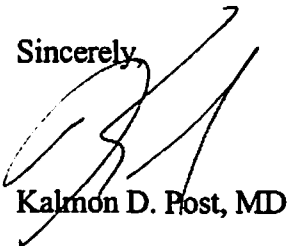
On the home front, it has been an exciting year. Linda is still working as a bioethicist at Montefiore Medical Center and thinks she has the best job in the world. There was a slight interruption for her this year as she underwent surgery on her low back with fusion and stabilization. It has put a crimp in her skiing and running but I am sure she will be back into that by next Fall. Paul McCormick assures me of that. Illana and Lawrence are doing fantastically well. Their children, our grandchildren, are bright lights in our life. Sophia is now 4½ and little Laurence (the Duke) is 3. They live right down the road from us so a needed grandchild fix is always easily at hand. Alex and Lawren are living right across the street from Mount Sinai. Alex is finishing general surgery now and will begin neurosurgery next week. Lauren finishes her third year of medical school this week and begins fourth year in two weeks. She will be applying to emergency medicine programs this year and has my vote to stay here. I feel rich having both families so close and even more delighted that they choose to spend so much time with us.

My golf has not improved, which either means I am working too hard or it never will. I choose to think it is the former but would not be surprise to find it is the latter. Nevertheless I do play at it as often as I can. For my 60th birthday last month my son-in-law and his Dad took me down to Florida for a few days of golf and tarpon fishing which was really fun. We only caught sharks, not tarpon, but the time with them and the experience was a real upper.

This coming year will be exciting for us at Mount Sinai. With my other associates we will get through the year and hopefully continue to expand our practices and laboratory, while continuing to enjoy each other, the work, and the process of aging a little.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Phoenix in October.

Sincerely,



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July 24, 2002

Dear Friends:

It has been a wonderful honor for Don to be the president of the Academy this year - what a great group in neurosurgeon colleagues and dear friends. He and I are most grateful to all of you for this honor.

We would like to thank all those who contributed their efforts to make this year's Academy meeting a terrific and memorable event, particular thanks to Martin and Joan Camins, Volker and Lynne Sonntag and Mitch Berger. I have had to do nothing but smile – it has been wonderful! I hope Joan and Lynne choose my wardrobe for all the events – perhaps a make up artist is in order as well.

The RRC continues to be a rewarding experience for Don. The Department at Columbia continues to thrive with terrific colleagues both on the attending and resident staff. Life is good with a happy man!

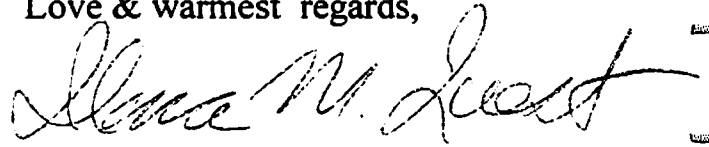
Our family has had a wonderful year. Wendy, Pete and granddaughter, Blake still love residing in Santa Fe. Wendy and Pete are presenting us with our first grandson in December. I have to find a book about taking care of little boys – don't have a clue. Amy, Ted and granddaughter Halle are in Bethesda, Maryland. Ted keeps Don's golf game on the rise. This is good. It truly is the most amazing and joyous experience being grandparents. We simply love it.

It also is an amazing and joyous experience having three spectacular sons in law. On that note, Susan our youngest daughter was married in June to Jared Demark, who works in equity sales at Lehman Brothers in New York. They live on the upper west side in Manhattan. We are happy that at least one of our daughters and sons live close by.

Although there are some miles between our families, we manage to be together quite often – never often enough, but often. Our entire family will be coming to the Academy this year and we are thrilled.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer. We are so grateful for our Academy family and look forward to seeing everyone in Phoenix.

Love & warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ilona M. Quest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

This last year seems to have passed in a blur. The clinical practice here at the Mayo Clinic in Pediatric Neurosurgery remains somewhat slow. I continue to do challenging cases, however. With regard to research, I did get my most recent RO1 grant funded on the third submission by the skin of my teeth. Fortunately, this will allow me to continue my research into the molecular biology of medulloblastoma.

On the family front, Kathy is well. Her father passed away in March of this year. She has been spending a great deal of time selling his business and settling his estate. I'm hopeful that things will quiet down on this front in the near future. My sons continue to grow at an astonishing rate. Forrest will be a junior in high school next year. Colin will be a sophomore. Both boys became certified in scuba diving this past year. Forrest spent three weeks at a marine biology camp. He had the opportunity to dive almost every day and is quite enthusiastic about marine biology. Colin continues to work on his guitar playing. I'm hoping he will become an independently wealthy rock star allowing me to retire early. He also attended four weeks of Spanish language camp this summer. He and I now converse in Spanish fairly well. My only regret for the year is that I didn't get to fly fish as much as I would have liked.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Arizona at the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

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Dear Round Robin:

Joyce and I regret that we could not attend the Academy Meeting in recent years because we were involved with other international meetings at the time of the Academy. We treasure our friendships at the Academy and regret we have not been able to attend this year because I am involved with the National Meeting of the Trigeminal Neuralgia Association at the time of the Academy Meeting. The Trigeminal Neuralgia Meeting was scheduled several years ago. It has been rewarding to treat several thousand patients with trigeminal neuralgia. This national support group has thousands of members and has a significant role in helping patients gain an understanding of their problem and the types of treatment available. I know the Fall Meeting of the Academy will be a great one.

Neurosurgery has continued to be a most rewarding career. My main activity during the past year has been completing the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue of NEUROSURGERY. Several years ago Mike Apuzzo asked me to do the Millennium Issue on the posterior fossa. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue, on the supratentorial area, is scheduled to be distributed at the CNS Meeting in the fall. I am deeply appreciative of Mike giving me the opportunity to present this work in journal form. It will be based on work done over the last 40 years and will contain hundreds of color illustrations. Zeiss and Medtronic have generously agreed to support the publication with an educational grant.

Joyce continues to be active with our children and dozen grandchildren. She frequently gets baby sitting duties when our children are on call. Our children are pleased and proud with their careers in medicine. Joyce and I look forward to joining the Academy for next year's meeting.

Sincerely,

  
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Dear Academicians,

Although the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympic Games and Paralympics have been history as of three months ago, I am still averaging a half dozen e-mails per day as we wrap up several matters. The widely accepted assessment is that the Games generally and medical services in particular went well. We owe a lot to Intermountain Health Care, Inc. and the University of Utah Health Sciences Center for their administrative leadership, facilities use and infrastructure support. To say we had our first choice in assembling our medical team would be an understatement. We had four times as many physicians go through the entire volunteer credentialing process as we could possibly use.

Because we were responsible for both athlete and spectator care, we balanced our physician leadership posts between sports medicine specialists and generalists – ending up with a disproportionate number of emergency room physicians and pulmonary intensivists, more than orthopedists. Appropriate and inappropriate use of beta 2 agonists in endurance events was a big issue and the pulmonary specialists were particularly helpful. We had a great medical team.

If medical services and doping controversies were not a sufficient diversion, I have attached a *Wall Street Journal* article and letter from the IOC Medical Commission indicating the intensity of a long-running battle I had with powerful business and political interests in our state regarding dietary supplements. Problem: there are those who believe that big sponsor money should trump bona fide medical concerns. It is gratifying that every medical institution that encountered this issue responded responsibly. They were all critical of an athletic nutritional supplement industry characterized by abysmal quality control and dysfunctional federal oversight. It's a long story for another time. Lesson: be careful from whom you accept sponsor money since they will indeed expect deferential treatment, including undeserved endorsements, in return for their money. Hardly a new scenario, but there were some novel political twists. It was pleasant to be a retired, independent has-been who did not particularly care whether he upset some important people.

Hope to see IHC, Inc. and the UUHSC cooperate and collaborate more for the benefit of our excellent medical community. Bill Couldwell will be an asset in that regard. As some of you

will surely confirm, being retired does not mean that one is uninvolved. One thing is certain. I am far from being out from under Olympic matters.

Jas and I hope to spend more time in Palm Springs this winter. With two kids in San Diego, we will definitely get down there, as well.

I miss seeing my colleagues in our neurosurgery group, but can do without the usual weekend disposition problem interstate referrals and gun-shot-wounds-to-the-head forever more.

We are eager to see all of you in Phoenix.

With best regards from both of us,

  
Chuck and Jasmine Rich

# The Olympic Doc Takes on a Hometown Power

## Utah Critic Chafes at Ties Of Supplements Industry To Games; Sponsors Riled

By PETER WALDMAN

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

SALT LAKE CITY—Utah is a place of unusual civility, where community leaders resolve most differences behind closed doors. So the determination of one of Utah's most prominent physicians to take on the state's third-largest industry is a clash worthy of Olympic sport.

The doctor is Charles Rich, chief medical officer of this year's Games and a pillar of Salt Lake's medical establishment for 31 years. His adversary: America's \$20 billion dietary-supplement industry, makers of multivitamins, nutrition bars and other pills and powders dubbed "natural" and sold door-to-door and at health-food stores. Several top manufacturers are based here, a remnant of the early-Mormon preference for herbal remedies, making Salt Lake and its surroundings the Silicon Valley of supplements.

Dr. Rich and other Olympic docs are furious at the industry for its claims to boost athletes' strength and stamina with concoctions that often contain ingredients that are unlabeled, considered by critics to be unsafe and are banned from Olympic competition. In a recent study of 600 supplements commissioned by the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission, 20% were found to be laced with substances not specified on the label.

"When 20% of an industry has adulterated products, something's wrong," says Dr. Rich, a 66-year-old neurosurgeon who issues his most damning remarks with a wide, Utah smile. "Think of the young kids who idolize these elite athletes. They can walk into any health-food store and buy steroid precursors and ephedra alkaloids like candy, and not even know it."

Over the past three Olympic Games, several athletes have tested positive for banned substances that they claimed to have ingested unknowingly in dietary supplements. The most recent case was bobsledder Pavle Jovanovic, a U.S. medal hopeful suspended for two years from competition after traces of steroids were found in his blood.

Dr. Rich says cases like that cry out for rewriting federal law to subject supple-

ments to the same Food and Drug Administration approval process as drugs. Currently, under a 1994 dietary-supplements law pushed through Congress by Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, the FDA can restrict supplements only after they've proven harmful. Dr. Rich says he's working closely with Sen. Hatch's office to beef up the law to restrict dangerous substances not identified in 1994. But full FDA oversight may be politically impossible to achieve, he says, as too many companies couldn't afford the rigors of FDA approval.

His activism is proving awkward, not just because he's bucking up against powerful hometown interests. Several supple-



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ment makers are also official sponsors of various national sports teams as well as the Salt Lake Organizing Committee itself. Executives of those companies have watched in dismay, as Dr. Rich's use of the bully pulpit has soured whatever positive images they had hoped to gain from Olympic sponsorship.

"His bully pulpit isn't helping anybody," says Joseph Chang, president of Pharmanex LLC, which paid \$20 million to sponsor SLOC and the U.S. Olympic Committee this year, and the 2004 Games in Athens. Mr. Chang says Pharmanex doesn't spike products with any unlabeled substances, and doesn't use any unsafe ingredients.

Adds Loren Israelson, who heads a supplement-makers' trade group in Utah:

"SLOC knew there were issues and should have dealt with them early on. It's unfortunate that sponsors have been put through this." Mr. Israelson says reputable supplement makers want the FDA to use its existing authority to crack down on adulterated products, but he says the industry opposes full FDA oversight as unnecessary and prohibitively expensive.

Dick Pound, president of the World Anti-Doping Agency, says his organization urged Salt Lake organizers, before they signed the Pharmanex deal, to reject sponsorships from supplement makers. But SLOC, slowed by its bid scandal at the time, needed the money, says Mr. Pound, who was also the IOC's chief bid-scandal investigator. A SLOC spokeswoman refers all questions about supplements to Dr. Rich.

Dr. Rich raised the alarm about supplements in a letter to Sen. Hatch right after the 2000 Sydney Games, which suffered a rash of doping incidents that athletes attributed to supplements. With the Games headed here, Utah doctors got the American Medical Association to pass a strong resolution calling on Congress to mandate full FDA oversight.

Dr. Rich does differentiate between "good" and "bad" supplement makers—those who avoid using ingredients that metabolize into steroids or other dangerous substances in the body and those who don't. He praises Pharmanex, in particular, the SLOC and USOC sponsor, as a responsible manufacturer.

Still, because athletes and consumers have no way of knowing which products are safe and which aren't, Dr. Rich says all supplements should have full FDA scrutiny. Industry executives bridle at the notion.

"To castigate an entire industry is not only unfair, it's dishonest," says Jeb McCandless, chief operating officer of USANA Health Sciences Inc., a Salt Lake-based sponsor of the U.S. and Canadian speed-skating teams. Mr. McCandless also complains the IOC pressured USANA into withdrawing a testimonial for its products by U.S. speed skater Amy Peterson. USANA is rethinking its Olympic participation, he says. "Any time you spend money, you expect something in return," he says.

Dr. Rich hears talk around Salt Lake that he's undermining one of Utah's most important industries. He shrugs.

"I'm 66 years old, I've been president of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, I've had a great career," he says. "I consider myself in a perfect position to say and do the right thing."



COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE  
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Dr Charles Rich  
Chief Medical Officer – SLOC

Date : 20<sup>th</sup> February 2002

Dear Dr Rich,

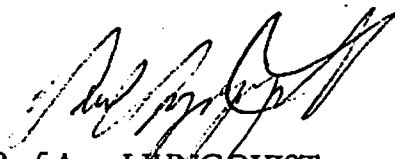
The IOC Medical Commission has acknowledged yesterday a copy of the paper published in the Wall Street Journal.

The comments that have been reported as made by you are in full line with the action, which has been started by the IOC at least 4 years ago, and which is supported by an important study implemented currently at the IOC accredited laboratory in Cologne.

Therefore, I can assure you of the full and strong support of the IOC Medical Commission. Now and in the future, the IOC and its Medical Commission will do everything, which may be done to help in changing the regulation on these food supplements in the field of the labeling and the quality control.

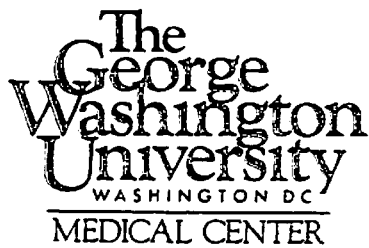
As long as this will not be achieved, warning should be given to everyone and specifically to athletes whose sport life may be destroyed by the consumption of such supplements.

Yours sincerely,



Prof Arne LJUNGQVIST  
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Cc : Dr Jacques ROGGE – IOC President



HUGO V. RIZZOLI, M.D.  
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8 May 02

Dear Fellow Academicians,

Just received our Secretary's notice- thought I'd write my brief progress note .


Anthony Caputy , who has been Acting Chairman of our department at George Washington University Medical Center since Sekhar joined the voluntary staff and Private practice 2years ago, has now been appointed Chairman.

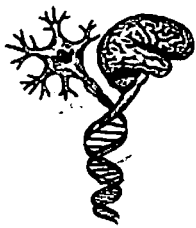
I continue to hold my own- though it has been more difficult since last August when my wife, Helen, died of COPD and complications. I continue to go to George Washington University one day a week to see patients and teach students rotating on Neurosurgery.

The Second Annual Hugo V. Rizzoli Lecture was presented by Dr. John Jane at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Best wishes for a great meeting in Scottsdale in October- I doubt that I will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

  
Hugo V. Rizzoli



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Dear Nick:

Please allow me to begin by expressing my deepest sympathies to our American colleagues and friends in the aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. In Canada, we were saddened by the inestimable losses to families, friends and humanity in America. We hope that justice will prevail.

This past academic year has been one of our best ever. We were pleased to accept our top 3 ranking applicants from the Canadian Matching Program to our Neurosurgery Training Program. Our faculty were successful in garnering research awards to a total funding level of \$3.7 million. Twelve of our residents who are engaged in research rotations received peer review funding for their laboratory research work. Sixty-nine publications emanated from the hands of our faculty and residents alike.

We were very pleased this year to host Doctors Eric Woodard, Joe Piepmeier, and John Kestle as Visiting Professors to our University. We were also pleased that Mitch Berger came as our Visiting Keith Professor, Dave Lunsford as our Visiting Botterell Professor, and Corey Raffel as our Visiting Lougheed Professor.

In our Division, Ab Guha was made the Inaugural Chair holder of the Alan and Susan Hudson Chair in Neuro-oncology at the Toronto Western Hospital; Andres Lozano became the Inaugural Chair of the Ron Tasker Chair in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. Charles Tator became the Inaugural Chair of the Robert Campeau Family Foundation Chair in Brain and Spinal Cord Research. Charles also won the 2002 Grass Award from the Society of Neurological Surgeons for his sustained excellence in research. The Krembil Neuroscience Centre opened at the Toronto Western Hospital with a large, multi-million dollar gift from the Krembil family. One of the tangible benefits of this gift to Neurosurgery was the Chair to Dr. Michael Fehlings for his work on neural repair and regeneration.

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We were very fortunate to receive a major gift to Neuro-oncology Research from the Berman family who donated \$3.5 million for on-going research in the Arthur and Sonia Labatt Brain Tumour Research Centre.

Two of our residents received sponsorship from the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) for their research work.

One of the most important events for our Division of Neurosurgery was the hosting of the Society of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto from May 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002. We were honoured and privileged to host this meeting. We were pleased to see so many Academy members who also share membership in the Society of Neurological Surgeons in Toronto.

I continue to find solace from a busy clinical and administrative office in the wilderness of Northern Ontario. My son Daniel, age 17, and I will hike 100 km together along the LaCloche Silhouette Trail in Killarney Provincial Park this summer. We will meet my wife Mari and my two daughters, Hana 14, and Marissa 11, on the last leg of this journey after which we will enjoy some time in a nearby mountain resort.

Mari and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Academy meeting in Arizona this year. We wish you all well. With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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Dear Nick:

It is a pleasure to respond to your request for a contribution to the Academy Round Robin.

This year has been a good one in many respects for the department and for Susan and me. One of the big events for the department was Art Day's joining us in the springtime. Art is bringing a different perspective to our resident educational program that I think will greatly benefit all of our trainees, and we are exciting about having him and his surgical and educational skills on board. Our pediatric neurosurgical service at the Children's Hospital continues to grow, and the quality and variety of the practice at the hospital continues to be a source of pleasure to all of us in the department. There are now four of us carrying out full-time pediatric neurosurgery in the group, and we have further divided the practice into subdisciplines of pediatric spine, ventriculoscopy, craniofacial disorders, vascular, etc. We will have carried out almost 1000 procedures over the past academic year. We are also in the midst of planning for a new clinical and research building to be completed within the next three years. We almost certainly will have our own intra-operative magnet in a room that we hope will be usable both for standard and MRI-guided procedures. Our pediatric fellowship continues to attract outstanding candidates, and our most recent graduate, Dr. David Sacco, will be joining the pediatric neurosurgery group in Dallas affiliated with Southwestern July 1, 2002.

On a personal front, Susan and I had our second grandchild over the year, and my daughter, Elizabeth, was married to a wonderful young man who will become a Greek Orthodox priest within the next year or two. They have moved to California where he will begin his first assignment. I received a not-guilty verdict in two of my malpractice trials that finished over the past year - a great relief - with only one more to go (that I know of!) next January. I am looking forward to getting off night call in 2003 and hoping to spend a little bit more time playing the piano and getting down to our summer house in

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Mattapoisett, MA. Susan has gone back to work at the New England Medical Center as a clinic nurse. She is a superb source of information regarding the changes that are taking place in the infrastructure of our hospitals. She also volunteers at a local public grade school one day a week as well.

I am concerned about the planned cutbacks in house officer hours but realize that this represents an inevitable change to a shift work pattern of medical practice that is being seen everywhere one looks. I suspect our next generation of neurosurgeons will be on a time clock.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting in Phoenix.

Regards,



R. Michael Scott, MD

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July 2002

2002 Round Robin

Dear Academy Colleagues and Spice\*,

On this warm and wonderful day we greet you from our favorite place...home! It is where the heart is and our favorite place to hang out - as long as the freezer is stocked with quality ice cream. The guest room is empty but we anticipate some of Sarah's law school friends to show up around the time of the Sturgis motorcycle rally. Have you ever heard the sound of several hundred thousand Harley-Davidson cycles for 24 hours a day for a week and a half? That's what we are looking forward to...sounds like money to the Convention and Visitor's Bureaus here in the Black Hills!

Not much new on the work side of life....Ed is still threatening/promising to "slow down." The phrase "spitting into the wind" comes to Peg's mind for some reason or other. There is MUCH medical politicking going on around here and it appears to consume a great deal of Ed's emotional energy. Nothing new. Ed and his partners just moved into their new office building and what a relief. The old office routine was reminiscent of the famous stateroom scene in the Marx Brothers' "Night At The Opera!" The new building will insure that Ed's group will have room for the fourth neurosurgeon that they are currently in the process of recruiting. They have also added two neurologists to their group, practicing as a separate entity but in the same building, and all seems to be going nicely with that change. Now, how long will it take everyone to learn his or her way through the mouse like office maze without a GPS locator?

On a personal basis, we welcomed the addition of Danielle Mai Seljeskog on May 14<sup>th</sup>. She joined Eric and Terri's 2-1/2 yr old, Samantha, making our total grandchild count five. It is so wonderful to be able to see both sons' families on a regular (and noisy!) basis. Steve & Sarah's oldest, Stephanie (14), is driving. (South Dakota has GOT to get out of the dark ages and raise the driving age.) Spencer and Secily keep us on the run with activities, incessant fundraisers, etc. Anyone need wrapping paper or Boy Scout popcorn?

Daughter, as opposed to daughter-in-law, Sarah absolutely loved her 1L year at University of Minnesota. This summer she is interning with (our) Pennington County States Attorney Office and evidently making quite a splash. They already want her to join them when she graduates, but that is two years off. We'll see.

Chris loved his first year at Michigan State and is looking forward to returning to MSU and his fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi. Does he go to class or just to fraternity basketball and baseball games? Time and grades will tell. His friends have nicknamed him "Dakota" since they never have known anyone from a Dakota territory. I guess it is cool to be an anomaly at a large school.

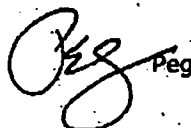
Peg continues to work diligently for Working Against Violence, Inc. the local domestic violence and sexual assault program facility. She is co-chairing the capital fund drive that is to start shortly and anxiously awaits the building of the way-past-due facility. To "round out" her time, she continues to be active with the SD Children's Home Society & Foundation boards, serves as Her Royal HaHaNess (responsible for moments of levity) in the *Rapid Free Radicals* chapter of the Red Hat Society, orders books from Amazon.com that still wait to be read, teaches sewing to the granddaughters, keeps up with friends near and far on e-mail, yadda yadda yadda! Her major ambition is to get Ed on vacation, particularly since he backed out of the Scandinavian cruise this summer. Rats!

We look forward to this year's meeting and seeing all of you in Scottsdale.

With fondest regards,



Ed



Peg

\*As mouse is to mice, spouse is to spice!

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

The Shields family has had another busy year. Debbie has enjoyed working at the bookstore and spending time with her mother, who us looking forward to receiving her "green card" this summer. This will allow her to have permanent residence in Louisville. She has bought a house about one block from us.

Our older daughter Lisa graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School last year and has been spending much of her time doing research in Forensic Pathology and Neurosurgery. It was a great pleasure for me to see a paper that we had worked on together published in the June issue of the Journal of Neurosurgery. Our younger daughter Karen graduated from Whittier Law School in May and is currently getting ready to take the California Bar Examination later this month. Karen plans to remain in California and hopes to work in the field of entertainment law.

We are very pleased that Todd Vitaz, one of our former residents, has joined our practice. Todd returned to Louisville this past June after completing a one-year fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. Todd worked with both Phil Weinstein and Mark Bilsky. He had a great experience there and he is very ambitious to make a mark for himself in surgical neuro-oncology.

Our Spinal Cord Research Center continues to grow with the addition of Michal Hetman from Warsaw. Michal focuses on signaling pathways in spinal cord injury and regeneration. We have just received funding for our sixth and seventh endowed chairs in the Department of Neurosurgery and are strategically recruiting to create a well-balanced team of research scientists and clinicians. Hopefully, we will be successful in filling our sixth endowed chair later this summer. Over the past year, we have moved into our new research center (the Kentucky Spinal Cord Research Center) of 11,000 square feet, and plans are to double that within the next couple of years. This research center is entirely under the control of the Department of Neurological Surgery.

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As you know, our ability to create such a center is based on our state creating a "speeding ticket law" that continues to provide financial foundation in funding our research laboratories. This was made possible with the energy and persistence of State Senator Tim Shaughnessy. As well, Scott Whittemore has continued to provide great leadership to our research and recruiting endeavors, and continues to amaze me in his ability to "get things done".

Debbie and I are looking forward to attending the Academy meeting in Arizona this fall.

Best regards,



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July 19, 2002

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Re: Round Robin

Dear Fellow Academicians,

The events of the past year have changed all of us and is affecting our lives on a daily basis. The fight against Bin Laden is continuing. The stock market is continueing to slide. We here in Arizona are in the middle of a huge drought with wild fires in many places in the state. The Rodeo fire, alone, burned 500,000 acres.

Fortunately, however, our family is doing well. Stephen, our 11-year-old, is starting middle school in the Fall. He had a very active school year, participating in stage plays, band, choir, soccer, basketball and, yes, school. He broke his leg in the middle of basketball season which slowed him down a little. He is doing great and looking forward to the next school year and soccer season. Christopher will turn 21 this year. He transferred from the University of Arizona to Arizona State University and really likes it. He is entering this Junior year at ASU this fall. He doesn't know what he is going to major in quite yet, but is leaning toward business. Alissa is still living in the Los Angeles area (Manhattan Beach) and is enjoying life. She is working, but thinking about going to graduate business school next year. She is keeping fit by exercising, running, and especially doing yoga which she loves. Lynne had a very busy year with taking care of all of us, supervising the remodeling of our house, participating in triathlons and doing all of her volunteer work. She, in fact, is the current president of the Arizona Chapter of ARCS (Achievement Reward for College Scientists). The latter is actually consuming quite a bit of her time with local issues, but also several national meetings. She, however, seems to enjoy all of these activities and does them very well. Even though I am the "host" for our meeting in Phoenix in October this year, she by far has done most of the work and I am truly grateful.

I am blessed in that I have had no injuries to my lower extremities and subsequent surgeries in the past year, unlike each of the previous three years. Our residents, fellows, and fellow attendings are great to work with. We continue to grow in staff and patient care, and annual operative cases.

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Lynne and I are looking forward to seeing all of you in our home town, Phoenix, in October. Hopefully, you will be able to enjoy, not only an excellent meeting, but also the city of Phoenix, the surrounding cities, and especially the natural beauty of the state of Arizona from the Grand Canyon to Sedona, the painted desert, and many more beautiful sites.

Until we meet in Phoenix,

Sincerely,



Volker K. H. Sonntag, M.D.

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June 27, 2002

Dear Fellow Academicians:

I can attest to the fact that time does accelerate with each passing year. The BNI, the residents, fellows and attendings remain a source of great pride in terms of their productivity, intelligence and congeniality.

The highlight this past year has been the marriage of our son David to Kirsten, a beautiful and delightful young woman from Minnesota, who happened to be our daughter's best friend in college. As part of their honeymoon, they enthusiastically joined Christina, Nancy and I in climbing the *Grand* in Wyoming.

I have also taken up mountain biking with a vengeance, and enjoy the comradery of a group of likeminded individuals from the Institute. Last month, 52 hardy souls joined Nancy and I, along with Lynne and Volker Sonntag, in making our annual pilgrimage across the Grand Canyon. This remains a physically exhausting but spiritually rewarding trek.

Things continue to go well both on a professional and personal level, and Nancy continues to be the light of my life.

Wishing everyone continued health and happiness, I remain with kindest personal regards

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Spetzler", written over a horizontal line.

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Dear Nick,

I might title this report – “Life after 40+ years of Neurosurgery.” Following the lead of my mentor, Larry Pool, I did not enter retirement with reservation but with enthusiasm to do something different in my remaining years. Incidentally, few of us will be blessed with 30 years of a very productive life as Larry Pool has had in retirement. My family and I had the pleasure of visiting him recently in his Connecticut home, AKA “The Green Cathedral.” We found him mentally super sharp, although physically worn. To quote him when I had asked him prior to the visit if I could bring him anything he said without hesitation, “Yes, a new pair of legs!” Visiting him July 4, '01 and now on the way back from my 50<sup>th</sup> Dartmouth College reunion, have been high lights of the years.

Sometimes I say to myself, work was easier than retirement. Keeping track of a twelve year old who plays for two ice hockey teams, referees hockey, is his school's baseball catcher and other sundry sports is enough to keep two fulltime chauffeurs busy much less one – me! Additionally he is in advanced Algebra and I struggle to keep one page ahead of him, whipping old memory banks, dormant since college days, into shape. I must say that my spouse, Bonita has had a lot to do with the family's well being and keeping me running at top efficiency. As one of her friends once said I am a low maintenance husband. While our move to more bucolic surroundings might be considered a theme for relaxation, until you consider the landscaping chores involved in 6 acres – I really did myself damage, purchasing a tractor with back hoe – now my wife says I have no excuse and “get out there and keep the ‘estate’ in order!”

The real reason for retirement has gotten side tracked in deference to all these other obligations. That is working on my stable of sports cars; now numbering 10 with 6 running. One reason for our move was to build a barn (work shop) where I could work unmolested. This I do manage to fit in between.

As far as health goes, I have done fine following quadruple bypass four years ago. I manage to keep fit playing ice hockey T.I.W. and skiing in the winter. With some help from the ? wonder drug, Lipitor I manage quite well. Next March '03, God willing I will take son Charlie with me and join Bob Spetzler's heli-skiing tribe.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends:

We continue to stay healthy and busy spending half of our time in Scottsdale and the other half in St. Helena, California where we have our Hozhoni Vineyard. We are located on a hillside where Zinfandel Lane runs into Silverado Trail. Our Rutherford Oaks wine has been well received and when we bottled our 2000 vintage we had 300 cases of Cabernet Sauvignon and 300 of Syrah. 1999 gave us only 132 of each. It continues to be an exciting learning experience.

Thor, III, is establishing himself at Mayo Rochester and he and his family are extremely happy living on Weatherhill just a stones throw from where he grew up. Like his father, he has planted hundreds of trees, wildflowers, and drives his tractor over his five acres playing farmer in his off time. Laura and John are both still happy and healthy in Tucson so I am able to see them more often.

This May I took all my family to West Point for Thor's 50th Class Reunion. He had been the First Distinguished Graduate of West Point just 4 months before his death in 1992. I promised the family then that we would return for his 50th and we had a grand and glorious time, welcomed with the special bond of Pointers for a memorable reunion.

September the Neurosurgery Dept. plans a 10th Commemoration for Thor which I will certainly attend as will old friends, like the Laws, the Garretsons, Frank Borman, Frank Haws and Bob Waller.

We welcome friends to our Napa Valley home and would love to share some good wine with you. We travel a great deal, and I will probably miss the meeting at the Phoenician as we plan to be in Italy then. But check the wine list for us as they have ordered some from the distributor, as has The Boulders.

Wishing you all good health, safe travels, and much love,

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Greetings to all the Academy Friends.

This year has been dominated by rather sad news for the family. Our dear elder daughter, such a hard working general practitioner and mother, was diagnosed at Christmas with breast cancer. She has resolutely gone through chemotherapy and surgery, no nodes fortunately, and is now having radiotherapy. As you can imagine this caused much heartache but we seem to be coping, strengthened by the example of the lass herself.

Our eldest granddaughter was operated on for her spinal arachnoid cyst last fall, by Bob Bradford at the Royal Free, with complete success. She has now left St. Mary's Wantage, and plans a career in child care. One brother is now at Marlborough College, and is taller than his grandfather. The other, age 7, is at prep school and thinks his grandfather knows everything, how long will that last, I wonder?

The London family are all well, the elder granddaughter there a really studious lass while her younger sister remains a real mischief.

The old folks do well enough, complaining about the weather, missed putts, and so forth, but fully occupied. Pauline still sings in London, and has taken to arranging musical events in the Church to raise funds for necessary repairs. Having decided never to take up serious responsibility again, Lindsay has become a Church Warden, battling with builders, the rapacity of the Bishop, and other assorted problems!

Trips this year have been to Northern Cyprus last fall to see the Crusader Castles and some Iron age artefacts with friends, to the Algarve as usual this Spring, and to Hannover to Madjid Samii's retirement celebrations where we were glad to see many old friends. Pauline has just returned from Fermanagh where the Royal Archeological Institute had their summer meeting. Lindsay couldn't go because of responsibilities as Seniors Captain in the golf club. This may also explain singular lack of Tournament success this year! Later we shall be in Scotland, and in the fall, who knows.

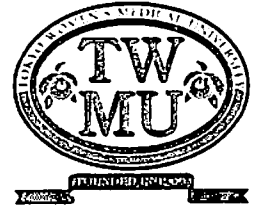
Our very best greetings to you all

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Dear Fellow Academy Members:

Ten years have passed since I moved to Tokyo Women's Medical University from the University of Tokyo, and five years have passed since I became the President of this University.

I am now busy to develop the post graduate course in the Advanced Life Science Institute in our University. The Institute has four major departments of research on (1) regenerative medicine, (2) genetic science, diagnosis and gene therapy, (3) artificial organs and tissues and (4) advanced technology for surgery. I served the President of the International Computer Aided Surgery and the Annual Meeting was held in Paris on June this year. There were many scientific reports on computer aided monitoring and navigation systems, robotic surgery, computer assisted radiosurgery and so on. We are also doing research works on the safety and risk management of hospitals and surgical operations.

All my family are well. My elder daughter, Momo is working as a dentist and married with a dentist. Younger daughter, Lily is working as an orthopedist. She has a daughter, Nana, 2 year old. My wife, Tsuneko is very busy for taking care of her. I am also very happy to spend a time with her. My elder son, Fumi is working as an architect and he is now planning a private hospital. My younger son, Kazu, graduated a medical School and is now working as a rehabilitationist.

It is my pleasant time to play the violin with my students in the University orchestra. There are two major concerts in a year.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading 'Kintomo Takakura'.

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July 31, 2002

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Dear Nick:

**Re: Round Robin**

This past year has brought many changes to my life for many reasons. I completed the chemotherapy for my previously diagnosed colon carcinoma, and within a few weeks, I was able to return to practice. I really was happy to return to clinical activities, although at a much reduced pace. My colleagues at the Toronto Western Hospital were excellent throughout my illness and provided great encouragement and were immensely flexible in terms of "looking after things" for me. I am certainly very grateful to them for their patience and understanding.

The reduction in clinical pace, however, was accompanied by an acceleration in other activities which I enjoy very much. These include being President of Think First Canada which now has 20 chapters and a budget of about half a million dollars annually. During the past year, we launched a new injury prevention program in hockey aimed at reducing both concussions and spinal injuries. Our previous efforts in the spinal injury field in hockey have yielded very good results. Our recent survey showed a reduction in spinal injuries in hockey.

The reduced clinical activities has also allowed me to spend more time in research and we have been pursuing extremely interesting strategies for promotion of spinal cord repair including peripheral nerve grafts, neurotrophic factors and stem cell transplantation. Dr. Michael Fehlings who is the Head of the Spinal Program at our hospital has been extremely effective in the continuing development of our basic science laboratories and clinical efforts in spinal cord research.

This year we accomplished one of my major missions in academic neurosurgery and that was the development of a named centre with an endowment devoted to the enhancement of neuroscience education and research in Toronto. We established the Krembil Neuroscience Centre at the Toronto Western Hospital and this was a major thrill for me. For the past 15 years or so, fundraising has been a personal mission, especially with respect to the establishment of endowed chairs in neurology and neurosurgery. These chairs compensate somewhat for the lower amounts available in Canada as compared with the United States for operating grants from Government and private agencies.

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During the past year, the Tator family has built a new cottage in Canada's glorious Algonquin Park. This has been a wonderful thrill. My doctors say that the cancer is cured, and so I plan to enjoy the wonders of nature for many years to come. This morning Carol and I observed a congregation of 18 loons swimming near our dock, and voicing their approval of our new habitation on their lake.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Dr Hopkins

The Thomas family has had a very busy year.

At a professional level 2001/2002 has seen major re-organisation of the Institute of Neurology at Queen Square with the creation of 7 Divisions, including Neurosurgery, and a similar number of Research Departments, which are multidisciplinary, for example Molecular Pathogenesis and Imaging Neuroscience. At the same time the University and NHS Department have combined together to provide a joint clinical service in the Victor Horsley Department of Neurosurgery. A further service development has been the formation of a Brain Tumour Board of the North London Cancer Network, of which I am the first Chairman, which brings together Neuro-oncology services for a large segment of London. All these developments have been very satisfying, but also very time consuming.

The year has also seen the Convention of the Academia Eurasiana Neurochirurgica in London, which Hazel and I had the pleasure of hosting. I hope that it will prove possible for a joint meeting of The American Academy and the Academia to take place in Germany in 2005 and I know that Professor Rudy Fahlbush, the President-Elect of the Academia, is trying to bring this about.

Hazel has been very busy as Co-ordinator of Clinical Research Studies in the Development, Diagnostics and Research Directorate of the National Blood Service.

William completed his MSc in Political Science and is presently living in Paris.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

David Thomas



May 27, 2002

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Re: Round Robin News

Dear Dr. Hopkins:

The events of September 11th this past year have changed lives and caused many to rethink and re-evaluate their goals and the direction they wish to pursue. I watched in horror, shock and disbelief as the planes hit the World Trade Center towers and the continuing terrorists' attacks in Pennsylvania and on the Pentagon. It just did not seem real that this was happening in the United States of America to Americans. I made a special trip two months later to New York City to view the devastation, to pray for those whose lives were taken, and to photograph the area and Memorial Wall -- an experience not to be forgotten. What transpired as a result of these circumstances impacted my travel plans. An international nursing meeting and speaking engagement in Sydney, Australia had to be scrapped as all flights were grounded and airports closed. My cruise on the Delta Queen was canceled as the steamship company declared a voluntary bankruptcy. You can imagine the headache this has caused me trying to get a refund. I am tired of all the legal hassels I am continuing to be engaged in for ineptitude and lack of financial acumen on the part of a major corporation. However, this did not deter my resolve to continue air travel with its endurance requirements of 2 hour pre-boarding regulations, security screening etc. Nevertheless, I did get back to Hawaii and California for Christmas and New Year's holidays without incidence.

After a long absence, I returned to my old stomping grounds, the Windy City, for the AANN meeting and a short presentation on neuroscience nursing leadership. There were a thousand nurses in attendance and a very receptive audience. To my surprise a number of former students and nurse associates recognized me with hugs, kisses, picture taking, and many accolades. I never knew the impact I had on their nursing careers and achievements. This was truly heart-warming. They insisted I was their neuroscience nursing icon! Well, to add to my good fortune, as a contributor to a friend's nursing textbook, I was invited to participate in a book signing event. The demand for this book astounded the book distributor, author, and me. It reinforced my belief in neuroscience nurses' desire to continually improve their level of

knowledge in this unique specialty. In the early sixties there were no nursing programs or societies, and only one textbook available specifically for neurosurgical and neurological nursing care. It still amazes me what has resulted from my forty year crusade to develop this nursing specialty in the United States as well as globally.

A month later, the AANS meeting was held in Chicago and necessitated my return. Another book signing session resulted as well as the opportunity to hear some outstanding presentations such as this year's Cushing Orator, Benazir Bhutto, and the heart-wrenching Viet Nam neurosurgical experiences of Dr. Patrick Kelly. His memories tore me up.

The year continues to take many twists and turns although family members hang in there. My step-daughter is doing well following two cranial surgeries -- thank goodness. My twin sister has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and awaits a bilateral procedure. Twins will be twins! Fortunately, I'm in my 5th year and cancer free so far.

Overall, this has been an unusual but engaging year for me with a full agenda in the upcoming months. I wish you all the best of health and a full life with God's blessings.

Very cordially,



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