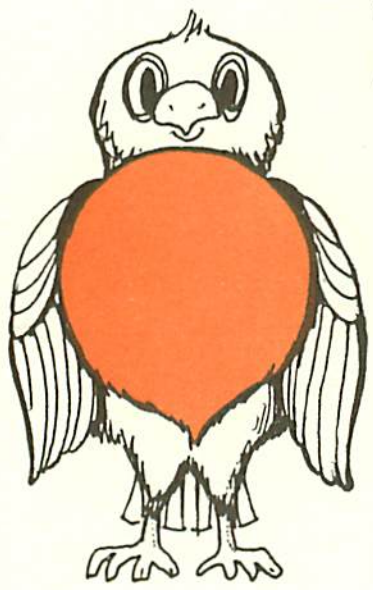
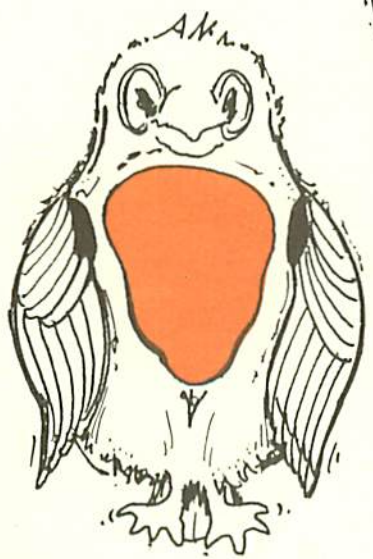
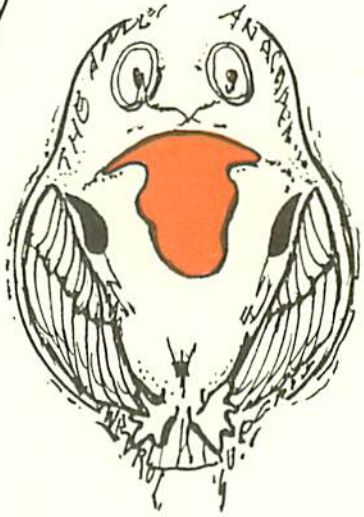


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THE MACK SOCIETY


August 15, 1989

Dear Academicians:

The Mack Society had its annual meeting immediately following the Academy meeting in Cincinnati. We flew to Philadelphia and on to Massachusetts to pick up Larry Pool, and then proceeded to New Brunswick, Canada. Phanor Perot and Giles Bertrand drove via Montreal so they could carry in an adequate supply of good french wine. We fished at the Doctor's Island Club. This is a wonderful private fishing club on an island in the middle of the Miramichi River. The origin of the name (Doctor's Island Club) is a mystery to me and has nothing to do with this particular group of fisherman. Fishing was adequate and everyone caught at least one salmon. Larry Pool was the high rod. This year's Mack Society trip was scheduled for the week of August 7th, but met with some serious problems and had to be cancelled at the very last moment. The major problem was the remnants of hurricane Alice which brought torrential rains and flooded the Province. The Miramichi River rose eight feet above normal and fishing was essentially non-existent, therefore in effect, cancelling the trip.

A second problem was that the Club pilot (WAB) ended up in the hospital with acute diverticulitis! These two events, although primarily the former, put a blitz to the trip. The date for the next fishing expedition has not been set. Anyone that would like to join this group for a few days of story-telling, good wine and an occasional cast should call Ernie.

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Dear Bill:

I am so appreciative of your being the editor of the ROUND ROBIN LETTER over which I labored less effectively so many years, and I feel pleased as well as obligated to send you a contribution as soon as I have received a request as I can.

The Division of Neurosurgery, under the Department of Surgery here, is bustling with David Kelly, one of our fellow Academy members, now elected President-Elect of the AANS.

Already we have our second faculty member as President of the Congress of Neurological Surgery, Mike McWhorter, and of course both of these elections pleased me a great deal. There is a great deal of research and subsequent publications going on in the department under David Kelly and the fine group of residents he has assembled are certainly doing an outstanding job.

The meeting in Tucson under the Presidency of Thor Sundt should be an outstanding meeting. How Thor does all the things he does including now taking over the editorship of the JOURNAL OF NEUROSURGERY is difficult to conceive. We are fortunate to have so many outstanding people in the Academy.


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Dear Academician,

Since our last letter, our whole family, both Elizabeth and Susan have returned home.

Our oldest daughter Elizabeth, after completing her MBA at MIT went on to have a position at General Mills in Minneapolis. After this, she decided to open her own business in strategic planning and has now settled in Detroit with a number of clients in a growing business. She has combined with Carolyn to form a firm called Vector in strategic planning, marketing and public relations which seems to be progressing nicely.

Our youngest daughter Susan, will go to law school this fall and has been accepted in a number of places and is in the process of making her choice.

Carolyn's mother, whom some of you have met at the last academy function in Palm Springs, is doing well and my father continues to practice medicine. Both are in their 80's.

From my perspective, health care is in turmoil nationally and locally. Henry Ford Health Care Corporation has hired a new CEO and the institution is undergoing a reorganization. The institution now has close to 800 physicians, most of them in the primary care field who have a very socialistic mentality. The specialists who represent a more entrepreneurial viewpoint are in the minority of this primary care driven system. Thus, there is much conflict and a lot of turmoil. The primary care mentality has no understanding of the value of research or superspeciality excellence. How all this will sort out, I don't know. Apparently this is a battle which is being fought in various forms in other centers.

The Society of Neurological Surgeons has begun to address this problem, focusing its meeting on program directors and those with merging departments. The increasing tendency for control in all phases of medicine are destroying many of the attractive features of this profession in my opinion.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Arizona.

Best regards from all of the Ausmans.

Sincerely,

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June 14, 1989

Dear Academy Friends:

1988 was a banner year for the Academy and the Ballantines since both celebrated their 50th Anniversaries. You may recall that the first meeting of the Academy took place October 28, 1938 and Elizabeth and Tom Ballantine were united just a month before. To commemorate this happy juxtaposition of events, Jim Robertson took a great picture of the two of us standing on either side of that beautiful ice sculpture of the 50th at the Queen City Club.

We decided to further celebrate by taking an Alaska cruise which left Ketchikan on September 23. This worked out reasonably well for the Anniversary date itself but the 10-day cruise was aborted after Day 4 when one of the diesel engines broke down! Nevertheless, what we saw in Glacier Bay remains unforgettable.

Soon after coming back to Boston, Elizabeth had her second total knee replacement and now she can run rings around me.

My own contribution to the Medicare deficit occurred in November of '88 when I received a pacemaker. I'm now the proud possessor of a \$7,000 gadget which sits just beneath my left clavicle. It is nice to know that I can avoid a prolonged (or permanent!) asystole for the present at least.

In 1987, I elected to leave the operating room and act as a consultant. The result: I seem to be busier than ever in the office, thanks to the mountains of paper work that the various bureaucracies have foisted upon us. Nevertheless, we do find time to get down to our house in Woods Hole on Cape Cod and enjoy the peace and quiet of Vineyard Sound.

On June 9, I went down to Baltimore to participate in the 100th Anniversary celebration of the opening of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. The Medical School began some four years later in 1893 and it is a source of wonderment to me that the School was only 40 years old when I matriculated in 1933! Ed Laws was a featured speaker at his 25th Reunion of the Class of 1964. He gave a splendid lecture on the development of pituitary surgery from

Harvey Cushing to the present day. Among other things, his slides are absolutely superb.

Our two children, whom some of you know, are doing well as are their children. Beth teaches at Pine Manor College in addition to caring for a lawyer husband, a 15-year old boy and two dogs. Son, Tom, is professor of surgery and pediatrics at Penn State; young Tom just finished his freshman year at Princeton and his sister, Allison, enters Vassar in the Fall. Incidentally, the "prof" is looking for a pediatric surgeon to help out with a heavy clinical load. If any of you know of a person who would like to live in beautiful country and be associated with a small but excellent medical school, please let me know!

We still have our house at the foot of Beacon Hill, a short walk from the MGH, and it would be a privilege and a pleasure for us to see any of our friends from the Academy there or in Woods Hole.

Finally, I cannot close this report without echoing what so many people who were in Cincinnati last Fall said about the Academy meeting--it was absolutely glorious, one of the best that I have ever attended.

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Dear Academicians:

Things are flourishing here in South Texas. The weather is hot and dry, but the activities of the Division of Neurosurgery are proceeding at a great pace.

In February 1989, I sustained a herniated L4-L5 disc which caused some pain and then, suddenly, a foot drop. The wonders of neurological surgery came to my rescue and I have made a fine recovery. I can now claim empathy with patients similarly afflicted.

I am currently serving as President of the Southern Neurosurgical Society and find this to be a delightful pursuit.

Our son, Willis III, is studying Business at the Marquette University in Milwaukee, and our daughter, Lisa, anticipates attending Boston College as a transfer student in Art and Art History in the fall.

Ann stays busy with numerous community activities, and there does not seem to be enough time for everything.

We look forward to seeing you in Phoenix!

Ann joins me in sending best regards to each of you.

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Dear Academicians:

The Buchheit's had a busy year, especially Lyn and Megan.

Lyn has maximally committed herself. She is enrolled in the educational linguistics Ph.D. program at the University of Pennsylvania, which began with a summer session this August. At the same time she is the coordinator of the Germantown Literacy Center, president of the Women's Auxillary of Temple University Hospital and in that capacity a member of the Hospital Board of Governors. These projects plus the house, Megan, myself, two cats and two dogs keep her very busy.

Megan continues on at school and is about to enter the sixth grade. She is doing extremely well. She likes school and follows a steady routine. She is busy like her mother and has completed her fifth year of violin lessons and on one occasion this year, she and her group played with the Philadelphia Orchestra. That was very exciting! She is also learning to play the guitar and spending more than her share of time on the new computer.

On a lighter side, we got a new dog named Misty from the SPCA. She is a beautiful English Setter whose beguiling nature convinces us that she was obviously lost. Two weeks after we got her we took her to the veterinarian to be spayed, and much to our surprise we found out that she was pregnant! Two weeks later, she gave birth to six puppies in our sun room. This was an enlightening experience for Megan and a shock to Mum and Dad. The dog population increased from one to eight in a four week time period. The puppies are now gone and life is back to normal.

In the spring we were skiing again in Obörgurgl, Austria. Ernst Grote and

Julia joined us and we had a great time. Ernst is quite a good skier and a character to be with on holiday. The newspaper reports led one to think that there was no snow in Europe, but this couldn't have been further from the truth. Obergurgl was nicely covered with snow and the days were warm and sunny. It all worked out to be a perfectly great vacation.

My life is essentially the same. Aside from the Department obligation, I have been elected for the second year in a row as Chairman of the Medical Staff Executive Committee. At Temple, this office functions as Medical Director of the Institution. This job, plus being Chairman of the Practice Plan, has given me two lightning rod-like jobs, but has improved substantially the position of Neurosurgery within the Hospital, Medical School and University as a whole. I am finding these jobs quite interesting and probably have, as a result, more of an impact on what happens around here than does the Department of Neurosurgery as an isolated group.

The Buchheits are looking forward to seeing everyone in Tucson.

WAB



April 24, 1989

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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

In response to your letter of March 30, 1989 I shall try to update the events of our family, during the past year, for the Round Robin.

Our oldest son Shelley and his wife Stephanie presented us with our fourth grandchild, a boy, this past March. His name is Shelley Braiden Mei-Xin Chou. He is healthy and Mom is doing well. They have bought a house in Salt Lake City and will be living there permanently.

Our daughter Dana is still living in Denver. She has patiently built up her own practice in Marriage and Family Therapy and can now refer people instead of needing the referrals. She is very good at what she does-I frequent her couch on occasion myself-and she brings a sense of compassion and sensitivity to her work that is beyond her years. She is looking for a house there. We really wish she could come home, but we realize that the hard work it took to build the practice is a strong reason to stay.

Our youngest son Kerry completed his MBA at Minnesota and works in management for Northwest Airlines. He loves his job and we are hoping that the takeover by Mr. Davis does not occur. His wife Andrea will deliver her third child later this summer giving us a fifth grandchild.

Our biggest news by far is that Shelley is stepping down as chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery the end of June, 1989. He has decided to give up doing surgery, as well. I share the view of one of the anesthesiologists, who upon learning that he would not operate after June said "That's like Rembrandt giving up painting." A very nice compliment indeed.

I'm sure our lives will change a great deal, and some adjustments will have to be made, but at this age change is to be expected, even to look forward to.

We are looking forward to welcoming Roberto and Debra Heros August 1st, as Department Head and as faculty member in the Department of Neurology, respectively, and getting to know them better when they arrive.

We will be traveling to India in the fall to attend the World Congress meeting in New Delhi. We will also be going into China to see Shelley's mother. She is ninety years of age so there will be a gathering of relatives for a celebration. Upon return we will be taking it one day at a time until we become accustomed to our new life and see which direction it will take.

We are looking forward to this years issue of the Round Robin to catch up on the news of other Academicians and thier families.

With very best regards,

Jalene Chase

PS: Shelley says that this letter is not complete without mentioning briefly what he went through in a malpractice suit against him. A member of this academy in good standing who is a self proclaimed ethicist reviewed the case and decided that everybody including eighteen nurses, two residents and Shelley himself as well as the University of Minnesota Hospital were at fault. He came to testify as an expert witness and returned in a rebuttal. The jury's verdict was no negligence and awarded zero compensation. This case is being appealed .

We will keep you posted in our next communication. We like to thank those members of the Academy who rendered moral and/or personal assistance.

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April 15, 1989

My Dear Doctor,

Your request for the Round Robin came this morning. It is with a heavy heart that I tell you my dear Don died September 15, 1988.

The children and I miss this wonderful, splendid husband and father, and dedicated man.

Don's ashes are now entombed in the Abbey, Kansas City, Missouri which was our home (Missouri) for many years.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

It appears that the old saw "time flies faster with each passing year" is true since it seems I just wrote to the Round Robin a few weeks ago. Things have changed and the Collins' have in the past two years, almost caught up with our medical insurance that is we have used up about every dollar we have ever paid into it so we are on that side of the ledger now of receiving more than we gave. As a complication of the steroids I was given for my colitis two years ago, I developed bilateral aseptic necrosis of my hips and had them replaced. I am certain everyone must be aware of how bad things have to get before a neurosurgeon lies down to have an Orthopod operate on him but not only has it gone well, I can assure you it is an amazingly, effective operation. There was another complication a few months before my surgery when Gwen developed a pneumococcal empyema requiring a couple of thoracotomies. I was impressed with how sick that bug can make a person in just a few hours. She also is well and the episode caused both of us to stop smoking, so maybe it will have a positive effect in itself. I can remember how dull it was for me to listen to old people talk about their illnesses and operations. But I understand it a little better now and while I understand how encompassing such experience is, I hope the above is the last comments that I will have to make about them.

I continue as Chairman of the Department of Surgery but decided last year that as I approached 65 I would not operate any longer. I am still not certain it was the best decision because I miss surgery and particular miss working with the residents and getting the positive feedback from the patients. I find my memory is such that I do not remember quite as much about the negative feedback in Neurosurgery. The reason for my decision was that I wanted to stop before someone other than myself thought I should, and perhaps that is selfish. In contrast to being a neurosurgeon

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on the faculty, the Chairman's job is almost entirely a negative feedback situation, that is one hears of everything that goes wrong with more than a minor implication that it is the Chairman's fault and also how somebody else in the department was successful in doing something right despite the Chairman's efforts. I am slowly getting used to this but I am hoping in the near future to have some other activities particular in research and in writing so that perhaps some positive feedback will occur. The department, with a few setbacks, is doing well and the President of the University has asked me to continue for another three years. I hope within the next year or two to have a number of things in the department straightened out and the progress that we have made in the last two years will be more firmly entrenched.

I decided in accepting the Chairmanship for another three years that I could not continue as Editor of the Journal. I had not expected the editorship to take so much time but almost all my nights and weekends have been devoted to it and while I have enjoyed it and learned a lot, I felt I could not continue much longer. Thor Sundt will become the next editor and I am certain he will do an excellent job.

I am in the process of writing a grant to look at a technique which looks very encouraging and which could be used to support the hypothesis that there is continuing secondary neuronal damage following injury to the nervous system. The technique identifies damaged neurons within minutes of the time they are damaged whether the damage is hypoxia, contusion or toxicity. The technique needs to be worked on a little bit more but it does look very encouraging and I am looking forward to using it to identify methods of controlling the response of the nervous system to injury. In addition, I have started on a syllabus for our clinical clerks as they rotate through Neurosurgery. I had been against the idea of putting together an outline for the students but the more I see of them and because they have such a brief time on the service, I am convinced that they need to be lead through the clerkship if they are to get anything out of it. This is almost a heretical opinion at Yale since the Medical School uses the concept that they do not teach medicine but allow people to learn it. The theory is that the students will continue learning for the rest of their lives rather than waiting to be taught. A few years from now I will try to evaluate what this does to see if it makes any difference but I do find it very discouraging to come across students who still are having difficulty knowing that the right side of the brain controls the left side of the body. Maybe I forget how little my classmates and I knew.

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I look forward to our meeting in the Fall. Gwen and I will do our darnest to be there. My best to all the members.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

This is an attempt to answer your "annual plea for a letter for the Round Robin". It also gives me an opportunity to practice my Word Processing skills(?). One of the very few things that I miss in retirement is the availability of secretarial help (and ready access to a copying machine).

I am fulltime retired and loving it! I go by the office on a weekly basis to go through the mail, which still comes there in great volume. Half of it is easily discarded, and of the remainder, requests for records from attorneys are the principal constant. Along this line, I am waiting for a call to testify in a neighboring county this week, and am under subpoena for another case in my home county for next week, and have a deposition for next week as well. All of these are personal injury and Workmen's Compensation cases brought by former patients. Even in the backwaters of North Carolina this is obviously a growing problem; the nice thing for me is that my schedule is now more flexible and the Statute of Limitations will take effect one of these days.

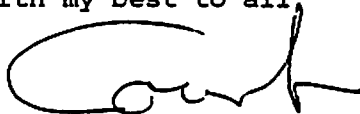
Related to medicine I act as ombudsman for our county Medical Society, am a member of the local Medicine/Business Coalition, and am actively involved with FIENS (The Foundation for International Education in Neurosurgery), and with the University of Virginia Medical Alumni Association.

On a more personal note I am actively supporting the Arts (Carrie is an accomplished artist and collector). This involves many pleasant and interesting activities and associations. My personal artistic involvement centers around our yards at home and at Lake Norman. Childhood and young adult skills in gardening, which faded during active professional years, are slowly being relearned and enjoyed. It's amazing how planning, preparation, and sun influence the production of beautiful blooms.

Then, last summer, after being embarrassed by several grandchildren, Carrie and I decided we would become "computer literate"! We took a course at our local community college and loved it. Because of Carrie's artistic interests, we purchased a Macintosh II, some appropriate software, and take delight in rainy days (such as today) when we can stay home and correspond, draw, create files and inventory lists, and explore the many other capabilities that we continue to discover.

You also invite comments about the kids; as appealing as this topic is, with our combined families of two great grandparents, eight children, and nine grandchildren my response might be overwhelming. Suffice it to say, this group in itself is sufficient to ensure against boredom!

With my best to all,



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Dear Bill:

I appreciate your effort on our behalf. It's fun to read all the letters that have come in response to your pleas. I'm afraid I haven't scored very high on my response rate in recent years.

As many know, I have rejoined the Cleveland Clinic after being away since 1981. The invitation to be part of the new venture was more than I could resist. Cleveland Clinic Florida opened its doors in Fort Lauderdale a little over one year ago and has been steadily growing. We now have about 55 doctors and almost every specialty represented. The response from patients and the community, in general, has been gratifying--overwhelmingly so. The reaction from the medical community has been negative, but not uniformly so. Time will ameliorate that situation, I believe.

I am the only neurosurgeon. We have three neurologists. Needless to say, I've been busy. Michael Feely, who trained with us at the Cleveland Clinic, will join us soon from University College, Cork, Ireland. I look forward to that.

The negative side of the move was leaving our home (once destroyed by a hurricane and rebuilt) in Pascagoula, Mississippi. For Carolyn it was not only tough to leave her home and thriving law practice, but especially to have to

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take the Florida Bar Examination. Fortunately, she passed with flying colors and is practicing here--defending doctors mostly.

My three children (ages 31, 34, 36) all settled in Colorado--no doubt a reflection of their college location and our old vacation home in Vail. I still get out there--but more for visits than recreational pursuits. Five grandchildren have something to do with the trips, I'm sure.

If any of the Academicians get down this way, we would welcome a visit. One fringe benefit of being in Fort Lauderdale has been the opportunity to see Wally Hamby once in awhile. He's been here for 20 years and is doing fine--still working on his golf handicap.

Sincerely,



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June 26, 1989

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Dear Bill:

The Drakes continue to thrive. Ruth received her B.A. two years ago but continues with University courses. I think she is quietly working toward an M.A. in Political Science. She keeps busy with other things but has a special interest in a lovely Heritage home and park that she manages.

John does almost no law now and is deeply involved in the business world - dealing in figures that are staggering to me. He and Mary Beth are moving to Dallas in August for a few years, I think he sees some opportunity there.

Jim finished his year in Paris and was impressed with what went on on the Hirsch unit. Jane and the children enjoyed Paris; the children are fairly bilingual. Jim was taken on as the fourth staff neurosurgeon at The Hospital For Sick Children in Toronto as a Lecturer. His research interests are centered on the CSF circulation.

Steven received his M.B.A. last week and has moved with Martha and the children to Michigan. He is managing a large plant near Port Huron for a large Canadian Corporation.

Tom, the electrical engineer, has returned from the West, having been recruited by IBM in Toronto where he is deeply involved building their new facility.

You might imagine that Ruth is a bit upset since none of her sons and grandchildren will now be around home.

I am still working although not like before, but happily without any administrative responsibilities. I have always felt that old surgeons should not persist and interfere with the development of young surgeons on the unit and let them have their head. Even though I may do three or four cases a week when I am home, I am told my interference with their careers is minimal since they consist almost entirely of aneurysms and AVMs from elsewhere which might not otherwise come to the unit.

We have taken on young Howard Reichman, who trained with us and on whom we are betting for a bright future in vascular neurosurgery with Skip Peerless.

Ruth joins me in our warmest best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

You certainly are diligent re: Round Robin - I also should indicate how pleased I am with your doing this chore.

Our nomadic lives continue - Oklahoma with the kids about four months time - then up here more or less the remaining time. We get 2 springs and 2 falls - recently the winters in Oklahoma are worse than New Hampshire.

Here we have a group interested in pineal function - we are getting off the ground. My interests go back about 50 years - challenged then as a second year medical student with a case of precocious puberty. Our group consists of 5 different specialties. Will also increase my teaching at Dartmouth Medical School with Neuroanatomy. I have always believed very strongly that the surgeon of any specialty is the best teacher of anatomy in his respective specialty. Certainly he can correlate with many of the subspecialties of neurological science. The demands of neurological science are reflected in the tremendous outpouring of data in the last decade.

Woodcutting and hiking, as well as rowing in the summer, are big occupiers of leisure time. Connie and I enjoy this whole setting greatly, but it is good to be with the kids and grandchildren in the winter.

Bob has recently completed his work at UCLA in audio engineering. Dave is in construction hoping that solar energy, his major interest, gets underway again. Carol is thriving on raising 4 kids.

Best to all - hope to see you this fall.

Best wishes,

Bob Fisher

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Dear Academicians,

Our contribution this year is comparatively minimal - but I guess that's to be expected as one gets farther and farther from ones professional life. Both Gene and I are in good health and fundamentally doing the things we enjoy and want to do.

I continue to consult (not seeing patients) on health administrative matters, we travel some, Gene is an inveterate dress maker and bed spread maker, we read a lot and play golf.

Our children are all doing well. Our oldest, Frederick, has been married almost twenty four years. He and his wife Barbara have a daughter thirteen years old who goes to Shattuck-St. Marys School in Northfield, Minnesota.

Our next son, Eldredge, and his wife are both in merchandizing and travel a great deal. They have two children, both under three years of age.

Barbara, our daughter, is married and has a boy names Adam (age 2 years). She and her husband have just moved to Seattle, a city both like very much.

As far as Gene and I are concerned, we are in Pauma Valley, California about six months (obviously during the winter) and then spend the rest of the time in our cabin in northern Wisconsin or at Sun Valley where we have a town house. So we keep busy.

Shelley Chou wants to step away from running our department at the University. He's been the head over seventeen years. I understand we will be getting a person I consider an excellent surgeon, a person I believe will do very well as the new head - we are all happy about this. I still have an office at the University and can always be reached there.

Best regards,

Gene & Lyle French

OBITUARIES

John Douglas French, 77; Brain Disease Researcher

John Douglas French, a founder of the UCLA Brain Research Institute whose personal battle with Alzheimer's disease took on public overtones when his wife, diva Dorothy Kirsten, began a lengthy campaign to house the disease's victims, died Wednesday, Jan 25, 1989.

He was 77 and died at the Alzheimer's care facility in Los Alamitos that bears his name. Opened in November, 1987, the John Douglas French Center for Alzheimer's Disease was the nation's first facility designed and built to care for those affected by the degenerative brain disease.

French's wife, who once was the definitive "Madame Butterfly" at the Metropolitan Opera Company, has said that when her husband was found to have Alzheimer's in 1982, there was no suitable facility for his care. She embarked on the campaign to build one.

She created the French Foundation for Alzheimer Research to advance scientific and medical research and to provide methods for

carrying for America's 3 million Alzheimer's patients. The center was built through the foundation.

French's fate was ironic, since he was a physician who devoted most of his career to the mysteries of brain disease.

A native of Los Angeles, he earned his medical degree at USC and received additional training in neurosurgery in the East.

In the late 1940s, French directed the residence program in neurosurgery at Long Beach Veteran's Hospital. There, he met Professor H. W. Magoun, with whom he later co-founded the UCLA Brain Research Institute. He served as its director for 20 years.

French's research focused primarily on brain mechanisms related to epilepsy, comas, anesthesia, sleep and wakefulness.

He and Kirsten married in 1955 and they often traveled together; he to attend medical meetings, and she to sing.

"It was terrible to watch this beautiful man deteriorate before



John Douglas French

my eyes," she said at the 148-bed center on the eve of its opening. "But I'm very pleased that he will finish his days here."

A memorial service will be held at the Bel Air Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p.m. Monday. His wife has asked that in lieu of sending flowers, memorial contributions be made to the French Foundation for Alzheimer Research, 11620 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 260, Los Angeles, 90025.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. John Douglas French, an internationally renowned neurosurgeon and scientist who co-founded and served as the first director of the UCLA Brain Research Institute, died recently of Alzheimer's disease. It was an ironic twist of fate for a scientist who devoted four decades of his life to unraveling the mysteries of brain disease.

Born in Los Angeles in 1911, French received his undergraduate degree from UCLA and his medical degree from the University of Southern California. In 1959, French co-

founded the UCLA Brain Research Institute with fellow UCLA School of Medicine faculty member Dr. H. W. Magoun and served as its director.

Under French's leadership from 1959 to 1976, the UCLA Brain Research Institute grew significantly, more than doubling its membership and securing its reputation as a leading center for neurosciences. French retired from the UCLA faculty in 1976.

He is survived by his wife, opera diva Dorothy Kirsten French, who resides in West Los Angeles, and his niece, Susan Chapman, of Pacific Palisades.



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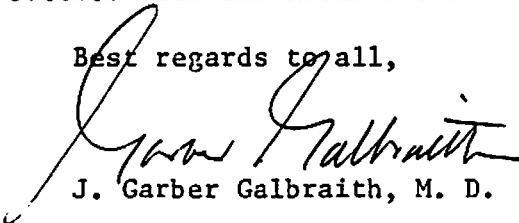
This response is one of appreciation for the fine job you are doing with the Round Robin. It is always a pleasure to peruse this publication.

Having retired from active practice several years ago, my activities relate mainly to undergraduate teaching of medical students. It is my good fortune to have contact with our students in gross and neuroanatomy in the freshman year, neuropathology and neuroscience in the sophomore year, and clinical neurosurgery in the junior surgical clerkship. This activity is a real pleasure and I can heartily commend similar activity to any retiree who enjoys contact with medical students.

A consequence of this activity has been the motivation of a number of our brighter students to pursue careers in neurosurgery, neurology, and allied fields.

Best wishes for your continued success with the Round Robin.

Best regards to all,


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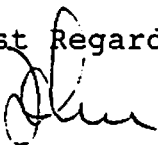
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Dear Academician:

1988 was a year of change for Candace and me. We bought a new house, traded in the sail boat for an airplane and launched the last of my children into an apartment of her own. All three children are doing well. The oldest, Christian, is a mortgage banker in Orange County. Karen, the middle child, is in the Fine Arts business in Newport Beach, and the youngest, Kimberly, is an executive with Bullock's Corporation here in Los Angeles.

Bill Caton's and my practice continues to grow and this has kept us extremely busy and close to home. We are, of course, making plans to attend the meeting in Tucson.

Best Regards,



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Dear Bill:

I will pass this note along to Marianna for any additional comment, editorial or otherwise, she feels indicated for the Round Robin. The major events in our lives this current year have been the graduation of our oldest son, John, from Harvard College and our plunge finally into the construction of a vacation home on the Carolina Coast. John has majored in Genetics and has been doing an honors thesis in it. He has found the subject fascinating and has been studying the inheritance of cerebellar folial patterns in an inbred strain of mice. He tells us he has identified and mapped two new genes involved in cerebellar growth and maturation, and has also discovered a new genetically determined cerebellar malformation in this strain of mice. Although the arena seems familiar, the actual details of all of this leave me in the dust rather rapidly. In any event, he has enjoyed his 4 years in Boston and is interested now in pursuing a career involving the legal aspects of genetic engineering, with a bias towards patent law applications. Our younger son, Steven, has just finished his first year at Centre College here in Kentucky, and is also, somewhat to my chagrin as a physician, leaning towards law. Marianna and I have kept our spare time fairly fully occupied with trying to stay ahead of the construction activities at Kiawah, so as to not be responsible for any holdups. We have never been involved in building a house, and in fact, have only owned one home in our lives to date. Tile selections, paint selections, flooring selections, plumbing options and appliance choices all seem to go on and on. I have been teasing Marianna that this project is my "Mini-Mahal" for her. I am not sure that she is really amused by this but, in spite of the hassle, it has been more than a little exciting. We are hoping travel schedules will permit as many any possible to stop in and say hello, and share the sun, sand and surf with us.

William A. Buchheit, M.D.

June 2, 1989

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As many of you know, I have had plans in place for almost 5 years now to transfer Chairmanship of the Division of Neurological Surgery here at the University over to Chris Shields when I turn 60. That magical date does occur this Summer. I will be remaining fully active in the Division, both academically and clinically for at least another 5 to 7 years barring the unexpected. I came to Louisville as the first full-time faculty member in Neurological Surgery in 1971. We currently have a faculty of 7 (5 Neurosurgeons and 2 Ph.D's). We plan to add another Neurosurgeon to our group next Summer if all goes well. Both clinical and research activities have been steadily increasing with 3 major externally funded grants presently in place. Chris Shields has played a very major role in the success and growth of our Division, giving me every confidence that the Division will continue to grow and prosper under his direction. Marianna and I are looking forward very much to seeing you all this Fall in Arizona. We both grew up in Tuscon and still have a strong feeling of coming home when we see the Tuscon Valley and the mountains surrounding it.

Sincerely,



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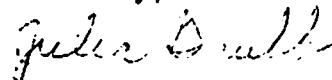
Professionally, the last few years have been dominated by the incredibly drawn out process of finding a replacement for Sid Goldring as chairman at Washington University. At this writing, the issue is not yet settled. Incurable workaholic Bob stays as busy as ever 1: developing a large practice in skull base surgery with rewarding results in cooperation with Dr. Peter Smith of the Otolaryngology Service. 2: working on PET research projects and 3: reading unending stacks of Journal articles. The Journal's editorial board looks forward to working with the newly elected editor-Thor Sundt. Bill Collins has done such a great job that he will be a hard act to follow, but Thor is the man to do it.

Our family has coped variously this year with the departure of Robert, number one son, for freshman year at Davidson College. With the choices of Williams, Dartmouth or Davidson last May, he agonizingly went for roots and weather and has been fairly happy with his decision. I went into a minor decline, missed my son and his crowd of friends in and out of the house at all hours of day and night, and filled in with a time-consuming volunteer job with United Way and a job writing the PTO newsletter at Mary Connell's school-on a word processor, no less. Am I high tech or what and does it qualify as "a career in writing" to drop in conversation at meetings with spouses who are investment bankers, real estate moguls and university professors? Bob missed having a built in "Horse" player on the backyard basketball goal and also missed a huge chunk from his bank account- where do they spend all that \$? Mary Connell missed only the clothes she used to sneak out of his room, but loved having the bathroom to herself. A 14 year old girl clocks in hours and hours of primping time.

The family ("extended" often past the limits of the rickety old beach cottage) will convene again- since 1939-at Pawley's Island, South Carolina and celebrate three important events: my 50th birthday and my mother's 80th, and our 25th wedding anniversary.

Hope to see you all in Tucson this fall.

Sincerely,



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ROUND ROBIN

Dear Bill, Your solicitation of ROUND ROBIN material caught me "Mind-Barren" until, leafing thru a copy of NEUROSURGERY, it occurred that a look at "How it was done in the olden days", as Jim Gardner used to say, might interest some of you "Kids." Migawd! has it 20 years, a generation since I retired?

A peek into my 1952 INTRACRANIAL ANEURYSMS notes the difficulty we had convincing Internists that bloody spinal fluid in a "stroke" patient indicated a Neurosurgical emergency. We originally located the occasional aneurysm by the neurological signs induced by its pressure on adjacent structures. Then we learned to needle the carotids and to help the Radiologists expose films, even designing crude casset-holders for the purpose. We "Educators" had to educate ourselves before we could teach others. We did this by visiting our colleagues periodically and watching them work. An annual meeting or two furnished contact with friends across the country. We never paid large sums for the privilege of "picking their brains" when we met, altho I realize that the privilege now requires large financial outlay by the providers.

And the technology! Ah, how we would have loved the microscope, altho we felt blessed by the loupes, even tho they didn't light the bottoms of the holes. We had suction and irrigation and the Bovie and early-on we shifted the toil of hand drills to the motor. Not enough recognition has been given Rupe Rainey for his early contributions to our technology. Dr. Cushing gave us our first silver clips and his successors have added a bewildering variety of improved models.

It is good to see that the era of the variety of surgical 'lobotomies' has passed. And interesting is the variety of surgical treatments of tic douloulereux, altho I haven't been convinced that the 20 years have improved the results for patients.

Forgive the ramblings - life remains worthwhile in our "Constant-Care" community and golf improvement remains as elusive as ever. The list of old Neurosurgical friends shortens and I extend greetings and appreciations to all of you who continue to carry the flag.

Cordially,

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Dear Bill:

I have your note of March 30, 1989 requesting a letter for the Round Robin.

The past year has been an eventful one for me. After establishing the Neurosurgery Training Program at Stanford University Medical Center 20 years ago and directing it now all of these years, I have finally reached retirement age and will be leaving the full time faculty as a Emeritus Professor of Neurosurgery on June 1, 1989. Dr. Gerald Silverberg, who received his training here and has been with me on the faculty since 1973, has been named Acting Head of the Division of Neurosurgery. I expect that sometime within the next year or so, that there will be a national search to name my full time successor. I am extremely proud of the growth and the accomplishments of our division over the years, and especially of the 26 residents that I have helped train. I look forward to continuing to work with them and support them in their efforts in the future. I am also extremely proud of the neurosurgery library that has been created here. It is growing rapidly and may soon outgrow its current quarters.

I still feel the need to continue to be active in my practice. Effective May 1, 1989, I will be in my new offices located adjacent to the Stanford University Medical Center. My new address will be 750 Welch Road, Suite 215, Palo Alto, CA 94304. My new telephone number will be (415) 324-9425. Planning and establishing a new office and getting it fully equipped has been a new and exciting venture for me after having been in the Ivory Tower most of my professional life. I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to embark on a "second career" and to continue to provide care for a very large practice that has developed over many years. I am also hoping to continue to teach on a limited basis.

A year ago, Shirley and I traveled extensively and enjoyed it very much. I spent a week in Taiwan as a visiting professor and lectured there. Shortly after returning home, Shirley and I fulfilled one of our long time dreams by travelling across the whole of Canada by train from Vancouver to Halifax. We stopped off in Toronto for a number of days to attend the Cushing meeting and then went on to Montreal for a long overdue visit and a wonderful reunion banquet. From 1948 to 1954 we had spent 6 years on Montreal where I worked at the Montreal Neurological Institute under Dr. Penfield and Dr. Cone. There

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DR. BUCHHEIT
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were still enough survivors from those old days to make an extremely enjoyable evening for reminiscing and renewing old friendships. We then travelled on to Halifax and spent a week travelling by automobile around the entire province.

Early in May, Shirley and I will be going once again to Hawaii, where I will participate in the annual Stanford Surgery Review Course and give some lectures. In July, Shirley and I are taking one of our daughters, her husband, and two children to England and plan an extensive tour by automobile throughout Scotland.

We were sorry to have missed the academy meeting last fall, but will certainly make every effort to attend the next one later this year.

With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



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RE: Academy's Round Robin

Dear Bill:

Debbie and I have had a busy and complicated year. She continues to enjoy very much her tumor work at the New England Medical Center and is working very closely with Bill Shucart and his staff. I have to keep reminding her that she is a neurologist and to be careful with her allegiances because she constantly seems to identify more with the neurosurgical group there than with her own department. In fact, she seems to be more aggressive than neurosurgeons with her tumor patients on whom she just never seems to give up!

My vascular practice here at the MGH continues to thrive, particularly in reference to AVM's. I recently reviewed my series and initially I was delighted to see that gradually my complication rate with these lesions has decreased, which made me think that I was getting better at it. However, unfortunately, when I reviewed the type of cases further I realized that what is happening is that I am becoming more selective and that I am turning down the "ugly" cases that were giving me bad headaches and were making me age too fast.

What has made this year complicated is the difficult decision of whether to move on to a new position. This is not an easy decision because it involves giving up the very comfortable and sheltered situation that I have now with a busy clinical practice, a productive laboratory and no administrative responsibilities. It also may mean doing less of the only thing that I can do at least half well and that is to operate. Additionally I will have to become an administrator which is rather intimidating for somebody that has never been able to, or frankly cared to, balance his checking account! The last time I was "Chief" of anything was when I led a platoon of paratroopers at the Bay of

Pigs and you know how successful that enterprise was! Well... in spite of all those fears, I have decided to go to Minnesota. To try to follow in the tradition of French and Chou is rather intimidating but I take great comfort in knowing that I will be working with a terrific group of people who I know will give me all the help and support that I ask for and who share my commitment to provide the best neurosurgical training that we possibly can. Debbie is very pleased with our decision to go to Minnesota because all of her family is in the midwest. As she grew up in Iowa, she always thought that Minneapolis was the place to go if you wanted to go anywhere! Interestingly, I don't remember my family in Cuba making the same statement!

Boston has been good to me and Nick Zervas and Bob Ojemann could not have been more supportive which makes it very hard to leave. Nevertheless, I am excited about the new challenges.

I look forward to seeing you in Tucson.

With best regards.



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RCH/bm

April 10, 1989



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Dear Bill and Fellow Academy Members:

This has been an exciting year for the Hoffman family. Our sons, Richard and Andrew, are both happily employed in investment banking although this has had very little impact on the financial well being of their father. Our daughter, Katie, is graduating from McGill University in political science and plans to obtain her MBA.

In May JoAnn and I and Katie were guests of the Japanese Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery in Kurume, Japan. In September, JoAnn and I were guests of the Seventh Congress of the Brazilian Neurosurgical Society which was held in Brasilia. In November, I was a guest at the Twenty-second Latin American Congress of Neurosurgery in Acapulco.

In April 1989, we inaugurated the E. Bruce Hendrick Visiting Professorship at The Hospital for Sick Children and were honored to have Professor Maurice Choux who is Chief of the Neurosurgical Service at Hopital des enfant de la Timone in Marseilles as the first E. Bruce Hendrick Visiting Professor. This Visiting Professorship is supported by former residents and fellows of Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick together with a generous grant from the Codman Company.

Dr. Jim Drake is now an active member of our staff. He is pursuing his laboratory studies with hydrocephalus and is using his engineering talents to improve resection of deep seated brain tumours utilizing a computerized robot as an aid to his stereotactic surgical manuevres.

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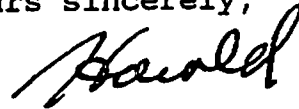
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Dr. Jim Rutka will be joining our staff on July 1, 1990 after completing his studies with Professor Kiyoshi Sato of Jutende University, Tokyo and Professor Kintomo Takakura of the University of Tokyo.

JoAnn and I look forward to being with you in Tucson next September.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Bill:

Marion and I were sorry to miss the historic 50th of the Academy and felt remiss for not contributing to exceptional volume of the Academician which you produced at that time. The past year has been rather full for us and our family. Our daughter Jean is back in Columbia University getting her masters in Public Health and Nursing Practice, son Stephen still works at Columbia University in the Office of Student Affairs and is deeply involved in composing and playing music. He has received several grants from New York State for his work and has enjoyed good New York Times write-ups for some of the work which has been choreographed by dance groups in New York. Our oldest son is about to start his third year of residency in Radiology. He is still not certain of his eventual career goal but plans an academic career following a fellowship when he completes his 4th year of residency.

In September, before the Congress meeting in Seattle we enjoyed a most delightful cruise up the inland passage in Alaska. We enjoy ship travel and the sights, history and scenery were awesome. It is hard to imagine that several hundred miles north of the beautiful Glacier Bay there has been ecological disaster.

In December immediately following the catastrophic earthquake in Soviet Armenia I was asked to coordinate a medical response for the Armenian Church. It was heart warming to find how easily we were able to put together a team of thirty five surgical specialists including Jim Correll, Dick Fraser, Joe Ransohoff, Ted Kurze amongst many others. Ben Stein helped to secure a very generous donation from Johnson and Johnson which supplied enough equipment, surgical instruments and dressing and sutures to run five operating rooms continually for a two week period. The President of Merck, who is a P&S graduate arranged for a large shipment of medication to be available and all this was put together within a four day period. While coordinating a relief flight with our State Department, I received a call from the Soviet Ministry of Health in Moscow requesting that we send the supplies but suggesting that they already were inundated with surgeons from western Europe and the Soviet Union and when three

of us arrived a week after the earthquake on a fact finding trip, we met the group that had taken and used the equipment. It was also clear that there were indeed hundreds of physicians and surgeons in the capital city of Erevan which had not been touched by the quake. The only teams which were extremely useful were those who were totally independent with their own food, shelter and instruments who were thus able to work in the field.

The destruction was almost total; three major cities of 280,000, 180,000 and 55,000 were 80% destroyed and a smaller city of 2,500 people was totally destroyed. There were countless dead. Indeed by the time we arrived 25,000 had been buried and many more were lost forever in the rubble.

After returning from this trip Dick Fraser went over in order to get more information on how we could mount a more long term relief effort. He traveled with several other physicians from the New York area including an orthopedic surgeon, a plastic/ reconstructive surgeon and a rehabilitation specialist.

Since that time we have been actively involved in sending needed equipment, supplies and drugs and are planning to help rebuild some of the hospitals. The backward condition of medicine in the Soviet Union, including Soviet Armenia has lead us to feel that an effort to improve the standards will require an educational program and this is being addressed.

In January I made a business trip to attend the RTOG in San Diego. I must commend this group run by the American College of Radiology for its effectiveness in clinical research.

The cherry blossoms at the Jefferson Memorial were a perfect setting for this year's AANS meeting. I could not turn down the invitation to crew practice on the Potomac for members of the Neurosurgical Research Society. Pat Kelly and Ayub Ommaya informed us that the British Society which is hosting our meeting in London this year has challenged us to a rowing match on the Thames at the Royal Henly. One would scarcely pass this up. Nine of us turned out for the practice session. We fortunately had a good coach, clear weather and no one drowned, had a heart attack or broke an oar. We are now looking forward to taking on our British colleagues for what will probably be the first Neurosurgical rowing event in history [possibly the last].

Marion and I are very much looking forward to this years meeting in Arizona and hope we will see our many friends there.

With warm regards.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'EF' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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Edgar M. Housepian, M.D.
Professor of Clinical
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Dear Bill,

It it too late to submit these photos of the 1st Neurosurgical Crew
ever?

Neurosurgical Research Societies
OHNO
(Over the Hill Neurosurgical Oarsmen)

We came in 1st runner up at Henley-on-Thames, 15 June 1989. The
British won.

Shown standing (left to right) are:

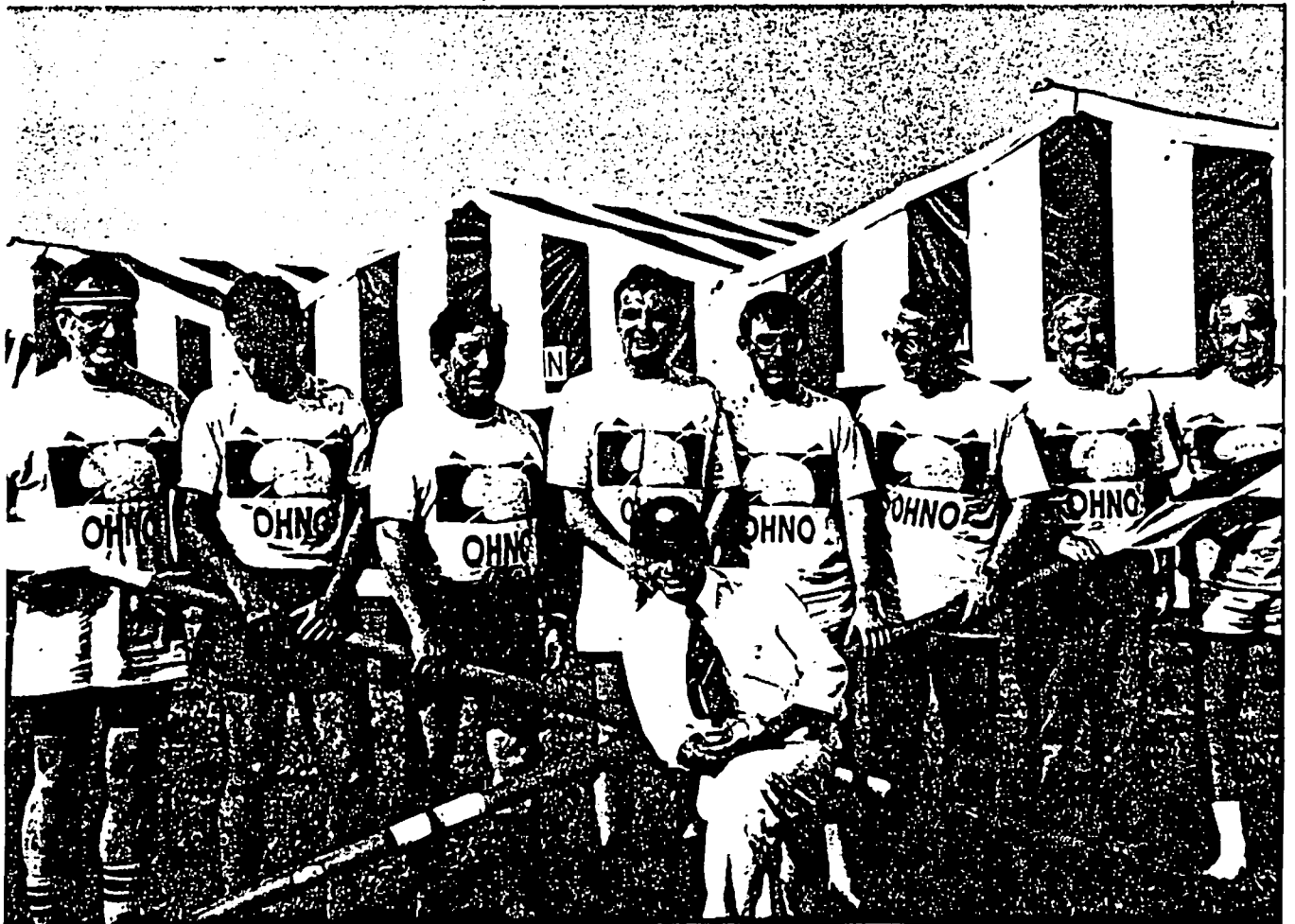
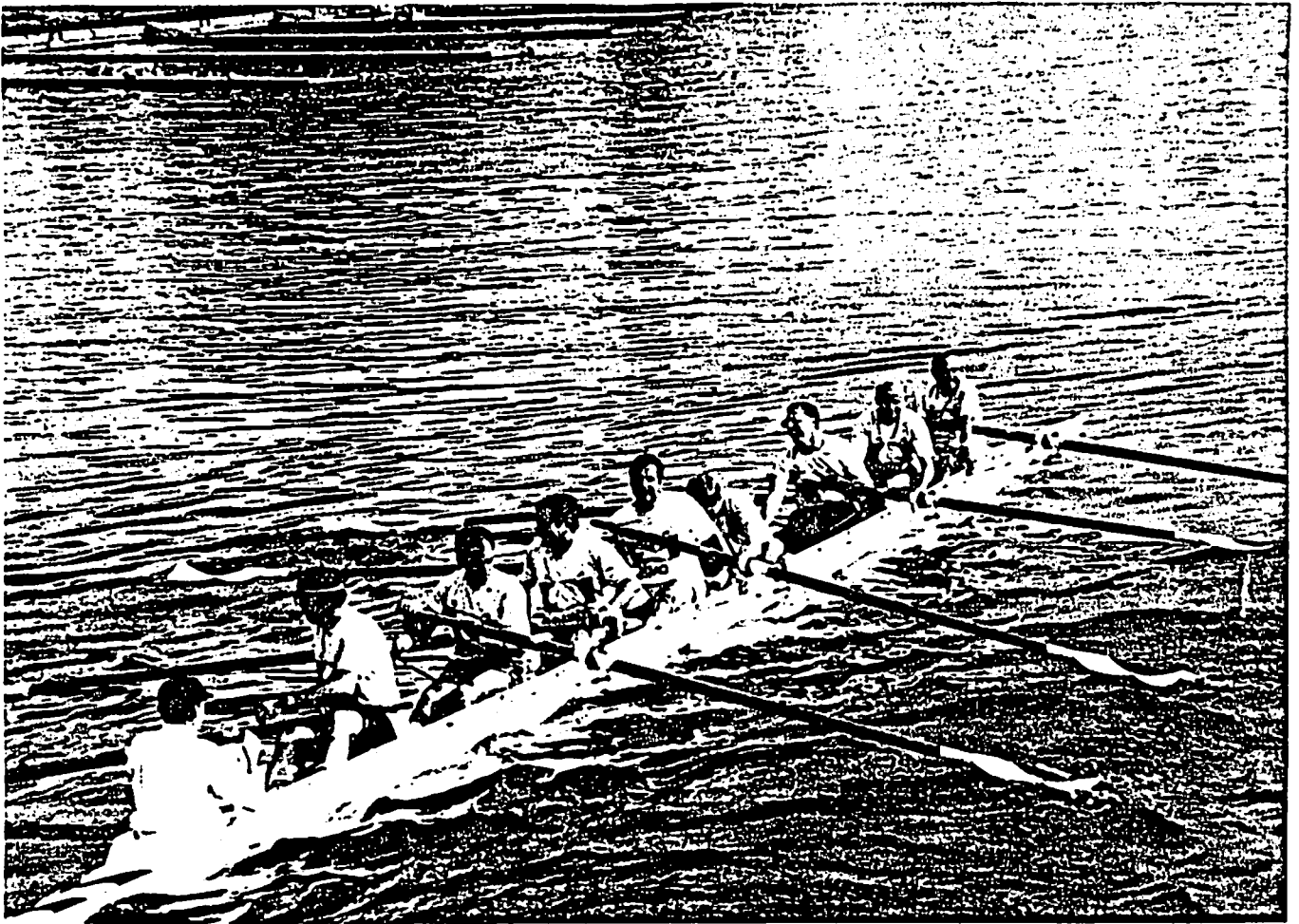
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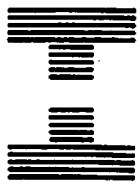
Our Coxen (kneeling) was Richard Nayles - a British medical student.

Return match is scheduled for next year on the Charles, when the
Society meets at Harvard.

Warm regards,

Ed





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April 10, 1989

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Dear Academician:

Dr. Jean Hudson married Kevin Klassen last September. The ceremony was held at the University of Toronto in an outdoor quadrangle. Jean is completing her internship in Toronto and Kevin is working as a Financial Analyst at Merrill Lynch. Katherine was on the dean's honor list while completing her four year degree and has now started an MBA program at York University in Toronto. Erin is heavily involved in Student Government at Queen's University and is completing her Political Science degree. Roy is also at Queen's University and is in his second year of Electrical Engineering. Erin and Roy will spend this coming summer backpacking through Europe.

Susan masterminded the sale of our country property and our Toronto home and the purchase of our new house downtown. I am now only five minutes from work but the house is rather empty, with our offspring away from home for most of the year. Susan runs our various business affairs from the house. Submarine additions have been made to the fleet in Hawaii and Guam and a deal is almost complete in the Bahamas.

My ten year cycle as Chairman of Neurosurgery in Toronto came to an end and I have handed over the reigns to Charles Tator. Charles has a very strong record in training young men and women in research methodology and I know he will do an excellent job. The concept of the 10 year cycle has both merits and disadvantages. My main regret is that of having to leave the outstanding group of young Neurosurgeons that have trained during my time, just when the various academic groups are coming to fruition.

Because of sins comitted at various stages during my life, I have been appointed to the McCutcheon Chair at the University of Toronto. In essence this means I am Chief of Surgery for both the Toronto General Hospital and the Toronto Western Hospital which have now been merged.



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The clinical merger plan calls for site consolidation of Neurosurgery at the Toronto Western Hospital and site consolidation of Cardiovascular Surgery at the Toronto General Hospital. I have invested in a flack jacket and wear a hard helmet to work every day, with rear view mirrors attached on either side. Susan removes the knives and bullets each evening before I go to bed. I believe a conservative statement would be that this is a challenging position.

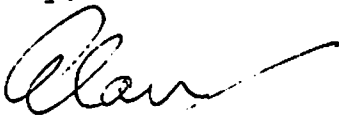
All in all this has been a mildly eventful year. The wedding, the house move, giving up the Chairmanship of Neurosurgery and moving from St. Michael's Hospital, where I have worked for 25 years, to the Toronto General Hospital have all combined to prevent life from becoming too boring.

In our spare time we hosted the AANS meeting in Toronto last Spring and will host the SUN club in a few week's time. We were delighted to welcome Professor Charles Drake as the Faculty Centennial Lecturer and were also delighted to have Lois and Thor Sundt stay with us on the occasion of this year's Keith Lecturship.

We look forward to seeing you all in Phoenix and subsequently in New Delhi. Susan and I have visited the World Federation meeting site previously. By brushing our teeth with Scotch every night and drinking the excellent beer, we were able to avoid any gastrointestinal upsets.

With best regards to our friends.

Sincerely,



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May 16, 1989

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Dear Bill:

I understand that a Chinese curse is "may you be born in interesting times!" Since I last wrote the "Neurosurgeon" I have had some opportunities to appreciate that curse, but, on the other hand, many good things have happened.

My own recovery from an aortic dissection on New Year's Eve, 1987, is still incomplete but as I look back on 2-3 months at a time, it seems to be still progressing. The meeting of The Senior Society in Columbus I remember with pleasure but I remember a little dimly in some parts. I think it is because I was on industrial doses of anti-hypertensives.

I am, more or less as planned, stepping down as Director of the Division of Neurosurgery with about three years left to go as tenured Professor. Whether I will hold that position or not yet I have not decided. I have been invited to do so.

We are all delighted with the appointment of Dr. Michael Miner as my successor and it appears that he is going to bring some good people to Ohio State.

Perhaps the most significant personal thing has been the marriage of Carole Ann Miller and me. It has been a remarkable phenomenon. We of course have been the best of friends and colleagues for many years but there remain a lot of surprises and satisfactions when things are official. Carole and Charlotte were each others' best friends and Carole was with me at Charlotte's side during her long and difficult terminal illness.

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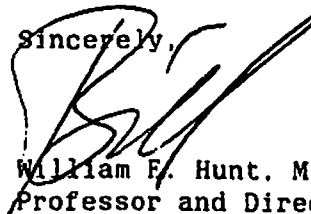
On a much lighter note, Carole's election to the presidency of The Neurosurgical Society of America and Chair of the Spine Section of the AANS means that she is going to be busy. We are trying to work out a system where she can continue to be as effective as in the past with less wasted effort on trivia. We bought a house in Maine, near the Washington County border on Gouldsboro Bay. It is a year-round place. We are going to give it as much time as we possibly can. It isn't easy for us to be separated for very long periods but I have found that the winters up there are a good deal brighter and more pleasant, if colder, than they are in central Ohio. We have seen a good deal of Ben and Peggie Whitcomb, who live in the region. (Ben would criticize me for saying "up there", which is flat-lander talk for "Down East".)

My personal descendants continue to develop. Will has left government service in San Antonio and gone to Austin in private practice of law. That is a big step for him, but he is being "Texified" at a fairly rapid rate. C. David is Assistant Professor at the New Jersey Medical Center. He and Carol Santangelo now have two little girls. Carol is going back to work with legal aid in another month. Their clientele is not the "carriage trade", and there is not much vanity of which to make a bonfire. They are both happy, nevertheless, and feel that they are making gratifying contributions to their fellow human beings. Virginia's band, formerly "Irie" has had it's name changed to "Identity". They play reggae. Their first record has sold out rapidly and they were near the top of the list for that period in that particular music. Their second record is in the process of being cut now. Reggae fans increasingly know who they are. In the meantime they are covering most of this half of the United States, having been from Martha's Vineyard to Florida by way of Charleston. They have played New York and they have been all over the Northwest Territory, as we used to call it out here.

I am more or less turning my back on the societal and academic problems of The Ohio State University. I doubt they are unique in this time of change. Somebody else is going to have to worry about them from now on, probably including my wife!

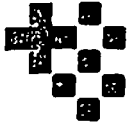
Looking forward to the next Academy meeting. Hope this gets to you in time for the printer.

Sincerely,



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June 13, 1989

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Dear Bill:

We were unable to visit North America last year. Thanks to the increasing international meetings, however, we saw quite a few chances to see Academicians outside of U.S.A. In September Yoshiko and I went to Bangkok to attend the 4th Convention of Academia Eurasiana Neurochirurgica.

Katsutoshi(Kit) is enjoying his third year of directorship at Shinkokura Hospital.

Hoping to have good reunions with old friends of Academia also this year,

Sincerely yours,

Katsutoshi Kitamura, M.D.

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April 12, 1989

Dear Bill,

Thank you for being the one to corral us. Tom and I so enjoy your publication and reading all the news. So here goes for the Langfitts.

Tom is still enjoying his work at the Glenmede Trust Co. and the Pew Charitable Trust. He divides his time between the two and has re-structured the Pew Trust. He finds the work very stimulating and challenging.

Tom and I traveled to Russia last September for two weeks for what was an absolutely fascinating experience. We accompanied a delegation from the Atlantic Council to meet with a delegation of Russians to discuss matters of importance to both governments. We were briefed beforehand at NATO headquarters in Brussels and then at our Embassy in Moscow. We spent a few days in Leningrad before coming home. We were entertained a great deal. It was a fascinating time to be in the Soviet Union and to speak with Russians about the changes occurring in their country. We were able to enjoy the art, the ballet and opera in both cities.

At Christmas we packed up and took off with our three boys, daughter-in-law and year old grandson for a rented house in Exuma, Bahamas where we have spent 7 Christmases. It was a marvelous two weeks, very good for all of us. We ate, swam, snorkeled, read and slept. And partied a little.

I continue my volunteer work, fund raising for Womens Way and the Episcopal Divinity School. Probably the most satisfying work I do is counseling battered women in one of the agencies for Womens Way. We both keep very busy.

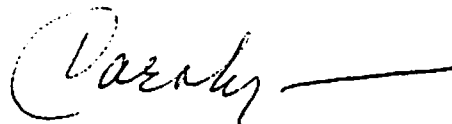
Our son, David, who is a painter in New York City, received the commission to paint his father's portrait for the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. It has just been completed and we both are delighted with it.

Our son, John, is completing his Ph.D. at Boston University and doing an internship in New Haven in neuro-psychology. He and Emilie and little Daniel visit often.

And Frank who is 25 is a reporter with the Philadelphia Inquirer. They all give us great pleasure as they come and go and as we watch careers develop.

We hope to see some of you at meetings before too long.

Our very best regards to all,





The Johns Hopkins Hospital

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April 12, 1989

Dear Colleagues:

The past year has been relatively uneventful for the Long family. There were two events of particular note. In January, our last child more or less left home, and Harriett and I found ourselves alone for the first time in 26 years. That requires more adjustment than we thought and has changed our life style enormously. It's still only temporary since the clan gathers at college vacation time and in the summer, but it gives us an opportunity to really organize ourselves for that time when it will be permanent.

The second event of particular interest related to the ingestion of our front porch by carpenter ants. The last time this happened, it was termites. We found ourselves adequately protected against termites, but when the diagnosis proved to be carpenter ants, we found that only a radical surgical excision was considered appropriate treatment. We are now the proud owners of a new ant-free front porch. The joys of a 130 year old wooden house are not immediately apparent to all. We also have learned that other things than wood give way after 130 years. No sooner was the porch finished when we discovered that our four chimneys were threatening to collapse down the fireplaces and that situation has also been remedied. No sooner did we divest ourselves of children than we were surrounded by workmen who have more or less lived with us for the past year. The whole project seems to be finished now. The house is upright. One can actually walk across the porch to the door without serious risk and nothing has fallen off or down for more than a month.

For those who know our children, we can report that Kimberly, our oldest daughter, has now completed her Ph.D. examinations in modern european history and is thoroughly entrenched in her thesis work. Our second daughter is involved in a graduate program in history and the preservation of ancient manuscripts. Elizabeth, with Harriett's help, is trying to fill our house with books. David is a junior at St. John's College and involved in career decision making.

We look forward to the fall meeting and the fellowship it always brings.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

We have little to report for the Round Robin. We continue to enjoy retirement. Each of our two boys' families - which were all boys - have added a girl, so everyone is rejoicing. We continue well.

I have accepted membership on the Board of a group trying to develop a new Community/County Hospital for our area of North Hawaii. The former Plantation County hospitals are obsolete and understaffed, no longer do surgery and we are approaching a bad situation. Already we have some private sources, hopefully our big hotels will cooperate and we should know this week what legislative support will be forthcoming.

We would be happy to see any members vacationing out here.

Our best regards,

Katy and John Lowery

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Dear Bill:

A few thoughts for the Round Robin. I am still stirred by great memories of the Academy meeting in Cincinnati which I thought was a very outstanding meeting. This in an organization which is renowned for good meetings. The professional and social meetings were marvelous and I think they will be difficult to equal. As I say this I am thinking about this year's meeting in Arizona in absolutely wonderful surroundings, and should also be remarkable.

This has been a fairly quiet year for Bobbie and I as we have suffered through a more or less horrendous winter. We did not take our usual trip to Hawaii as Bobbie's obstructive lung disease was not kindly treated by the volcanic air which is now circulating around in the air of the island of Hawaii. Mother Nature was not very kind to us, not only giving us a heavy winter but also extreme cold, on two occasions at my home the temperature was minus thirty five degrees in the early morning hours.

We have been pleased observers in watching the progress of our grandchildren. The oldest of whom will be entering the University of Nevada in Reno this fall to embark on a career in journalism. She will be the fourth generation of our family to be trained at the University of Nevada. This year our fishing group had trip on the Miramaschi River at a very delightful club called Doctor's Island. It was not surprising to us that Dr. Larry Pool turned out to be the high rod fisherman among the group. The fishing was good, the club facilities were excellent and everyone enjoyed the trip and are looking forward to a repeat this year.

Looking forward to the meeting in Tucson, Bobbie and I remain,

Affectionately yours,


Ernest W. Mack, M.D./mw

May 19, 1989

Dear Bill:

It was a delight to have so many here for the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Academy. We were particularly pleased to have so many Seniors come. We look forward to the meeting in Tucson with great pleasure.

As to our families, I have a new great-granddaughter; Frank also has a new great-granddaughter. One of my grandsons has just been married, and one of Frank's granddaughters expects to be married in July, so we expect to have two new mills in operation.

We spent most of the winter in Florida; the weather was beautiful, but too dry for the general good of the environment. We come back to Cincinnati about once a month to visit our families and to attend to certain business matters. We will be in Cincinnati for the most part until October 1st.

We look forward to reading the Round Robin and to meeting you all in Tucson.

Belle Clay Mayfield

Sincerely,

Belle Clay Mayfield.

May 21, 1989

Dr. William A. Buchheit
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Dear Bill:

I am sorry about my tardiness in submitting this letter for the Round Robin, however, I have remained relatively busy running a charity clinic at the Nashville General Hospital and seeing patients three half days a week in my office, and once or twice each month having a lecture session with the residents on neurological surgery. It is fairly nice to be retired and still busy as an Emeritus Professor. I hope, however, to be able to gradually give up some additional responsibilities clinically and take things a little easier. I find that having some responsibilities, however, is a motivation to get out of the house and try to remain aware of what is going on in the rest of the world.

We are concerned currently with the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons which will be held here next year at the Opryland Hotel and since they have asked me to be the local chairman I will have a good many responsibilities in this regard and will have to enlist the aid of practically all of the neurosurgical population here in Nashville for some of the routine duties. At any rate, I think people will enjoy seeing Nashville and the Opryland area if they have never been here. It really is a fabulous hotel and quite unusual.

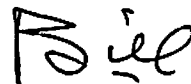
My family is still scattered over the world and my oldest son is still in Hong Kong having now been there 20 years. My second son, a vascular surgeon, on the full time faculty here at Vanderbilt, my daughter, a landscape architect, in San Francisco, and my youngest son is currently at home briefly, but will be going back to Salvador and probably stay there for a year or so. This will be his fourth or fifth trip there where he is doing articles for some of the local newspapers, and since we also have three grand-daughters we have found it is a real joy to be a grand parent. We can spoil the kids and then they go home. This is the way it should be.

Dr. William A. Buchheit
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I look forward to seeing everybody at the next Academy Meeting.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours most sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

The following is the Nashold contribution to the Round Robin.

This last year has been one of extreme contrast from being hospitalized with a major illness, then an operation on my knee, to having Jim Nashold graduate from medical school. My hospitalization certainly gave me another perspective from the patient's point of view. It would probably be a good idea to put each one of us in the hospital three or four days flat of our backs maybe as a part of the residency training program. One of the big events of the year was Jim's graduation from medical school. He continues to express an interest in neurosurgery, but where this will take him only the future will tell. Irene and I are certainly proud of his accomplishment at the age of 34. We continue to be busy with the three grandchildren which are a great blessing. We really don't feel that we see them really enough even though they live close by.

Sailing suffered a lot last year, but we are hoping to be out on the Stormy Petrel again and will start some ocean racing within a few weeks. To fill in the gap from sailing, I have been involved in vintage racing with my Aston Martins. Last year I restored two cars within a twelve month period. I found a marvelous old DB4 that had been raced in Australia sitting in a warehouse in Philadelphia for many years. We have brought it back to almost prime condition. Last summer at Limerock I shunted (that's English for crashing) my V8 and have been rebuilding that car this year. These cars are one of the few handmade automobiles still left in the world. Strangely enough, if one looks hard enough even in this country we can find craftsmen who continue to work on these automobiles..

A young Egyptian resident has been working in my lab on an animal model of the evolution and production of spinal cysts following various kinds of spinal cord trauma. We are fortunate to have a research MRI group that does nothing but carry out studies on animals so that we are able to study the progression of these cysts as one might do in a patient.

We are in the process of reviewing our 500 DREZ cases now to get some perspective as to how that work has gone since I will probably be passing the bats on to someone else.

We had planned to have a Torticollis Symposium here at Duke, but there was so little interest among neurosurgeons and neurologists that we canceled the event.

Hoping that next year will be a little less eventful.

Sincerely,



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April 20, 1989

Dear Bill:

As you can tell from the date of my letter, my backsliding with regard to answering the Round Robin has been counteracted this year and speed is the keynote.

To start with, Judy has had a large sculpture placed in a public building here in Rochester as her first major work in town. An artist is last recognized at home, I think. Otherwise, she has had single-woman shows in five states this past year and has works in Tulsa, Kansas City, and Minneapolis at the present time. We recently combined a post-AANS meeting trip to New York where her most recent works; namely, jewelry, hopefully will be displayed within this next year.

As for my children, my oldest son, Scott, has been married for two years and they are expecting a child in September, 1989, bringing up the specter of being called "grandfather" for the first time. I assume it is like shaving at first, in that you will get used to it as it goes along.

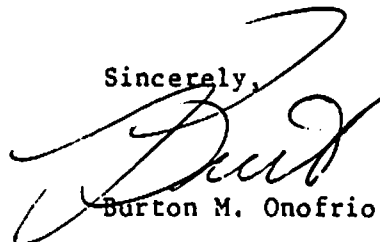
My second son, Gregg, is working with General Electric in New York City and experiencing the first financial impact of his life with regard to housing. He once told me, when I asked about his getting a Summer job, was it "just because I wanted to inculcate the work ethic in him?" After his apartment hunt in New York most recently, I think he now understands the reason for that inculcation process.

My daughter, Jenny, the youngest of the three children, will be going to Davis in California for a graduate school in art.

As for me, outside neurosurgical endeavors, I have begun showing a Russian blue cat in addition to my intermittent auctioneering efforts.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall at the Academy with Thor and Lois as host and hostess.

Sincerely,



Burton M. Onofrio, M.D.

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April 13, 1989

William A. Buchheit, M.D.
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Dear Bill:

I congratulate you for continuing to publish the Round Robin. Julie and I thoroughly enjoy it, and you certainly do a splendid job.

Our Neurosurgery practice in New York is turning into a hassle. A few years ago, about the only administration I ever did was to make sure that the schedule for the residents was published each July. Now, it seems that another form crosses the desk almost daily. The latest rash of forms had to do with residents working hours. Now, the state threatens to limit working hours for residents to 80 hours per week. No one knows for sure about the ground rules. If the resident is at home, which is connected by a tunnel to the hospital, looking at television on Sunday afternoon, is the resident working? Is the resident working while at sleep the night at home? These are interesting problems, particularly when the resident staff consists of only five people. It would be much easier to regulate the hours on a large service such as medicine or surgery.

In the meantime, the hospitals at Columbia and Cornell are both deep in the red. Somehow they don't seem to have the knack of running at a profit under the present political constraints. However, one or two large hospitals in the City are running at about a break-even point. I certainly wish we could take some lessons from them!

Julie has given up most of her administrative role with the City's School Volunteers. She does teach but mostly is back to botanical illustration. She really is delighted with our new apartment. The view of the City recalls the feeling that a child experiences looking out at the world from a tree house.

Once again, Bill, congratulations on a fine job.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr Buchheit,

On october 1rst 1988 I became consultant in my previous service the new chairman of it beeing Pr D. Fohanno. I shall remain consultant until October 1rst 1990 when I shall retire from the University and the Hospital. I continue to operate in la Pitié and in the American Hospital until retirement.

My youngest son, Edouard, married on September 1988 and thereafter was graduated as a M.D. after presenting a thesis on mucopolysaccharidosis in infancy for which he obtained a gold medal.

Bertrand became a neurologist in the American Hospital of Paris ; Florence is now a financial adviser of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

My dog, Theos, who will be 16 in a few days remain alert with a very good appetite.

My wife, Françoise, is very busy giving conferences in Paris as well as in London as a member of a Catholic association.

I continue my career as a painter and I intend to give a first exhibition next year in Paris.

I enjoy the efficiency of two foreign assistants : Dr Bordi from Florence and Dr Haisa from Tokyo.

Sincerely yours.



Pr B. PERTUISET

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May 1st, 1989

Dear Bill,

In response to your plea for a note for the Round Robin let me say, first, that I, like others of the Academy, take my hat off to you for your gallant success in editing our annual sheet.

As to family news, Angeline and I have each had minor but temporarily distressing illnesses during the past winter, now fully recovered, which preclude any further far-flung fishing expeditions for me, alas.

Our three sons continue well, one in computer work, another as an author, and the third just appointed Dean of a prestigious co-ed school in Cambridge, Mass.

My last three books are 'going' quite well and am now sketching an outline for another. Drawing at life class, bridge, and piano lessons are still occupational therapy. The only animals we are un-interested in are the local deer and bunnies who have to be kept out of Angeline's tulip and garden beds.

Looking forward to the next Academy meeting,

with warm regards and esteem for all you are

doing,

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Dear Bill:

After the age of 80 nothing much different happens anymore. No surgery except for minor procedures like injecting my long time patients for tic. However I remain busy in the office every day seeing litigation cases for attorneys and insurance companies and sending second opinion reports regarding advisability of surgery. In that business one sometimes makes friends and sometimes not.

I have not taken up golf as yet but will do so when I get old enough. I am hesitant to admit my squash game is deteriorating. I used to be able to beat my son rather easily but no more. However he has an advantage in that in Cleveland he has a squash court in his own home. I can still beat my grandson but just sometimes.

There have been a few changes at the Oregon Health Sciences University. Within the last couple of years Dr. Peter Kohler has come here as President of OHSU. He is well liked and has great plans for the future. A few months ago Kim Burchiel came from Seattle to head the Division of Neurosurgery. He seems to be doing a good job.

Lorene and I are anticipating the usual busy summer. Our four grandchildren will no doubt be coming and going, all of course, wanting to spend some time at the Rogue. In addition I hope to crowd in a few days at the Bohemian Grove and three or four days riding horseback with the Skyline Trail Riders at their annual August ride which this year will be in Western Oregon for the first time instead of Eastern Oregon.

We lost Jack French in January. Jack was a long time friend and I shall always be grateful to him for the advise and help he gave us when we were starting the Neurological Sciences Foundation here in Portland. More power to Dorothy with her French Foundation for Alzheimer Research. She is truly a great person.

Lorene and I send our very best to all.



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Dear Bill:

I will try to put together a few thoughts for the Round Robin. This has certainly been a very eventful year for the Neurosurgical Service at NYU. With Gene Flamm assuming the chairmanship at the University of Pennsylvania, we obviously had to make a serious effort to recruit a major figure in the neurovascular field if we were to maintain our position in New York and supplement the residents' experience in terms of vascular work, both in the lab as well as in the clinic. Vallo Benjamin took on the job of heading up the search and after a number of months and after we had interviewed several very attractive individuals, we settled on Dr. Jafar Jafar who came to us from having been trained by John Mullan at the University of Chicago and then having worked with Bob Crowell at the University of Illinois for several years. He has an impressive bibliography in the field, has done some nice research which he has already transplanted to NYU and has pitched in with resident teaching and supervision in an impressive fashion. He has been here for about three months now and has already done about 30 aneurysms and AV malformations. He has created some experimental aneurysms in the lab which he and Alex Berenstein are now attempting to occlude with various types of balloons and glues. He has brought with him a laser model of middle cerebral artery occlusion to supplement the work with Wise Young, studying the basic molecular biology and neurochemistry of ischemia.

In addition to Jafar, we have recruited Michael Dogali who was trained at Montreal Neurological Institute and has been working for a number of years running the service at Bridgeport Hospital in Connecticut. Mike is

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highly trained in stereotactic and epilepsy surgery. He has been a prime mover in establishing a unit at the New York Orthopedic Institute, a close affiliate of NYU. The Orthopedic Institute is housed in an elegant new 300 bed hospital, ten blocks south of the major medical center. The institute has been magnificent in its support of the program for functional stereotactic and epilepsy surgery. The new operating room is under construction which will be the state of the art. We are planning our own ICU as well as a six-bed Observation Unit for the study of epileptic patients in a total unit of somewhat over 20 beds. Mike will be working with a very large pain group at the Orthopedic Institute. As further studies develop in the Parkinson's Group, we will undoubtedly carry out additional surgery for Parkinson's and other abnormal movements via the stereotactic approach and hence, we see this entire development becoming a very important aspect of the research and teaching program at NYU.

Our last resident, Duncan McBride, joined Don Becker and is extremely happy. Ronald Warnick, our next graduating resident, will be spending two years in neuro-oncology with Charlie Wilson, et al. I have just reviewed the last 50 residents who were trained at NYU and of these, one third are in full time academic neurosurgery and another quarter have clinical appointments at academic centers.

Paul Cooper is doing more and more radical spine surgery with a young orthopedist, Tom Errico. All kinds of new hardware is being used, both in cervical as well as thoracic lumbar spine and they are just about to offer a spine fellowship for neurosurgeons interested in this rapidly developing field. Benjamin is doing more and more skull base tumor work. The Pediatric Neurosurgical Group is extremely active and our newest member, Rick Abbott, is making major inroads in spasticity via superselective rhizotomies, both in the upper as well as the lower extremities. The brain tumor work is advancing both in the laboratory and clinically, we are involved now with the Cooperative Anhydrous Wafer Study headed by Henry Breem in conjunction with the NOVA Corporation. We are also deeply involved in the IL-2 LAK business as well as the routine BTCG protocols.

Finally, within the next couple of months we plan to treat our first patients with the modified linear accelerator and this will represent, I believe, the first radio surgery unit in the New York area. Here, Mike Dogali had a good deal of influence in putting the

show on the road in conjunction with Joe Newall, Director of Radiation Oncology and our friends at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Personally, as some of you probably have already heard, there is a race against time on the part of my darling wife, Lori, who will either graduate from dental school with highest honors or deliver our child (Jason Charles - Jake). Whichever comes first, I am not quite sure at this time. We know a firm date for her graduation from dental school, but it may well be that Jake will upstage all concerned. Lori got all kinds of honors in dental school and after taking the summer off, will enter the two year postgraduate program in prosthetics. Here, she was one of five chosen for this program out of some 300 applicants. If I appear to be bragging a little bit, it is probably true.

I have been staying away from meetings to some extent, trying to run our service and working very hard. I hope to see all of you sooner or later and, hopefully, sooner than later.

As always,

J.R.

JR:er

J. Ranschoff

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Dear Bill,

We are happy to contribute this letter to the Academy's Round Robin and to share with colleagues and friends the doings of the Ratcheson family.

Our year seems to be split between life in Cleveland and life in Montana, between work and play, between paging through fishing catalogues and going fishing. On balance, we still spend much more time physically in the realm of the initial categories; but mentally, at least, we often tilt toward the latter.

Last July we hosted a group of neurosurgical friends in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana (where I am a summer resident), and shared some wonderful fly-fishing. Later in the summer, Peter and Robin Heilbrun came to visit -- primarily so that Peter could test the waters, so to speak, on his newly-fixed ankle. Judging from the wading he was able to do and the fish he caught, the operation was a success. I taught him how to row our raft down the river and we nearly killed Bob.

Fall and winter were more oriented toward home and work. Bob flew in and out of town for assorted meetings and operations; helped design new operating rooms, office space, and a new neuro ICU at the hospital; ordered some heavier-than-usual fishing tackle; and tied a lot of weird, flashy flies -- some with bead-chain eyes and the hook upside-down. I taught in the Anthropology department at Cleveland State University, enlightening the next generation of intellectuals about such fascinating subjects as culture vs. biology, magic vs. religion, and capitalism vs. the Third World. Our son, Alexey, having had a checkered career as a high school student over the past couple of years, strove to finish his senior year. He will complete his courses this summer and is looking forward to pursuing a Communications major in college and then a career in broadcasting. He was very active in Explorer scouting, serving both as president of his Post and the area's regional association. Our 15-year-old daughter, Rachael, successfully met a challenging academic year as a sophomore in high school, was actively involved in BBG, was selected a cheerleader for next year, found an interest in journalism, and tested her limits with House Rules regularly. Our 2-year-old daughter, Abigail, has developed into an energetic, outgoing, extremely verbal (won't she ever stop talking?!) child who has earned the nickname of Ayatollah Abby. She enjoys learning about the wonders of the world, and is a constant source of joy and amusement for the rest of us.

Probably the highlight of our year was an excursion to stalk the

bonefish of the flats off the coast of Belize, Central America. Bob had tried this kind of fishing last year and proved his skill almost immediately. However, it took me --a fairly able trout fisher-- four days to catch my first bonefish! The best picture I have from the trip is one of my guide holding for me (I wouldn't touch it) the front two-thirds of a five-pound bonefish whose tail section had been chopped off (as I was reeling him in) by a baracuda hot in pursuit. Next time I'll be more wary of sharing the flats with these ferocious animals..

This summer is our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, which we are celebrating by retracing the trail of our honeymoon to Quebec. This time, however, we are doing it in a little better style: staying in country inns along the way and searching for fine cuisine.

Come summer, the womenfolk in the family will journey once again out to Montana. Since it's a four-day drive each way, we feel justified in staying there for two months. We will be joined in July by Debby Weiss (with whom we share our mountain retreat) and in August by Bob and Alexey. We extend a welcome to any fellow Academicians who might be traveling nearby.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Tucson.

With best regards,



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Dear Bill:

Thank you for reminding me that that the Round Robin was returning again. We look forward to having the Academy at Amelia Island Plantation in 1990. Bob Ojemann will be our leader at that time. The Plantation has been listed among the ten most outstanding resorts in the nation and also among the surveys of the outstanding golf and tennis resorts in the country. The beaches are beautiful and the golf, tennis, and other recreational facilities are outstanding. Of course the meeting rooms for our educational programs facilities are excellent.

The Rhoton family continues to do well. Joyce has been doing some babysitting of grandchildren over the last year. Our oldest daughter will be graduating from medical school this Spring and our two sons are now in residency. Our youngest daughter, who graduated from nursing school last year, is working on the Pediatric Ward of the University Hospital.

We are especially excited about having the group in Florida in 1990. With warmest regards to everyone.

Sincerely,

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June 26, 1989

Dear Academicians,

This is our first report to the Round Robin which we found to be both informative and enjoyable reading last year. It has been an eventful last several months as the following report will attest.

Our oldest son, Joe, and his wife, Louise, became parents on Christmas Eve 1988. Their daughter, Caroline, is our first grandchild. Jasmine and I are trying--we've been told, unsuccessfully--to be modest about her. Joe works for a commercial development firm and has a degree in finance while Louise has a year to go as a graduate student in the School of Architecture here at the University of Utah.

Our second son, Chuck, just graduated from Harvard. We were in Boston for the commencement exercises and ran into Henry and Marianna Garretson whose son, Jonathan, was in the same class. Chuck has gone over for neurosurgery rounds at the Massachusetts General Hospital when he could and Nick Zervas, Dr. Ballantine, Bob Ojemann and others have been very kind in befriending and advising him. He's also worked in the summer for Peter Heilbrun and Dan Fults here at the University of Utah Medical Center. He enters Harvard Medical School this fall and we will be delighted if he continues heading for neurosurgery.

Stephen, number three, just returned from his LDS Mission. He began in Lima, Peru. As they all do, he contracted dysentery, but also developed a more serious post-Shigella infection hyperimmune response to that parasite producing an acute reactive arthritis. He arrived back in Salt Lake after ten months down there at 6'5", 150 pounds, and had obvious swelling with tenderness in his knees, ankles, and feet. With Clinoril, swimming and then treadmill walking for two months he went back out still on Clinoril, but this time to the Los Angeles Spanish-speaking area. His advice to those living and working in East L.A., "Walk purposefully and don't say anything." He's back in school here at Utah this summer and engineering sounds good to him.

Christopher, our fourth son, had a good senior year in high school basketball. When it turned out that the only three Ivy League schools to which he deigned to apply didn't return the favor, he enrolled here at Utah. The basketball coach, who had assumed Chris was heading east, said he wanted him on the team. This was pretty heady stuff with Utah picked to win our conference and all. Anyway, after two months last fall of shin-splints, icing a previously arthroscoped knee every night, practices till 7 p.m., and a healthy dose of reality he told Coach Archibald that he thought it was time to be a student. We were relieved. He leaves for Hamburg, Germany on his two-year mission in early July.

Michael, our caboose, is twelve years old and has been fun to have around. He just lost in the finals of the singles and he and his partner won the doubles at the Intermountain (Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho) U.S.T.A. Sectional Tennis Championships and he wants some good wins at national tournaments this year. He went all over last year as an eleven year old, but also did a lot of losing. He and Jasmine are heading for Oklahoma City and San Diego in the next month for tournaments. When he played the National Twelve and Under Clay Courts last summer in Winston-Salem, Dave and Sally Kelly invited Michael and Jasmine to stay with them. I called one night and asked Michael what he was doing, "Playing gin rummy with Dr. Kelly", he answered, "...he really likes to play me." Ooooh my, I thought, now that's exactly what David needs after a long day in the O.R.

Jasmine makes all of the above endeavors logistically feasible. She wonders, however, when things are going to slow down. It reminds me of when, after we had married while I was still in pre-med and we had gone through my sophomore year in medical school already with one child, she asked, "What's this I keep hearing about an internship?" As many of you clearly understand, it is Jasmine who keeps the Rich and Sons menagerie intact and operational.

Bruce and I have added an associate, Dr. Robert Peterson, who trained at the Brigham. He speaks very highly of Drs. Welch, Black, Shillito, Alexander, Fischer, and Scott--his principal concern is that Peter Black is going to work himself to death. His addition has made a substantial and salutary impact on our quality of life index.

Peter Heilbrun continues to run a class act up at the University of Utah Medical Center. There are now thirteen neurosurgeons right in Salt Lake City with three in each of the small communities, Provo, and Ogden, south and north of us. Rick Schwartz just came from Oregon to join Bob Hood at the Holy Cross Hospital. Everyone seems busy.

Jasmine and I look forward to the Tucson meeting this fall and to reading all of your contributions to Round Robin.

Best wishes to everyone,



Charles and Jasmine Rich

Valeria and I have had a very busy year since the anniversary meeting in Cincinnati. Her real estate and development business has grown progressively and she is indeed making a very nice profit. She has built her medical clinic and has two family practitioners in it who are doing well. This is very fortunate as they are only four miles from our country home and this allows, for the first time, good medical care in the neighborhood. She now plans to build an office building on the adjacent property and has great plans for the future of this undertaking. Needless to say, our finances have taken some ups and downs with her investments, but presently everything is going well.

Valeria also was elected as an Election Commissioner for DeSoto County, Mississippi. She is the first woman, and first Republican ever elected to a public office and we are very proud of this. She barely beat the incumbent, winning by 68 votes.

The children have all done well. We now have 4 grandchildren, 2 boys and 2 girls. Our son-in-law, David Morris, finished dental school and entered practice, finally. My youngest son, Dan, is beginning his residency with Robert Grossman in Houston and Dan's wife, Heidi, will enter medical school in Houston during the next year. The remaining family including Roberta are all happily working and self supporting.

Activities in the Department of Neurosurgery in Memphis have been very productive this year. Allen Wyler underwent his program project site visit for an epilepsy center in April and we are all hoping that this will be funded. He has done an outstanding job in the department. His epilepsy center is national and international and he is doing over 100 craniotomies a year for epilepsy. He also offers a fellowship in epilepsy. Craig Clark is developing a nice neuro-oncology service focusing on malignant gliomas. Our pediatric neurosurgical section headed by Alex Sanford is extremely productive, since St. Jude is now taking childhood brain tumors. Alex is performing about 100 craniotomies a year for primary tumors of the brain. Jon Robertson has continued to develop an extensive skull base surgical interest and practice. One of his recent contributions, along with Ed Cocke and me, has been a new approach to the clivus using a maxillotomy exposure. I have followed our first seven medullary transplants for parkinsonism and must say that they were disappointing. In addition, our only autopsy case, four months postoperatively, had no evidence of surviving adrenal medullary cells. The future of this operation is certainly unknown.

We are all looking forward to the Tucson meeting and anxious to follow Dr. Sundt's leadership. Best wishes to all my Academy friends.

Sincerely,



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ROUND ROBIN

Dear Friends:

The hot humid St. Louis summer is upon us made tolerable by our swimming pool and the 4th of July celebration on the Riverfront - the best fireworks in the nation! Fall will be here quickly and we are looking forward to Tucson and India, new places shared with dear friends.

Our family is not growing anymore this year - after two weddings last year - in fact it has been shrinking notably as far as St. Louis is concerned. Sally and Joe moved to New Jersey where she has joined the faculty of Pediatrics at the Medical College of New Jersey/Robert Wood Johnson in New Brunswick and Joe is working in a law office in Plainsfield. Carol and Eric are also in Princeton so it's nice to have four of the family in one place. Jody and Scott are spending this year in Brugge, Belgium. She is the sous chef in a 1 star Michelin restaurant named Peter Provoost (for any of you going to Europe). Scott is still baking, this time in one of their famous Patisseries - and he doesn't even like chocolate! When Patty goes off to her first year of college at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas this house will become very empty indeed. Ken, III and Nancy live in St. Louis, which will help our loneliness. Perhaps we'll find time for trips to Illinois to see our three grandchildren and Sue and Mark.

Marjorie has 1-1/2 years remaining on the local school board and Council of Urban Boards Steering Committee so she'll keep busy trying to improve our city schools in St. Louis and the nation, an awesome and seemingly impossible task.

The neurosurgery service is going well. We will sponsor four hands-on microsurgery courses in our Anatomy Department this year ranging from lumbar disc operations to glomus jugulare tumor resections.

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Dear Bill:

As usual it was a wonderful opportunity, but brief, to see you at the recent AANS meeting.

This year has been a bountiful year for me both in family and at work. My daughter delivered a lovely, healthy grandchild named Rebecca in February, specifically on Valentine's day. Bonita and I were happy to be able to visit my daughter and her husband and the new one five days after the birth. This gave me opportunity to do a little training for a future expectation from my wife Bonita. In August we are expecting a young one and this will put about 32 years between my daughter and the new offspring. My other daughter, also married, living in Boston, may be anticipating pregnancy later in the year so there will be a lot of little ones running around when the Stein family has its reunion.

Although I had hoped to cut back on the travels this year, my wife and I and other friends had a chance to visit again in Russia, specifically for neurosurgical purposes. We have established an exchange agreement with Russian neurosurgery focussed in Moscow and we took the opportunity of this trip to accompany our first resident exchange to Moscow. Previously, in June 1988, we had an exchange neurosurgeon from there for six weeks and it was a delight to have Sergi Obukoff, one of Karnivoloff's younger associates here with us. As always, the Russians were most hospitable when we were there for the trip.

In addition to the trip to Russia we had an extensive voyage, or voyages, in the late winter-early spring of 1988 that may have already been recorded for the Round Robin. This started with a week of usual skiing at Snow Bird for the Lindy meeting and then to Vancouver, British Columbia skiing and meeting, to Austria for more skiing and then a change of daughter for son-in-law and my wife and I accompanied by my daughter, went to South Africa for a very enjoyable second experience there. We were subsequently delighted when neurosurgical friends of ours from Johannesburg decided to come to the United States and establish residence here.

William Buchhoit, M.D.

April 18, 1989

Dr. Earnest Lovy and his wife Heather and three children are now residing in Cooperstown, New York at an affiliated hospital and he, with Bruce Harris are neurosurgeons there. We have had an enjoyable visit with them as part of the affiliation agreement with Columbia. He and his family were our hosts while we were in South Africa.

There were some various other trips noteworthy during the year. Having said that I would cut back already since January I went to Tokyo for a one day meeting and was surprised to find out that when the going and coming are so closely linked together there was absolutely no jet lag in spite of 26 or more hours on the plane.

Work is going well. We have not yet moved into the new Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center Hospital but expect to do so later in the year. This should significantly improve our facilities. The department is dividing or pretty well divided up in to certain specialty areas and my colleagues are involved in heading up sections dealing with aneurysms, base of the skull surgery, stereotactic surgery, pediatric surgery and there seems less and less to be left for my expertise but I manage to hang on to the AVM's, pineal and intramedullary tumors and the occasional meningioma. We have a bright young chief resident who will be joining Sandy Larsen for a fellowship in spine and then he will come back to head up a spinal section here. The number of cases is ever increasing and the quality of the residents and resident applicants seems to follow the same trend, i.e. upward. We have been blessed with a new neuropathology section headed up by Jim Powers who comes from the Charleston, South Carolina and I am sure is a great loss for them but a great asset for us.

Research in the laboratory is mainly related to tumor and vascular physiology. There has been some nice work done by a number of the young people in the department including Emily Friedman, Karln Muraszko, Jeff Bruce, Bob Solomon and Michel Kliot.

In spite of the good times and exciting work I don't feel that I am too young to plan for retirement which should come in about six or seven years. I would like to have the department stable and well on its way at that time and it looks like we will make it. My hobby, which I have been developing along over the years is car restoration and I now have collected six wonderful, but in various states of disrepair, sports cars, i.e. two-seaters of vintages since 1956. We put an addition on the house to house this effort and I have six of these cars packed in that area, have equipment to do welding, sandblasting, paint spraying and machining, etc.

William Buchheit, M.D.

April 18, 1989

I must say, after a tough week of neurosurgery it's a great joy to go and tinker with the automobiles. No relatives to argue with, no midnight catastrophic hemorrhages that drag you back to the shop and all-in-all it's a relatively peaceful environment. Incidentally, only two of these vehicles are in running order at the present time.

We are looking forward to the meeting in Tucson. I am quite familiar with the area and this is one of the super places in the country.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Academicians:

We have had a good year, and there are prospects for even a better one to come.

I am pleased to say that our plans for a PET Center will come to fruition.

We have finally been able to launch our surgical epilepsy program, and this is well on its way. In conjunction, we have found a potentially exciting epilepsy model in the baboon which will compliment the clinical program.

Willis Brown is pushing ahead with our tumor brachytherapy effort, and in the laboratory, we have noted some interesting and rather consistent abnormalities on chromosome 10 in glioblastoma multiforme.

Ed Eidelberg continues his spinal cord injury research. In concert with his wife, Barbara Brooks, they are also making some interesting observations in our CNS transplantation studies, particularly in the MPTP Parkinson monkey model. The tissue culture laboratory is at work attempting to characterize growth patterns of the various adrenal medullary elements and fetal nigral cells.

Lee Ansell, one of our former residents, will join our faculty soon and will head up our spine program. He also has a major interest in vascular interventional radiology. I believe we will be able to develop a viable joint program in this area with our neuroradiologists.

For an update on the homefront, we are happy to announce that our eldest daughter finished her Ophthalmology training and has joined the Department of Ophthalmology as Assistant Professor here at the University. Her husband, David, remains in the Finance Real Estate business.

Our second daughter, Mary, in Nursing Administration, and her husband, John, in Neurosurgical Training in our program, will present us with our second grandchild later this year.

Earlier this year, we had a wonderful wedding when our third daughter, Jane, married a fine young man from Minnesota. They are involved in the entertainment field in music management and do a great deal of traveling, but they reside in Minneapolis.

Our son, J.D., is finishing his MBA at The University of Texas in Austin and is presently in New York doing an internship with the Pepsi Cola Company at their corporate headquarters.

As you can surmise, all of the above-mentioned leaves the two of us to do our own thing! Hence, we are still involved in the ranching business, and it has been no small task to survive during the drought. We have had to lay irrigation lines to the yard around the ranch house to save our trees. At home in San Antonio, however, we find it quite relaxing to just spend time by the pool and play music together. In fact, a newly acquired bass fiddle rounds out our collection of musical instruments so we can have an instant jam session when friends join us.

We genuinely look forward to seeing all of you at the forthcoming Tucson meeting.

Sincerely,

Jim and Joanne Story
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Dear Bill,

All continues well at our house. 1989 is an incredibly busy year. Thor gave the Doherty lecture at AANS and left there to fly to Japan to be Honorary President of their Aneurysm Workshop. Both honors were last held by Charlie Drake, so we felt especially honored. Had a grand visit with Thor III and his lovely wife, Kathleen, in D.C. which was glorious in full spring garb. I participated in the Women's Pro-Choice March - a rich experience. We previously had a delightful time with Susan and Alan Hudson, when Thor gave the Keith lecture. Our biggest honor lies ahead when Thor will be guest of honor at the Congress in Atlanta in late October - actually at the same time as our 37th Anniversary - and all the family will join us!

Right now the Academy meeting is #1 Priority. It is our aim to provide a memorable experience in our beloved Arizona. The Resort is spectacular within a beautiful setting and should be a treat. We want to share with all of you the peaceful, tranquil lifestyle of the Southwest - enhanced by glorious desert sunsets and the ever-changing panorama of sun and shadows on the mountains. The Resort won for the builders, or contractors, (M.M. Sundt) the "Build America" award - a coveted honor among contractors. They were required to leave the desert untouched and if a saguaro was in the way, it was dug up, boxed and returned to within inches of the building. Wives, if the men haven't brought home the information on weather, activities, etc. - call the secretary at his office! You don't want to miss it.

Our oldest, Laura, is now Treasurer of American Southwest Mortgage Co. in Tucson and our youngest, John, is an attorney with Bilby, Shoenhair, the oldest Tucson law firm, currently talking merger with Phoenix' Inell and Wilmer. Thor III finishes two years research at NIH in June and heads back to M.G.H. for 2 more years of General Surgery, and then in 1991 goes to St. Louis for Cardiac Surgery.

I'm still putting in hours at J.B. Hudson (owned by Birks - as are C.D. Peacock, Shrive, J.E. Caldwell, etc., etc.) but may find a new outlet helping Thor as he takes on Editorship of the Journal. I think that's the only way I'll get to see him!!

Well, dear friends - come to Tucson and "let us entertain you!"

Lois and Thor Sundt

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Dear Fellow Members of the Academy:

I hope you are planning to join us for the meeting in Tucson. Lois and I are looking forward very much to having you share this time with us in our favorite part of the world.

We had an informal meeting of the Executive Committee of the Academy during the recent Board meeting in Winston-Salem. This group plus some others unanimously approved the motion of having Frank Borman speak to us about his trip to the moon. Bill Buchheit has heard his talk and says that it is excellent. Henry Garretson was a classmate of Frank's in Tucson and Frank and I are old friends from our days together at West Point. Thus he has strong ties to the Academy. He will be our banquet speaker on Saturday night, October 1, so please plan to attend the entire meeting.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr.", written in dark ink.

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Dear Friends

It was a great pleasure to see everyone at the Meeting in Cincinnati and to renew our friendship with you all. We went on to the Meeting in Seattle where Lindsay was Honoured Guest and that was quite an experience. The Congress was extremely hospitable and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We have done a great deal of travelling this Spring and it is quite a challenge keeping pace with work at home. I enjoy my concerts and conservation work at Hatfield House. This year I took part in a large television show at the Royal Albert Hall in aid of Save the Children Fund. It was called "Joy to the World" and was televised everywhere with a message on the screen from President Reagan. We had visiting Choirs from the U.S.A and from Russia.

Our son Fraser is back teaching in London after seven years in Japan. Rosemary is busy with a part-time job in General Practice and has two small children. Fiona continues working for the BBC in the Foreign Language Service using her Arabic and has finally married Ian, her first boy friend of twelve years. He teaches French, largely to children in London, who as yet cannot speak English!

Lindsay and I enjoyed a week in Granada and Seville in February and a week in the Algarve playing golf at Easter.

We have just had a very pleasant week with Susan and John Tew, as guests of the Department. We took them up to the North West, to Salford for the Society of British Neurosurgeons Meeting where Susan was exposed to the social history of the 'Dark Satanic Mills' of William Blake, in the textile industry. John and Lindsay played golf at Lytham in St Anne's with our old friend Ken Tutton.

India looms large on the horizon and although we would dearly like to come to Tucson to Thor and Lois' Meeting it may not be possible. We sincerely wish them both all the best, for what will, I am sure, be a spectacular Meeting.

Our best wishes to you all.



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Dear Academicians:

The past year has been an active one for my family and myself. Life has gone on smoothly and I happily have no great news to impart.


My Department of Surgery is flourishing as is the Division of Neurosurgery under my partner, Ken Petruk. Our group now has seven neurosurgeons with the addition of Max Findlay who is a Toronto graduate. We felt we needed some outside blood since we are a very inbred group and we were delighted to have had Max join us. Peter Allen, who is the senior member of our group, continues to serve as Vice President (Medical) at the University of Alberta Hospitals.

My two little children are performing academically to my satisfaction and my daughter is doing well at ballet. They are both in French Immersion Schools. Fluency in French is now a great advantage to those seeking careers with the Federal Government in Canada. My wife spends most of her considerable energies looking after the rest of us and manages the affairs of my Professional Corporation. My oldest daughter has a clothing boutique, my son-in-law has opened a restaurant and they look after my granddaughter.

I have had to do a great deal of travelling during the past year and fortunately I am still able to derive some pleasure from this.

Kind regards to you all.

Yours sincerely,


Bryce Weir, M.D.

BW/ws

Dear Bill,
Lest we be banished to a loose leaf page in the Round Robin Annual, I decided to sit down and type my gossip as quickly as possible. This and making sure that everyone in the family has clean underwear will assure me a place in heaven.

Your letter says that you are anxious to know what has happened to our animals, too, so it is with deep regret I report the passing of our dear Duffer. He was a 2 year old street waif of mixed parentage when we rescued him, and he spent his life with us, being companion and guard to the Weiss children and everyone who just looked at him kindly. But sadly, the once proud beast had suffered the ravages of time and he was not having fun anymore. So, at age 18 he was put to sleep. We now have just one small, middle aged beast and two cats, plus about 14 goldfish in our pond. So, even though our kids are gone and the dog has died, we are not yet ready to start "living," as the joke says. There is, after all, NEUROSURGERY to take up all the slack. But, of course, it has been ever thus! It rushes in to fill any gaps there may be. I would just like to see a little more quality time spent between meetings. We all have so little time to enjoy anything anymore that I think some people don't realize there is an existence outside of neurosurgery that should be examined and shared with someone you love before there isn't any time left.

Speaking of Time flying, old "Semi-baldy" did not escape turning 50 without some noise being made about it. We had a regular wing-ding of a party for Marty and managed to surprise him to boot! His mom flew in from NJ and we hid her in a big, decorated box at the party. Elisabeth and Jessica came in from school, and I managed to locate some old childhood friends our ours who now live in California. We danced, dined and reminisced til all hours--it seemed to make the factor of being 50 not nearly as bad as Marty had anticipated.

Our kids are all well. Brad, 27, is living in Tanzania working on his PhD in Cultural Anthropology. He'll return from the field to the U. of Chicago in March '90 to write his thesis. We are taking the girls to Africa next week, where we will meet Brad and spend a week with him on photo safari. Then Brad has to go back to his village and we will travel though Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and Zaire. Our house is a sea of mosquito repellent, khaki camouflage and lists! It looks like a Banana Republic Warehouse.

Jessica is currently back home anticipating a few more months in design school before she is ready to tackle any empty space a client has that needs organizing. Elisabeth graduated from Northwestern U in June. She is setting out for Aspen in September to seek her fortune. I hope that all of our kids find their own fortunes before they decimate ours! We have absolute faith in them. They are pretty good kids who have given us a lot of laughs and pleasure. I still spend one half of my life at dance class and the other in my garden. It keeps me out of trouble.

One last note to everyone who inquired about Marty's health after his recent motorbike accident in Bermuda--he is well and ready to get back on and ride again. Maybe he really is crazy after all.

May 6, 1989

Dear Academician,

It was a most delightful experience to attend the 50th anniversary in Cincinnati, particularly the pre-meeting assembly of the grey and bald and their still lovely ladies--such loyalty! to still be willing to help us around.

It is gratifying to see so many offspring of academy members following in their fathers footsteps in neurosurgery; to see several octogenarians still maintain their offices; to see "younger" chiefs, such as Sundt, Hunt, and Collins command our admiration by maintaining their international reputations by activities accomplished despite their physical ailments. Bill Collins recently signed up for another several years as chief of the department of surgery at Yale.

The Whitcombs- very much retired, spent last Christmas in Alaska with the only grandchild young enough to be exciting. We spent most of March skiing in Colorado. It is amazing to us but apparently in our 80s we take a "what the Hell" attitude -threw caution to the wind and skied faster and better than in decades. (but we ski easier trails and miss the old quadriceps of 40 years past).

A wonderful write-up on Gus and Helen McCravey and their talented family appeared in the Chattanooga News-FreePress last summer. This report on this popular Academy member should be a source of pride to us all.

Cordially,

Ben

Ben Whitcomb, Jr.

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April 10, 1989

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Dear Bill:

Ed Boldrey died quietly after a mercifully brief illness. He was one of the truly great men in American neurosurgery, and we have missed him. He had the qualities of a true gentleman, and anyone who knew him would testify that he was both a gentleman and a scholar. He shaped the image of neurosurgery on the West Coast.

Some years ago, we established an annual Boldrey lectureship, something that Ed Boldrey enjoyed very much. This year, we invited Buz Hoff as the Boldrey lecturer. Buz and Ed Boldrey had been close friends despite the gap in years. They commuted together for much of the time that Buz was here, so they came to know one another very well. Of course, no-one was as close to Ed Boldrey as Cone Pevehouse, but over the years Buz became a close second. This was the first year that the lecture had been given without Dr. Boldrey's being in the front row and taking notes.

The Department is becoming top heavy. Almost everyone is a Professor. This adds strength to the Department overall, but I am uneasy that we have so few younger men. Youth brings energy, flexibility and innovation, and every department needs it. The newest member of our faculty is young Griff Harsh who, in addition to being a superb surgeon, is working almost full-time on the molecular biology of gliomas.

The new Dean at UCSF is Joseph Martin, presently the Professor and Chairman of Neurology at MGH. He is an incredible man with unbound energy and enormous capacity. Perhaps you heard him give

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the lecture on molecular biology at the AANS meeting this year. We were truly honored that he decided to come to San Francisco because his situation in Boston was extremely good.

We will look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting later this year.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charlie

Pamela and Charles Wilson

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Dear Bill:

My contribution to the Round Robin for this year is as follows:
"All of our children are out of the house now with one finishing college, one in graduate school and one trying to make it in the music world. I have joined the Board of Trustees of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and am resigning as Chairman of the Council on Arts and Humanities for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I have had a lot of fun on the Council over the past ten years, primarily sponsoring programs that would create new works of art, music, poetry, etc. Through this program four Pulitzer prizes and one MacArthur Award were ultimately obtained by the people we have worked with.

However, with the new duties as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurosurgery I have no other time to continue this activity and together with my terminal search for the cure for vasospasm I guess I will be occupied enough over the next few years.

Our most current project at the hospital is stereotaxic isocentric proton beam therapy using CT and MRI. Paul Chapman and Bob Crowell will be in charge of the project which will deal primarily with small tumors and AVM's as well as fringe radiation to gliomas."

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Zervas, M.D.

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