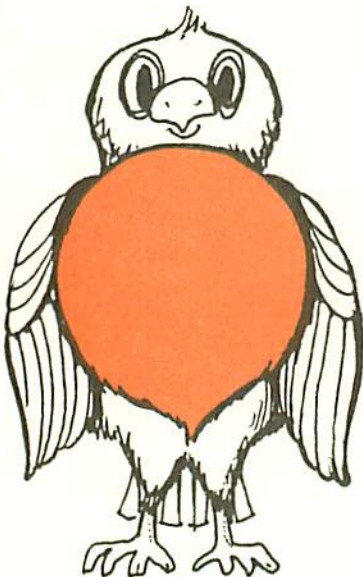
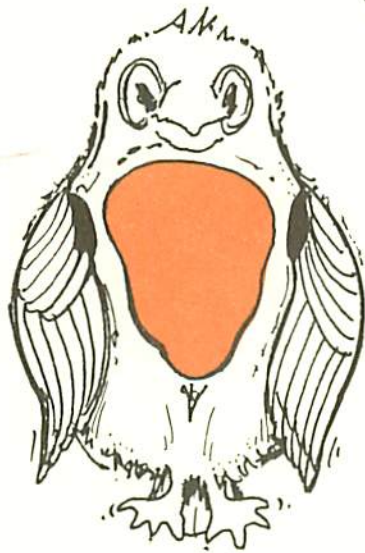
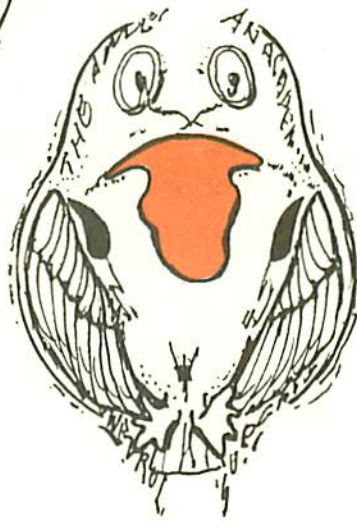


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ROUND ROBIN LETTER


Betty and I have had a good year and will expect to be at the meeting in Naples which should be one of the best in the history for the Academy.

Family wise, we have one male grandchild of our son Alex and his wife Holley in Boston, Eben IV, age 4. Phyllis and her husband, David Slye, who live about 4 miles from Alex and Holley in Dedham, Massachusetts, have just had their first child, a daughter. These are tempting reasons to go to Boston fairly often, and we do.

I had the opportunity to help with the dedication of the Franc D. Ingraham Library at the Children's Medical Center. No one else has even made a gesture at being the founding father of pediatric neurosurgery, and I don't think there has been anyone other than Franc Ingraham, who never claimed any priority.

Betty was discovered by checking her repeated calcium levels over the past 5 years to have a parathyroid tumor with a blood calcium of 12.5. The tumor was removed without incident. Although she thought she would have to buy a special necklace to cover the scar, fortunately, the scar is barely visible and she is doing very well. She does not feel very much different, but I detect a considerable difference in her. She has been a great wife to me since we had a 2 week engagement and a marriage 50 years ago, prior to my going overseas. We did not sign any contract that she would have to live with me for 50 years, so she has put up with it with great strength.

I continue to enjoy the editorship of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY which keeps me fairly busy, a few lectures to the students, seeing a few patients, and going to various meetings, particularly the Senior Society of which I am historian.


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July 20, 1992

Dear Friends,

Since our last letter we have moved to Chicago, at least partly. Anyone want a home Bloomfield Hills, Michigan?

There was a lot of work to be done at the University of Illinois-Chicago, Department of Neurosurgery. In eleven months we have had to work on every facet of the program. Beginning July 1992, we have an excellent set of residents, several new, who should become the nucleus of a good program in the future. They are committed to celibacy and neurosurgery for the next five years! We are looking for some new staff people and have interviewed some excellent people. If you have any suggestions, I would appreciate your help.

The inpatient service has tripled in size and the referrals of complex cases, many from neurosurgeons, have been challenging. We should do the largest number of operations in the department's history in 1992, increasing the previous number by over 50 %. We have expanded to 2 operating rooms daily.

Manuel Dujovny, who came with me from Detroit, has put together a first class research program. Our thrust is to take advantage of the tremendous basic science resources at the University of Illinois and make our research interdisciplinary. We are working on converting the MR to become a PET type instrument, functional imaging with the SPECT, new advances in laser technology, 3-D imaging for the CNS and stereotaxis, a highly accurate ICP monitoring device, and the transcutaneous transcranial infrared spectroscopy device for measuring real time oxygen saturation in the brain. We are working with a computerized program for predicting the outcome of various treatments for cerebrovascular ischemia so that an appropriate approach can be selected. For all of this, we are working with physiologists, radiation biologists, biophysicists, engineers, and computer scientists. It is really a great opportunity! We are looking for a molecular biologist or geneticists for our new genetics and molecular biology laboratories.

The Neuropsychiatric Institute building, in which many of you took your Board examinations, is being renovated. We should have the new laboratories and offices finished by the time of the Academy meeting and will start on the next phase in January, 1993.

I am also Chairman of the UIC Neuroscience Strategic Planning Committee; so we have had a chance to coordinate the interdepartmental planning for the future.

Carolyn is planning and organizing the 50th Anniversary celebration of the NPI for September 24-26, 1992 so we have had our hands full getting that together. We hope the Governor, Mayor and others will be there! Our scientific program will be on "Neuroscience in the 21st Century-The Biology of Neurologic Disease".

So, you can see what we have been doing in the last year. Besides our youngest daughter, Susan, graduated from law school and is going to business school, while the oldest, Elizabeth, is a Vice-President for Strategic Planning in a Detroit business.

We will just be returning from the Japanese Cerebrovascular meeting to Naples! Look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

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Dear Academy Friends:

How quickly another year rolls around! It seems only yesterday that I was hastily putting something together for the Round Robin - late as always.

Things rock along with reasonable smoothness in Boston, except that there have been one or two glitches. E had a corneal transplant about six months ago and developed (of all things) a yeast infection of the graft. This has been a stubborn complication to eradicate, although at the present time the infection seems to be gone. However, all of this has delayed the final adjustment of the transplant so that the vision in that eye is currently not what it should be.

On March 6, John and Susan Tew came to Boston and Cambridge to visit their son, Neal, who will be a senior next year. On Sunday the 8th, we went out to Sunday dinner with them and I noticed that my left calf was painful when I walked. The upshot - the next day I ended up in the hospital with a DVT! After eight days on Heparin and Coumadin, they finally let me go home but not back to work for another four days. What a drag. In any event, the clot evidently went away and I am back in the saddle again.

But I'll not be back in the saddle for very long. I've stopped seeing new patients and am planning to semi-retire in August. We are in the process of setting up an office for me on the top floor of our home where I hope to do a little writing and a lot of reading.

Our grandchildren continue to be a delight. The oldest, Tom Ballantine, graduated from Princeton with honors and is gainfully employed by the State of New Jersey EPA. The environment seems to be his thing although he is toying with going to law school after a year of earning an honorable living. His sister, Allison, turned 21 on July 28th. She is at Mt. Holyoke and, having majored in Drama, she managed to fulfill all of her requirements and plans to apply to medical school this fall! The youngest, James Gardner, just finished his freshman year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he is making a good record for himself. He is a car nut and hopes to become an automotive engineer.

E and I are looking forward to seeing all of you in the fall when the clan meets in Naples, Florida. Why not Naples, Italy one of these years?

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August 28, 1992

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Dear Bill,

I hope this contribution is not too late to be in the round robin for 1992. We always enjoy reading it but it always makes me feel guilty when I let the deadline slip by as I usually do.

Everyone in our family is very busy doing their own thing. The biggest news is Arielle's Egyptian show which opened at the Cleveland Museum of Art around the first of July and has since received rather wide acclaim. Its been extolled in many publications including the New York Times and Newsweek to the magazines that one gets on airlines. She even appeared on CBS Sunday Morning. The show will be opening in Ft. Worth at the end of October where it will stay for several months before opening in Paris in the spring. She is really looking forward to the Naples meeting as a good chance to relax and see old friends far from the telephone.

Jason is now in the second year of Jim Robertson's neurosurgery program and as far as I can tell having a ball. Jim sees more of him these days than we do, but he seems to love the program as well as the hunting and fishing which is so readily available. I am amazed by the amount of material which he's seen as well as the amount surgery which he did in the first year. With all of that he managed to hit the books and pass his inservice examination for credit during the first year as well.

Daniel gave up his job in the International Department of the Federal Reserve in Washington where he had been working on economic models for several years. He realizes that a Masters degree is really not adequate and has moved to Madison, Wisconsin to start working toward a PhD in Economics.

Arielle and I are looking forward to seeing you all in Naples.

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Dear Academicians:

From a social point of view, last year was a great one. I was skiing in Ober-Gurgl, Austria for two weeks. The snow was terrific and the old body made it through another year. This was the twenty-eighth year I've skied there and I think I know all the mountain people, and every nook and cranny. These simple things create a whole new life for those two weeks.

Last month I went back to Europe for a second trip. The highlight of this was paragliding in Grindelwald, Switzerland. It really was quite exciting to be up in the air 5,000 feet, dangling on the end of a string with someone steering the glider for you. These were small gadgets that are a cross between a parachute and a glider and are launched by running down the mountainside. It's very exciting to go from being 5 feet above the ground to 5,000 feet in about two minutes.

From a neurosurgical point of view, my department is doing well. My number two man, Bob Rosenwasser is off in New York for a sabbatical year leaving the other four members of the faculty here to work. In general, I am satisfied about how things are, although deep inside I will always want to do better.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Florida.

With very best regards,


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RE: Academy Round Robin Letter

Dear Bill:

During my gradual "retirement" process, I have made several personal physiologic observations. Anecdotal to be sure, but perhaps interesting enough to share with my friends in the Academy. I am sure a number of them have gone through the stage of life I am talking about and obviously, I would be curious as to their experiences. For those yet to come, my observations may also be of interest.

First, my appetite. I used to have a sizable breakfast, never knew whether I had a snack for lunch, and usually a large dinner. Now my daily food consumption has reduced to at least one-half of what I used to take, and yet I have gained five pounds in the past year, and this has stabilized as if a switch in my hypothalamus has been re-set. I believe both findings are good, less costly for my food, and more conservation for my body. Meanwhile, my blood pressure, serum cholesterol, etc., remain in very satisfactory range.

Second, and I am not sure if this is good or bad, I have found that my working efficiency has steadily gone downhill. I cannot seem to get enthused about anything of any consequence, let alone work on many projects simultaneously. I am reading many more non-professional books and articles, and am writing some in the same categories. The deterioration of total productivity frightens me, but I try to tell myself that the change is probably part of the process. I would be interested in hearing from others who have had more experience in this regard.

Now, on to some more tangible items. We moved into a townhouse last December. Our house in North Oaks sold quickly, and we had two weeks to accomplish the transfer. We never realized we had accumulated so much stuff that we had not seen or used in decades. The Goodwill Industry people had a wonderful time, obviously. Our new address is 183 Galtier Place, Shoreview, MN 55126-2113, and the telephone number is 612-484-9562, which did not change. The good side of the move is that there is much less to keep up - lawn, trees, snow and ice, etc. The downside is that there is much less privacy and more acoustic invasion. However, we are comfortable, and since we plan to spend winters in our house in Rio Verde, Arizona (26012 Primo Circle,

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July 15, 1992

Rio Verde, Arizona 85263; telephone 602-471-7639), we will have much less to worry about now that we do not have a big house. As of this writing, Jolene is driving a U-Haul full to extra furniture, books and a piano, and is pulling a sailboat to Denver and Salt Lake City, where Dana, our daughter, and Shelley, Jr. and his family live, respectively. They can use the furniture, a far better solution than keeping it in storage at a cost.

My employment at the U of M ended last June. I administered the "Oath for New Physicians" to the graduating class at the commencement - an appropriate final action, following an excellent speech by Dr. David Kessler, the Commissioner of the FDA on, "The Healing Profession". I will continue to have an office at the University, but I have not quite figured out what I am going to do in it. That there will be definitely something, though, seems certain.

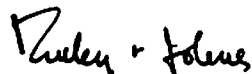
This fall, we are going to spend two months in Kaoshiung, which is at the southern tip of Taiwan. I am to be a visiting professor there, and Jolene says she is going to enhance her knowledge and skill in Chinese cooking. We will take a side trip to Kunming on the mainland of China, where my mother's ashes are to be buried. We hope to be back for the holidays.

Meanwhile, I am pawing through a whole host of changes, Medicare, Social Security, supplementary health care insurance, etc, etc. When I called the Social Security Administration, using the 800 phone number, I sort of expected to hear a computerized voice instructing me to press such and such a number for this and that information. Instead, there was a very pleasant lady's voice saying, "All of the lines are busy, but please do not hang up, because you are an important client, so please wait". Bach's double concerto was very softly played in the background while I waited, and I was very impressed.

We hope to attend the Academy meeting in Naples, but if we do not see you there, as we may be packing for, or on our way to Taiwan, we hope you will have an excellent meeting.

Our best wishes to you all...

Sincerely,



Shelley and Jolene

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Dear. Dr. Buchheit:

Complying with your request as editor of the Round Robin, these are the news from down here.-

The unlimited entrance to Medical Schools in Argentina has resulted in large numbers of doctors who do not have enough theoretical or practical knowledge.- Many young neurosurgeons do not dare to use radical surgery in difficult cases.- Biopsies, ~~sterovactjconr dotpare~~ used instead, followed by palliative surgery which, moreover, is frequently badly performed, leading to an increase in malpractice suits.- Due to all this I have been convinced by friends and patients not to retire yet completely in spite of my 78 years, and I am now the oldest practicing neurosurgeon in Argentina.-

Although eight children and seventeen grandchildren have transformed me into a patriarch I still do a lot of travelling.-

I took Diana and our three youngest children (one of hers, one of mine and the third, aged 5, of both of us) to New York for a week in Christmas time.- Then we went to Orlando and Miami and later to the Virgin Islands where spent another week sailing.-

In May, and without children this time, we went to Paris and London for a short cultural tour (theater, opera, concerts and the inauguration in Joigny, near Paris, of an exhibition of sculpures made by my mother in law, who is younger than me).-

Apart from neurosurgery and travel, history has become the third string of my fiddle.- Last year I published a 700 pages controversial book "Historia Argentina sin Mitos. De Colón a Perón" which provoked outrage in some circles and acceptance in others.- It has had a second printing and is being used as a text-book by professors at the Universities of Cordoba and Mar del Plata.-

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Life is so strange and full of unexpected turns that, in the future, I might be remembered as an historian more than as a neurosurgeon.-

Last year eighteen of my former assistants invited themselves to my home for "vino y empanadas" (wine and Argentine special meat pies) and presented me with a diploma as "their" teacher.- The strong sunlight that floods my office has already wiped the text and the eighteen firms ... It is a reminder of the Latin saying "Sic transit gloria mundi" or an anticipation to the necrological "Pulvis eris et pulvis reverteris"?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature consisting of several overlapping, sweeping lines that form a stylized, elongated shape.

P.S. You are authorized to shorten and correct this rather long letter written in imperfect English.-

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Dear Bill;

Gwen and I are getting old enough so that a healthy year is a good year. This has been a good year for the Collins'. I continue as Chairman of the Department of Surgery and probably will do so for another year. My tenure extension was caused by the Dean resigning. It would be very difficult with our administrative structure to recruit a Chairman of a Department without a Dean. The job of Chairman at Yale is interesting but the lack of time to work on what has interested me most of my academic life makes it is not what I would like to do if I were younger and trying to accomplish something. It has included replacing all of the section Chiefs except one and all were my friends, recruiting some twenty new faculty and attempting to organize the department to function as an academic unit rather than as independent surgeons. This has been difficult since some of the surgeons are almost as stubborn as neurosurgeons. I believe that the most beneficial aspect of my tenure could be that it may allow Dennis Spencer, Chief of the Section of Neurosurgery, to have the section become a department, something I believe is long overdue. The Chairmanship is basically a negative feedback position, for I can not remember the last time someone said "you did a great job last week," and I have no difficulty remembering when someone was upset by one of my decisions or actions.

Gwen and I had fun last year visiting Russia and the Scandinavian Countries. We also have had a bit more time because aside from a few consultations I stopped practicing neurosurgery. I had forgotten how pleasant it is to get home in daylight [at least some of the year] and to be able to control my schedule so I only rarely have to rush. I sometimes can even get almost all caught up. I should amend my previous statement about the totally negative aspect of the position for I forgot there are a few positive aspects such as better control of one's time. I never knew how little some administrators did while they had difficulty getting me into their schedules to discuss something. I have tried not to let my lack of interest or distaste in facing a problem to let me pretend I am too busy to talk with anyone. Most of the time I have been available to the faculty.

We have instituted a required Clinical Neuroscience Clerkship for the medical students that includes neurosurgery neurology, neuropathology and basic neuroscience seminars. I find it a bit too formalized since I still believe the best way to teach medical students is to teach them how to learn rather than what to learn. I further believe this should be paired at least in the clinical years, with plenty of exposure to faculty role models who practice medicine and do research rather than spending the faculty's and the student's time in lectures. Neurology leans more toward that bright delusion that what is lectured to students is retained as knowledge. I believe I recovered from that delusion some time ago, but I suppose I could relapse.

Clark Randt, Professor Emeritus of Neurology at NYU, who worked with me in Cleveland and I are writing a book that we are calling a Tutor for Clinical Neuroscience. Unfortunately my schedule and our variances in ideas have caused the project to fall behind any schedule we hoped for. I plan as I leave this job to spend the time to get it on track again or perhaps I will face up to the fact that I could increase my day enough to do it. It includes suggestions for putting symptom patterns together to help problem solve the cause of clinical nervous system dysfunction. I agree that problem solving encounters are an interesting way to teach and even perhaps learn with computer program or written programs. Unfortunately the technique is limited because the problem solving solution is set up from an answer when in the clinical situation the problem requires going to an answer. That is one reason why I have resisted the use of trained models as patients. They are too neat a package and in addition they cost too much. I would rather spend the money improving the environment of the students, providing more time and space in clinics, having more supervision of students doing neurological exams, using other socratic teaching techniques in seminars and giving more faculty attention to student workups. A problem that has developed in the Department of surgery is that there are few hospitalized patients that the students can study since most are too ill, admitted for surgery on the same day or sent home during what used to be a hospital recovery period. In addition the private office clinics [there are no ward clinics] are not large enough to allow the students to "have time in an office" to work on solving clinical problems. Such offices cost about 30-40 dollars an hour to run and in addition require almost a one-on-one faculty to student ratio of supervision if students are to have a positive experience and patient satisfaction is to be retained. We are working on a number of plans to improve the situation, one of which is using voluntary faculty members and their offices, thus enlarging the geographic and faculty base. It is a complicated organizational problem including quality assurance problems. The days when patients stayed in the hospital receiving a workup and for prolonged recovery are gone and will not return, so we must use a different set. Decreasing the student's contact with patients is not an acceptable answer. The problem will be solved and I hope not by a marked increase in formal lectures and course outlines.

I still am not certain what I will do as this period of my life comes to a close. I guess as a neurosurgeon I never thought I would live this long, but I have. I still remember when I went into the army after internship. I did not know what to do with all the free time I had while two years later when I was leaving I needed an assistant to get my work done. Perhaps that is the solution, learn to waste time. As I mentioned last year, while nothing could be as much fun and so absorbing as neurosurgery, I can think of quite a few things that would fill at least a few years, and I will perhaps start on them. I have been putting off getting back to music--that is one of them; and just reading for pleasure is another.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Collins".

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Dear Bill:

Enclosed is the obituary notice of Dr. Dean Echols, one of the founders and first president of the Academy of Neurological Surgeons.

Dean lived a full life. He was quite limited the last few months because of the combination of pulmonary fibrosis and multiple compression fractures which reduced his pulmonary function and caused his death from respiratory failure. We were all particularly saddened that Dean was unable to live to see his first granddaughter get married in January 1992. Dean was one of the great personalities of neurosurgery, and everybody who knew him will miss him. Our deepest condolences go to Fran, his wife, and Barbara, Cynthia and Dean, Jr., his children.

You may want to enclose this in the Round Robin.

Yours truly,



Edward S. Connolly, M.D.

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Enclosure

ECHOLS

Dr. Dean Holland Echols, age 87, on Tuesday morning, November 26, 1991. Husband of Frances Foerster Echols of New Orleans. Father of Mrs. Barbara Smith of New Orleans, LA. Mrs. Cynthia Stewart of Southport, CT. and Dr. Dean Foerster Echols of San Diego, CA. Brother of Emmett D. Echols of Cocoa Beach, FL. Also survived by five grandchildren, Karen O'Meara, Prescott and Reid Stewart, Heather and Elouise Echols.

At Dr. Echols' request, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alton Ochsner Foundation, preferred. BULTMAN FUNERAL HOME, in charge of arrangements.



Dean Echols

Dr. Dean Holland Echols, a retired neurosurgeon with Ochsner Clinic, died of complications related to pulmonary fibrosis Tuesday at Ochsner Foundation Hospital. He was 87. Dr. Echols was born in Appleton, Wis., and lived in New Orleans for many years. He graduated from Brown University and received a medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1931. He trained as a resident in neurology and neu-

rosurgery at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He joined Ochsner Clinic when it opened in 1942 and remained there until 1974. After retiring, he was a consultant at the Veterans Administration Hospital and a clinical professor at Tulane Medical Center. He directed and organized the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation training program when the first residents arrived in 1944. He was a former president of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery, the American Association of Medical Clinics and the New Orleans Society of Neurology and Psychiatry. He was a founding member of the Southern Neurological Society. He was a major in the Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Frances Foerster Echols; a son, Dean Echols of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters, Barbara Smith of New Orleans and Cynthia Stewart of Southport, Conn.; a brother, Emmett Echols of Cocoa Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren. The House of Bultman is in charge of arrangements.

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11th June 1992

Dear Academicians,

1991/92 has treated the Dan clan quite kindly. Adrienne continues her intense involvement with the Art Gallery of New South Wales whilst our eldest daughter, Sally, continues with the commercial side of art working with Christie's Australia. Sally has announced her engagement to Christopher Cuthbert and plans to wed in October. Finding a date which did not clash with art auctions, accountancy deadlines - Christopher is a corporate tax accountant - and even Noel's commitments was a minor challenge. Lisa our second daughter completes her interior architecture degree this year and Kerrie, our youngest, her communications degree with a continuing yearn to make movies.

We now have a 200 acres farm with a rather attractive garden which is also preoccupying Adrienne. The farm is just two hours drive south of Sydney in the Southern Tablelands. Apart from the principal priority of allowing the dog to chase cattle to his heart's content we have lots of room and love having visitors at Bowral as well as in Sydney.

We look forward to the Academy meeting in Florida in October.

Yours sincerely,



Adrienne & Noel Dan



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May 13, 1992

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Dear Bill:

I do not believe the Drakes have contributed to the "Round Robin" for a year or two. Ruth is busier than I am, she is in charge of the Heritage Foundation in this city and is President of her Investment Club, insists on taking care of the lawn and garden, is a winter tennis buff and now has returned to golf. She still baby sits for the grandchildren in Toronto, the Detroit area and Dallas, from time to time.

Number one son, John-45, has been living in Dallas for three years and has been rather successful in the business world after opting out of law. He is a golf enthusiast and he and his partner have built their own private club about 20 miles south of London on an English design, so I now have two clubs to play in Ontario. He sold the Bonanza as it just was not big enough or fast enough for his four youngsters and the big dog. He is now getting checked out gradually in a Lear 25 which he leases occasionally. He is also taking helicopter lessons and learning aerobatics in a Pitts.

Jim is 39 and became an assistant Professor as of this year in the Toronto School of Neurosurgery at the Sick Childrens Hospital under Harold Hoffman. He was an engineer first and then he has now developed an interest in robotic stereotatic surgery on deep tumours as well as new shunts for hydrocephalus. I was pleased he won a AANS award. Three grandchildren.

Stephen, 37, has a BA in commerce from Toronto and an MBA and runs a company for Siemens outside Detroit. He may be sent back to Canada. 3.7 grandchildren.

Tom, 35, the engineer with IBM in Toronto took time off and has spent the last two years working and studying day and

night for his MBA in Toronto and graduates this June. It seems he will stay with IBM in spite of their difficulties.

The powers-that-be think I should stop operating in July when I will be 72, before I start on the slippery downhill slope of old surgeons - it is probably wise. I will miss it. I have done only aneurysms this past year except when the chief resident asked me to do a big AVM or tumour so he can see how I used to do them. I will miss our effort to try to do something about some of the problems that persist with giant aneurysms and big AVMs. Ruth is worried about what to do with me when I will be around the house more of the time.

Sadly, for me, Skip Peerless decided to leave for warmer climes in Miami. I miss him but wish him every success in his new venue.

Intraaneurysmal balloon detachment has failed and now I am watching the coils. There may be more of a place for them if they can keep the morbidity down. I suspect the necks will continue to enlarge, but wouldn't it be nice to coil the dome of an aneurysm early after rupture and then treat the vasospasm and clip the neck at your leisure a month or so later.

Ladislau Steiner has agreed to radiate with the gamma unit the deep seated apex of the cone of 10 big cerebral AVMs where all the surgical troubles lie with that myriad of tiny and not so tiny fragile tortuous feeders. If this deep portion can be wiped out, the superficial inch or so of the mass might remain as straightforward as it is now. We have also radiated three of these lesions. I believe preoperative embolization has become somewhat safer with the new catheters but we need a new glue.

I am still working on the book and our experience with the 1600 V-B aneurysms. I was persuaded that it should be done as a unique series historically, so it will not be out of date like most surgical texts when they are published.

I am enjoying more golf and plan to get out several times a week. We bought a small used condo on the first hole of a good difficult golf course at Spanish Wells in Southwest Florida, between Fort Meyers and Naples. We spent 3½ weeks there this winter and more next year.

I have a new twin, a 1979 Cessna 340A with Ram engines and good avionics. It is turbocharged and pressurized so we can get up over most of the winter cold fronts commuting to Florida and Dallas. Sadly, the farmer has ploughed the strip at Lions Head which we put in 30 years ago for commuting to the cottage on Georgian Bay.

I am enjoying my shooting club on Griffith Island in Georgian Bay in the Fall with the boys and close friends, pheasants, partridge and a deer for my guests if they want one, even wild turkey in the Spring. I am usually invited fishing on the Hepworth stream for the big rainbow on the fly rod.

It was good to see you in Virginia.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

we were very enthusiastic about our first Academy meeting in Oregon and its special spirit of science and friendship, the kind generosity of our hosts Gloria and Nik Zervas, to be honoured by election as a new member (Rudy) and presentation of her first golf-trophy (Hanna).

Meanwhile as Congress-President I organised the annual meeting of the German Endocrine Society. About 1000 clinicians and basic scientists came to Erlangen in March 1992, to discuss as main topic the hypothalamus, among them our academician Michael Apuzzo.

Our research in neuroendocrinology especially on pituitary tumors, will be continued intensively. We have recently opened our own laboratory on molecular genetics, which will also give us also the opportunity to study our special interest on meningiomas at the genetic level. We organized the first International Symposium on biology and surgery of skull base meningiomas in Bamberg and felt that we are very close to influence antihormonally and pharmacologically these tumors.

In May 1992 I was elected by the German Neurological Society as 1. Vorsitzender, which means a lot of administrative work to confirm the neurosurgeons position in changing medical structures. This includes also the planning of our annual meeting in Nürnberg in May 1994.

My sons Fabian (13) and Marius (11), starting with the old languages latin and greek at the humanistic gymnasium, are meanwhile two new admirers of the new world staying with us a week at the east coast just after the AANS Meeting - Hanna had some impressive concerts, not only the musical presentation of the "Royal Skull Base Play" in Hannover will some academicians, she is preparing her part in a premiere of a new opera in Münster in December.

Forgive me that I cannot participate in the next meeting, because the Japanese Neurosurgical Society invited me long time ago to join their meetings in October. We are convinced that this absence will be an exception.

Yours sincerely

Rudy and Hanna
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August 19, 1992

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Dear Bill,

I trust that we can provide the Fraser family contribution for the 1992 ROUND ROBIN. We have enjoyed a busy year in our Clinic and at home. I am pleased to say that our Comprehensive Epilepsy Center has become very busy with many patients being referred for monitoring of which approximately 10% (as is typical in other Epilepsy Centers) end up being candidates for surgical resection. As I do the epilepsy surgery here, I am somewhat bemused and a little thrilled to find that my original motivation for going into neurosurgery, inspired by Wilder Penfield, has now 20 years after completion of my residency, come to fruition! So far we have a very pleasing record of seizure free patients following surgery. This is due largely to the discriminating selection process displayed by Douglas Labar who is the director of our epilepsy center. We will be presenting data at the American Epilepsy Society Meetings this year.

Our hyperthermia protocol for interstitial thermal radiotherapy for malignant intracranial tumors is under repeat review by our institutional review board (IRB). I have taken advantage of this non-approval to wait the second generation equipment. Though this is a delay, we are now seeking approval for the newer protocol in which a combined catheter containing both a radiation source as well as a heating source can be utilized. I am told that approval for this is expected soon. While this is a palliative treatment protocol, its selection by me was largely generated from Jerry Posner's group at Memorial Hospital who point out that there is nothing new of any therapeutic nature in the treatment of malignant brain tumors. A parenthetical benefit of the hyperthermia apparatus is the inclusion of a quick stereotaxic biopsy setup which does not require that the patient have a halo placed.

On the homefront, we are presented with a growing family. Our just 5 year old daughter, Eliza, has just learned to swim and is very proud of her aquatic emancipation. Our 3 year old, Emily, is a delicious kid whose behavior (for the most part) is laudable.

My oldest daughter Cynthia who has graduated from UBC is this year returning to graduate school in the Rehabilitation Medicine Program. My second oldest, Heather, has just received a Masters




Degree from the London School of Economics. She now talks a language that I dimly understand.

On the medical political arena, I have taken over the position as President of the New York State Neurosurgical Society. We are going through the somewhat painful process of creating a recertification format aided by officials from the State Department of Health. There is, not surprisingly, considerable variation of opinion about the value of these efforts. I think that the process has intrinsic free-standing merit. In addition, I am assured by the State Department of Health that they will create such a process totally independent of the neurosurgical society if we do not implement one on our own. I would be most interested for all of the members individual thoughts about this notion.

Both Anne and I are looking forward to seeing you all in Florida.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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Dear Academician:

Everything in the French family is going along well. We keep busy, irrespective of whether we are in Minneapolis or in our winter residence in Pauma Valley, California. Our main residence of course remains in Minnesota where we live on Lake Minnetonka. On the lake we do a fair amount of boating and of course fishing, too.

Our two boys, their wives, and a total of three grandchildren all live in and around Minneapolis so that we get to see them very often. As a matter of fact, I spend a great deal of time trying to teach those who are about five years of age how to catch fish. To my dismay, however, they seem to be better at it at their age than I am in my old age.

Our daughter Barbara still lives in Seattle. She is married and has two children. They all keep busy and moderately prosperous, which in turn keeps us very happy.

The entire family spent last Christmas in Sun Valley. As most of you know, we, for many years, had a condominium out there which, of course, because of lack of intelligence, we sold a year ago, so that for last Christmas, we rented a large house, one with five bedrooms, five baths, etc. for a week. There were 13 of us in all; it was very worthwhile, a good way to spend our 50th wedding anniversary.

I have been on the Planning Committee for the 50th Reunion of the 26th General Hospital, which is the University of Minnesota unit. It is the unit with which I went overseas back in 1942. We hope to have a fairly gala event although I am not quite certain how many of the "old gang" are still around.

When I am in town during the late spring, summer and fall, I still have the privilege of having an office at the University Hospital. Roberto is doing a very good job and the Department is sailing along very well, in my estimation. As most of you know, competition in the health field is getting rather intense, especially in the Minneapolis area, but nevertheless, our group seems to be able to compete very satisfactorily and I think the future for them is very good.

We are sorry to have missed the last meeting, but we look forward to seeing everyone this fall. With best regards . . .


Lyle and Gene French

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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

Since this is our first year in the Academy, and have not seen the book which is distributed at the meeting, I am not exactly sure what information is relevant, but here is a short synopsis of our family. Use as much or as little as you need.

Robyn is 7½ and will enter second grade in the fall. She loves school and sports. She is an avid gymnast and tennis player, plays T-ball and soccer, and is doing well with her piano lessons.

Nicole is 10 and will enter fourth grade in the fall. She is a creative child who enjoys art and drama. She equally enjoys going to plays or being in them. She is a Girl Scout and also takes gymnastics and piano lessons.

Brent is 12 and will enter sixth grade in the fall. He is an excellent student and also loves sports. He is on the Pasadena hockey team and also plays baseball, soccer, basketball, tennis and golf. He is a blue belt in karate with a few tournament trophies. He is also an accomplished pianist and an altar boy.

Sharon drives her three children to all the above mentioned activities, plays tennis several times a week, acts as agent for filming done in their home, and generally tries to keep the family organized and happy. She has recently started a Think First program in the Pasadena area.

Steve just had a successful operation on his cervical disk (May 24) and hopes to be back on the golf course and tennis courts soon. He is ecstatically happy with the new USC University Hospital, which he thinks is his, and the department has added three new neurosurgeons to the staff in the past year.

Again, I hope this is what you need. If not, let me know...

Sincerely,


Sharon Giannotta

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September 9, 1992

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Dear Bill:

When the college application forms or the back-to-school info sheets ask for "Mother's occupation", I say, "Put down educational consultant", but Bobby says that is an "occupation" only if one is paid and I am definitely not. It is, however, what I do - consult on education. To son, Robert, a senior last spring at Davidson College:

"You could perhaps skip the fraternity beach weekend to finish the honors thesis, which you should have begun in September and which you delayed starting until January."

"Yes, you could ask the medical schools where you are accepted if they would defer you to teach English in Japan for a year (1st idea)."

"No, I don't think they would defer you to teach sailing in Newport until the ski season starts in Colorado, at which time you would bartend there until spring and then go to England or Spain and find a job, maybe (2nd idea)."

"Yes, it will be okay (perceptible sigh of relief) to return to Camp Sea Gull as a counselor for the summer and start Emory Medical School in August (last idea)."

"No, you don't have to call Dr. Tindall, Chairman of Neurosurgery and President Elect of the Academy, and invite yourself to dinner. I'll remind him in Naples in October of his promise to do so."

To daughter, Mary Connell, a senior in high school:

"All the schools to which you are thinking of applying are going to provide excellent educational opportunities. Let's find answers to these important questions:

1. Will the snooty eating clubs at Princeton "bicker" a public high school girl from the Midwest?
2. Do traditional male bastions like Dartmouth and Washington and Lee still treat females like second class citizens?

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3. With the new crack-down on alcohol policy, will parties at Davidson still be fun?
4. Just because Mom and Dad had a wonderful time at Carolina and still managed to get an education, do you think you can? Remember, we partied only on weekends and now it is six nights a week. I think they rest on Sunday."

Then while I am dealing with my important and consuming job as Educational Consultant, Bob is whiling away the hours on neurosurgery and tracking down patients with totally occluded carotids. Finally his grant was funded, and he's hired a great assistant and they are glad-handing every neurologist and vascular surgeon between here and Memphis to turn up candidates for his study.



"I'd like you to have a CAT scan."

The man is a skeleton. You will not recognize him in October. Having found out in February that he had high cholesterol, he went on a crash, oat-bran-overdose diet and lost mega-pounds and reduced his cholesterol 100 points. Try to avoid sitting with him or Bob Ratcheson (same diet) at meals. "You're poisoning yourself. Don't touch that mayonnaise. Scrape off that Hollandaise. Do you know how many grams of fat are in that dollop of whipped cream?"

Hope to see you in Naples.

Julia
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Dear Academicians :

This is my first contribution to Round Robin since becoming an Academcian last fall.

My membership was made possible due to the recommendations of Dr. Zervas, Dr. Tew and Dr. Heros, I am very grateful to them for their kind support. Besides the prestige that comes with being an Academacian I realize that this will be a great opportunity to make many new friends.

Oriental people in general (and myself in particular as the first Korean member) are timid and culturally very different from western people : especially they tend to be more reserved.

Since this is my first opportunity to get acquainted with most of you. I'd like to tell you a litte about my family. You might say ours is a medical family.

My wife Sung is an very active in practice as an otolaryngologist.

My daughter Sue is a junior in medical school (same school as mine), and my son Ilkyu is pursuing the same path two years behind my daughter.

Our family was fortunate to spend two years in Boston and we enjoyed American life very much.

Sung is very nervous about her English speaking ability but is looking forward to attending the Academy meeting.

We are both looking forward to seeing all of you this fall.

Sincerely,

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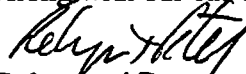
Dear Bill,

Hard to believe a whole year has gone by since the last Round Robin. What a full year. After two years of evolving into a political animal, neurosurgery received department status with approval by the Board of Regents on July 17th. The process has taken two years. It also proves that the Peter principle is a reality. Even before final approval, I received a significant increase in School of Medicine and Hospital committee assignments, with the most challenging being assignment as chair of a search committee for a new VP of health Sciences. Anyone interested?

Robyn and I had both wonderful times and bad times in the past year. We had to deal with the slow painful death of a dear friend with AIDs and at about the same time, the sudden cardiac death of Robyn's brother. On the good side, we spent a prolonged visit with Lauri Laitinen in Stockholm learning about pallidotomy. We had an exceptional experience due to Lauri and Kersten's wonderful hospitality.

We managed our first year as empty nesters with our youngest Sarah spending the year in France before she starts at Williams. After a semester at Grenoble, Sarah managed to get a job as a nanny in Val D'Isere with plenty of time off to see the Olympics. Our oldest Marta spent the last semester in Costa Rica in a sustainable environment study program developed by several northeastern colleges. She is home now before returning to her senior year at Amherst.

Along with our cat Fred, we continue to thrive.


Robyn and Peter

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RE: Academy's Round Robin

Dear Bill:

The year has been busy but good. Debbie and I continue to love our life in Minnesota but we are beginning to understand the meaning of "Minnesota nice" and in the process have had some surprises. For example, one of my very nice colleagues from town, who has always been very "nice" to me has agreed to testify against me in a malpractice suit concerning an achondroplastic patient in whom I did a decompressive lumbar laminectomy that resulted in marked weakness of the legs, for reasons that I still don't understand, though apparently my colleague does. Fortunately, he is being very "nice" about it and I suspect that he will expect me to also be "nice" to him. We will see how much I learn about this "Minnesota nice" code of conduct!

Debbie continues to like her job and has built a terrific practice in general neurology as well as neuro-oncology. Rob had a good freshman year as a pre-med student at St. Olaf's which is only about fifteen miles away. He has been at home with us this summer and has been working in my laboratory which has made my summer very special. Elsie graduated from college a year ago and is now living and working in the Shenandoah Valley using her Spanish as a health counselor to Hispanic migrant workers who apparently live in several camps around the area. The job is high in satisfaction but miserable in pay.

Professionally I seem to be spending an increasing amount of time doing things about which I know nothing. The medical center has been involved in a major strategic planning process and I have been asked to direct the medical aspect of things, probably because I am still too new to have made too many enemies among the staff and also because Neurosurgery has been growing in spite of a stable or shrinking census for every other service. Even though this has taken a tremendous amount of time, we figure that it is better for the Department if we can take a lead

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RE: Academy's Round Robin

August 25, 1992

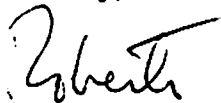
and try to make everybody else a little bit more like us. Isn't it unusual for neurosurgeons to have this attitude? I must say that I have had to take a fair amount of flack from some of my colleagues, particularly in Neurology and Medicine who accuse me of over-emphasizing clinical excellence at the expense of research. This is ironic because my other major recent undertaking has been entirely research oriented through the Decade of the Brain Task Force which I have been honored to be asked to chair. There is still time for clinical work which, in fact, has increased to a very comfortable level; however, my laboratory work has suffered and it is clear that I am no longer in a position to lead this effort and will be having to look for an appropriate senior person to direct the Cerebrovascular Laboratory.

The department has kept growing at a good pace. One new major improvement is that we moved our research laboratories to a new research building where we now have close to 10,000 square feet of beautiful lab space. We have added two new young clinical academicians: Dennis Wen, who will be primarily based at the V.A. and will spend 50% of his time doing research in neuro-oncology and Paul Camarata who will spend all of this year in the laboratory and will begin to help me with my cerebrovascular practice next year. I was delighted that our Vice-Chairman, Ed Seljeskog, joined the Academy last year. As you all know, he is our neurosurgical representative at the Board of Regents of the College of Surgeons and is also Secretary of the Board; in addition, he continues to run a tremendous clinical practice. I can honestly say that I don't know how I could run this Department without Ed's friendship and help in all matters.

Well, enough of this update on my life and the department, which, of course, become harder and harder to separate.

I look forward to seeing you in Naples.

Sincerely,



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June 15, 1992

Dear Bill,

As an infrequent contributor to the Round Robin, I am somewhat unsure what to say here, but here goes. Life in Syracuse seems to be progressing at an increasingly rapid pace. There are some major changes in our department in that Dr. Modesti, who has been here for many years, is retiring this summer. We will miss his humanistic approach to neurosurgery and to life. I am happy to say that he will attend the autumn meeting of the Academy in Florida as my guest. The members will enjoy interacting with him and his lovely wife. A new faculty member will be joining us this summer. Dr. Robert Martin trained in Syracuse and has completed a fellowship with Dr. Paul Cooper in New York. He is already a marvelous surgeon, and we are expecting significant improvements in our spine services and teaching to coincide with his arrival.

The innate aggressive instincts of the Neurosurgical faculty and residents here continue to balance the cumbersome and unresponsive bureaucracy of New York state and the government agencies with which we are forced to deal. As a consequence we now have active programs in seizure surgery, neuro-oncology, stereotaxic radiosurgery and pain management. My own interests have taken an interesting twist, having taken on the seizure surgery business. We view this as an unparalleled opportunity to study human brain function while providing an important service to our community. I have learned a tremendous amount in this regard from our neurological and basic science colleagues.

My family is doing nicely. The oldest son, an artist, is starving but is enjoying his misery, as are his girl friend(s). The middle son has just finished his second year of medical school in fine fashion. He, with great insight, is likely headed towards a non-surgical career. His major interest now is in cell biology and neoplasia. My youngest boy is in college in Vermont, somewhere between his second and his last year. He is spending the summer working on Martha's Vineyard. This will be very nice since we plan to

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spend at least several weeks at our house on the island. Linda has taken over the gift shop at University Hospital and has increased their contributions to the auxiliary fund to the hospital by about 40%.

I am looking forward to the Academy meeting in Florida as a chance to renew friendships developed in the Academy.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

Just a few thoughts for the Round Robin.

Serving on the ABNS and the RRC simultaneously has been a real education for me. While most of the activities of the two groups do not cross over, the last couple of years or so have seen more than the usual share of mutual concerns and differing opinions. The Pediatric Neurosurgery situation focused it especially sharply. The RRC, persuaded that scrutiny of Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowships is inherently good, supported accreditation of Fellowships which were carefully designed by a number of interested parties and groups. Certification of Pediatric Neurosurgeons who had or would complete those Fellowships was not part of the RRC formula, though down the line, certification would likely follow naturally. The ABNS, on the other hand, found the foregoing threatening to the rank-and-file Diplomate of the ABNS, and an initial foray into the fragmentation of our Specialty splitting it into a variety of subspecialties including spine, cerebrovascular, etc. Arguments on both sides were eloquently presented, carefully thought out, and supported by many of our colleagues.

I'm not sure where we really should be in this argument, frankly. Subspecialization is a natural process, and the development of Pediatric Neurosurgery does seem to be natural in its evolution. The same process has already happened in Urology, Orthopedics, Cardiovascular, etc. Perhaps, the evolutionary process hasn't proceeded far enough along for Pediatric Neurosurgery to be comfortable for all of us yet. That seems to me to be an accurate assessment of the current situation. At the same time, I think Pediatric Neurosurgery will have its day - perhaps not now, but "soon".

The ABNS is a responsive organization to its Diplomates. Its entire thrust over the years has been to remain "in step" with rank-and-file practicing neurosurgeons, representing their interests consistently and carrying on the traditional role as the quality control organization. Other Boards (e.g., the Orthopedic Board) have chosen not to remain in step with their Diplomates, but to forge ahead in areas perceived by them to be "progressive" and essential for their Specialty's future. The argument of the assertive Boards has been that to remain in step with the Specialty as a whole dooms them to stagnation. That notion harkens back to the often-cited article by Dick Berglund in the *New England Journal of Medicine* years ago entitled "Neurosurgery May Die", and his concern that our stagnation may lead to extinction.

The ABNS is often perceived by other Boards to be reactionary, particularly in areas such as subspecialization and recertification. Our posture has been generally to resist actions in controversial areas until we are made to accept them by legislation, licensing, or public pressure. To date none of those influences have had much effect on the ABNS. Some have likened the current ABNS to



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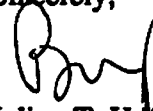
"a bunch of dinosaurs" who have not perceived the need to change or evolve in order to keep up with a changing world.

Our family continues to thrive. Diane is traveling with me more now, so that the road trips are more appealing to both of us. My son Paul is finishing his third year in Medical School at the University of Michigan anticipating graduation in a year and marriage to his lovely fiancée, Donna Hyde, a fellow medical student. Allison is in graduate school at the University of Arizona enroute to a Masters in Archeology. Julie will graduate from the University of Wisconsin in December with a degree in Psychology. She is interested in medical social work. And, my own Mother, alone for 35 years, was married during the past year at the age of 82! The groom, Arnold Kuethe, is a retired 86-year-old aerospace engineering professor. They honeymooned in Japan and are off to Norway this spring for another trip. (I hope their longevity is contagious.)

I look forward to the Academy in the fall a great deal. It is such a terrific group!

With regards,

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill

The past year has been an eventful one for the Hoffman family. Our son Richard and his lovely wife Rhonda gave birth to their first child and our first grandchild. Matthew was born in August and he is now a robust nine month old.

Our son Andrew married an absolutely delightful young lady, Lesley Gillar, who practices law in Toronto.

Our daughter Katy has completed the first year of her MBA program at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Having Katy in Colorado has given the entire family an excuse for travelling to Colorado during the winter season and taking advantage of the wonderful ski conditions.

Our new hospital is nearing completion. We expect to move into our new quarters early in 1993. To celebrate the opening of our new Neurosurgical Division at the Hospital for Sick Children we are hosting a Pediatric Neurosurgical Symposium which is being sponsored by the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons.

We are all looking forward to a warm relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely,

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April 4, 1992

Dear Bill,

Please slow down "The Bird" - it's coming around faster each year!

1991-92 saw our family well but disbursing as often happens. Jean moved to Boulder after finishing her MPH at Columbia's School of Public Health and is now a practicing Nurse Practitioner. Steve is still in New York where he is Assistant Director of Admissions at Columbia University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He is very creative and is writing and playing music, hoping for the proverbial "Break". Dr. Dave completed his radiology residency as Chief Resident at Presbyterian Hospital last June and is very energetically finishing the 1st year of his two year Fellowship in interventional radiology at Jeff in Philadelphia.

As for Marion and me, February saw us in the Caymen's where I got certified for SCUBA.

In June Columbia University P&S hosted a joint Medical Educational Conference for the Armenian Minister of Health and the Deans of Medicine, Nursing and the Post-Graduate Medical Institute. This working session produced results for setting the framework to implement change in the former Soviet Republic.

The summer and fall were unfortunately spent helping my mother recover from a series of problems which precluded our coming to the Academy Meeting. She's now fully well and expecting to celebrate her 100th birthday next year. A week in Bermuda in November hardly made up for the summer, however.

February of this year found me in Armenia again; this time participating in a State Department emergency air-lift of food and medical supplies for the Hospitals. The four year blockade of that landlocked country by the Azeries has led to critical shortages of fuel and all medical and construction supplies which brought reconstruction efforts following the 1988 devastating earthquake to a standstill. Schools and factories are closed for lack of heat. Yet the toppling of 70 years of communism and central control has led to the election of a stable democratic government dedicated to resolving its regional differences diplomatically. The general tone was up beat despite the harsh conditions.

The relief mission was so well organized by our USDA, DOD and State Department as well as the Armenian Government that it came off like clockwork. I am still acting as Director of Medical Relief programs for the Diocese of the Armenian Church in America which was contracted by our government to be responsible for distribution of the food and medical supplies.

This assignment also gave me an opportunity to meet with the Health Ministry and Deans of the Medical School and Post-Graduate Institute to continue development of long range plans to improve medical education, organize post-graduate medical training which is almost non existent with the dissolution of the Soviet Union and continue development of an Armenian National Library of our equivalent.

By good fortune, this exciting trip dovetailed with a pre-planned Panama Canal Cruise - Perfect R&R and very interesting.

Looking forward to seeing our many friends again in October.

Marion joins me in sending you our best.

As Ever,



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Dear Bill:

This note brings best wishes to all our friends in the Academy from the Hudson clan.

Roy is working as an electrical engineer for Northern Telecom. He has an apartment nearby, so we are still able to maintain our rivalry on the squash court. Erin will start a one-year formal teacher's training course this fall and she is currently a student at the University in Aix-en-Provence. Katherine is being steadily promoted at Procter & Gamble and she also lives in a neighbouring suburb, so that we are able to see her and her lawyer husband, Jon, frequently. Jean continues her active family practice with a particular interest in obstetrics. We babysit our granddaughter, Alexandra, as frequently as possible and Alexandra, on occasion, spends the night with us while Jean is delivering a babe at The Wellesley Hospital. Susan also has very satisfying job teaching single pregnant mothers on a half-day basis.

I have almost concluded my first year as President of The Toronto Hospital. Instead of the usual 7% increase in our global budget, we were given 1%. The Hospital has just concluded its fiscal year and I am pleased to say that we came out in the black despite this downward financial pressure and despite an internal financial problem which we were able to put right during the course of that fiscal year. We now face a fiscal year which will probably see a 0% increase, and hence a requirement to squeeze yet another 4% out of the Hospital's finances. All of this has to be achieved while maintaining excellent patient care and pre-eminence in research and teaching. I have found the job extremely challenging and stimulating. I have replaced 14 of the top administrators and now have a team of young, vigorous experts to advise me on the intricacies of finance, labour law, purchasing, and inventory control.

Having been away from surgery for almost a year, I have now quietly started a consultant surgical practice solely in the realm of brachial plexus and peripheral nerve surgery. This will allow me to spend part of each week in the operating room and thus maintain my sanity.

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The economy of Ontario is in an extremely depressed state. We share in the world economic stresses and, in addition, have a made-in-Canada problem of significant proportions. The result of the depression is that the Government's income from various taxes has fallen dramatically and hence they have less funding available for health. The Canadian health care system is under tremendous strain and pressure, and the system that we have known over the last decade has shown, and will continue to show, significant change. Private practice would certainly be an option which would allow new dollars to enter the system, but the Provincial Government is firmly against this concept, so that I doubt we will see any change until the next Provincial election, which is several years away.

David Kline (who was my guest as the Penfield Lecturer at the Canadian Neurosurgical Society meeting in Halifax last year) and I continue to collaborate although, as usual, Dave does the lion's share of the work. Bryce Weir came as the Gordon Murray Lecturer a few weeks ago, thus scoring a unique hat-trick; he is the only individual who has been asked to give the Botterell, Keith, and Murray Lectures over the course of the years. Bryce has trained several Toronto men in his laboratory in the last few years and we are very sorry that he is leaving Canada. I still teach a small segment of the Lougheed microsurgical course and Bill is honoured on an annual basis with this ever-more-popular practical program. The new Hospital for Sick Children is virtually complete and is immediately adjacent to the old hospital. Bruce Hendrick is honoured by an annual lectureship in his name and Harold Hoffman will be leading a major celebration to mark the move to the new hospital next year. Ron Tasker continues to be incredibly productive. We have recently brought on staff a young neurosurgeon trained in Montreal, who has an interest in functional neurosurgery; he is working closely with Ron and hopefully will continue the major Toronto interest in functional neurosurgery in the years to come.

There has been some confusion as to who is doing what on the Toronto scene! The Toronto system is that the Professor and Chairman is appointed for five years and is then reviewed. On the basis of a satisfactory performance a further five years is then given, and at that point a new Chairman is selected. At the end of my ten years, Charles Tator was appointed as Chairman and has done a superb job of jointly running The Toronto Hospital service and fulfilling the responsibilities of the University Chairman. The Toronto Hospital was formed by the merger of The Toronto General Hospital and The Toronto Western Hospital, and all of neurosurgery is now done within the neurosciences group, which is situated at The Western Division of The Toronto Hospital. Charles recently decided to relinquish his Hospital responsibility and will continue as the University Chairman. We are currently searching for, and will soon appoint, the new Head of The Toronto Hospital Neurosurgical Service.

I hope this Toronto news is of interest to our colleagues, and I look forward to seeing you at the next Academy meeting.

Best personal regards,

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Dear Bill,

The seasons pass, the years will roll, as we Ohio Staters say. Carole and I are very busy, she doing good works and involved with AANS, NSA, ACS and the joint operation on spine. I in constructive loafing and the provision of unsolicited advice.

The new things that are happening in spine are very interesting and doubtless overdue. There seem to be things that can be fixed better now than used to be the case. We are beginning to notice that there are many structures besides nerve roots that can hurt in the back and into the legs. Perhaps we are growing out of the futile efforts to "decompress" or "lyse", for the 3rd or 4th time, roots encased in scar. The treachery of "the hourglass defect at the 4th interspace" is being borne out. Harry LeFever used to talk about that years ago. We are also learning new things about the aging spine (I happen to have one! Actually, it is a very interesting case----but I am told to stop talking about it. Certain people say I am becoming boring.) On the other hand, there is, or should be, concern that an excess of enthusiasm for the new gadgetry will hurt some people and discredit potentially valuable procedures. Remember Adolf's Meat Tenderizer? Remember cordotomy? "Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us."a (Ecc. 1.10.)

Ben Whitcomb has been an excellent first assistant in the building of a Gloucester Light Dory at the Gouldsboro Point place. He's good at asking "Do you *really* want to do that?" Has a good eye for right angles, too. Hope to launch this Spring.

David, Carol Santangelo, Elizabeth, Sarah, Virginia, Stephen and Christina thrive. The little ones need love and discipline, in that order. This is a nearly impossible task, but the kids are doing at least as well as my generation did. Faint praise! David has the Bioethics Committee at New Jersey Medical Center, a worthy successor to the Augean Stables.

Will and Jan, from Austin, went to Moscow with us the day after Christmas to see the red flag come down and the Russian flag go up. History made! Blue banners in Red Square! We are still trying to digest all the impressions gathered there and in Sanct Peters Bourg, (as Peter the Great named it in Dutch). Met some local academics. Heard why the troops stopped outside the city. It was a marvellous experience. The Russians are a great and patient people, an artistic people, but they have a lot to learn. There are, after all, things that we haven't quite figured out, after a couple of hundred years of trying to run a free and open society. And, of course, all the bugs will never come out.

I could run on about death, the self-righteous who would use the civil power to force their versions of morality upon equally moral people who disagree, Bush, Clinton, Brown and the Perot-nistas. But enough already. Hope to see you all in Florida. Hear it's an elegant spot.

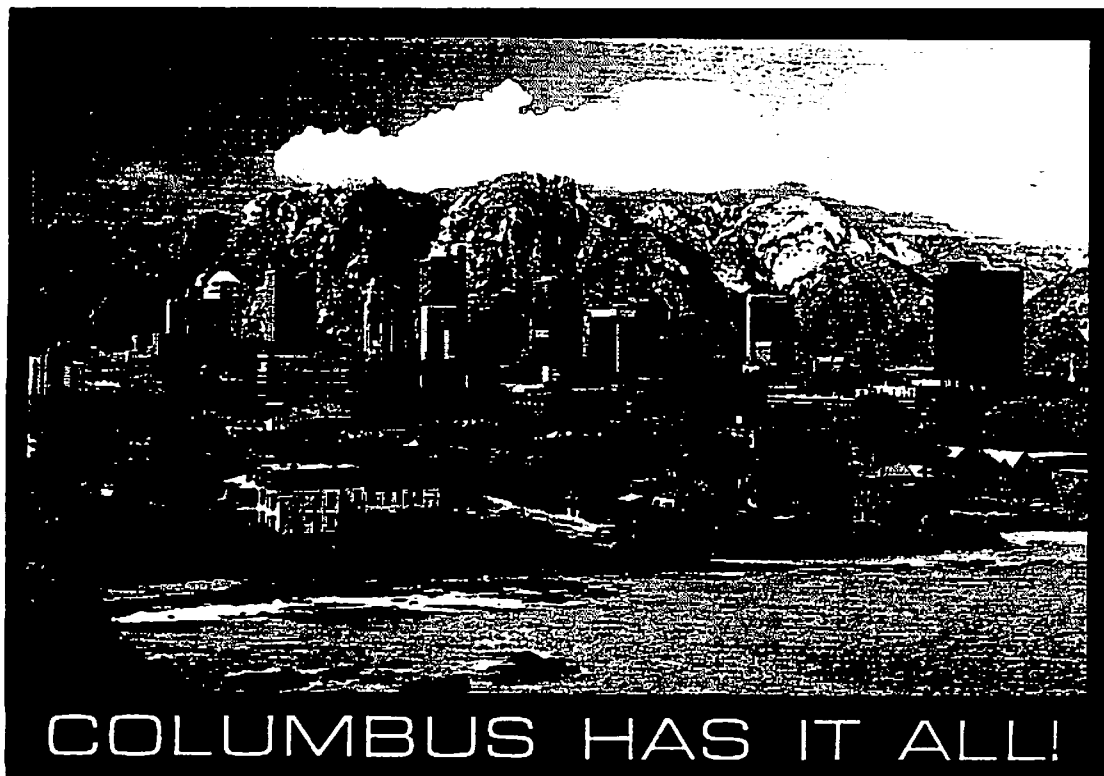
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September 2, 1992

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Dear Bill:

Bob dropped your latest and final notice on my desk yesterday. I realized that I had procrastinated long enough. Since I love reading the news of all the fellow Academicians, I decided I better comply and get the news of the Kings up to date.

I wish I had some spectacular event to report, but perhaps the fact that I don't have is reassuring in itself. We have had a spectacular summer. Bob suggested in March that we have a "family vacation" this year. Since this encompasses three daughters, three sons-in-law, five grandsons and one granddaughter at a minimum, I knew I had to find something other than a tent as housing. Our extended family began to catch wind of the expedition. They decided it would be grand if we could have it someplace where they could all join us. We found a house in Cataumet, MA. and a time convenient for all. For two really glorious weeks there was much comings and goings. We had as many as 32 under the eaves for a weekend and the final night it was only Bob and me. That we all want to repeat the adventure is a tribute to everyone's adaptability or lunacy, I am not sure which.


Our second adventure, or misadventure, is next week when we join the Backroads Bike group for a five day bike trip starting in Victoria, BC. We bike to a ferry and are deposited by that ship on one island. We bike there for two days, take a day on a sail boat, and bike on another island for two days. Bob is up earlier even than usual every morning out on his bike training for what he thinks may be a marathon. I am hoping it will be a pleasant jaunt that allows us to see the sights close at hand with a sag van close by to pick me up when necessary. Keep your fingers crossed that we come to Naples all in one piece and with glowing tales.

As is apparent, when the letter comes from me, there is not a great deal of scientific depth to the epistle. However, Bob seems to be going forth every morning and returning every night and I find that reassuring if not informative. I start back to work after the first of October and must admit that three months of play have not been too hard to endure. I have even taken up a golf club and since I found a friend who is almost as limited as I am on the course, we have a great time. We do go out very early in the morning. It is wet, but there is no one coming up behind us to suffer our inexperience.

We look forward to seeing you all and are indebted to Bill for his wonderfully gentle prodding to get the news around to all of us.

Until Naples, Bob joins me in sending warm thoughts to all of you.

Fondly,


Robert & Molly King



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April 10, 1992

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Dear Bill:

This is my "Round Robin" contribution.

When people begin to ask you to speak in the historical sections of the societies to which you belong, when department chairmen are the approximate age of your children and some of your stuff is being enshrined in the Cushing Museum it doesn't take a genius to figure out that ones neurosurgical career is approximately over.

However, there doesn't seem to be any particular break in the pace. Most of my adult life I have felt that next week I'll really have it organized. Now I know that is a pretty unrealistic expectation. However it is all great fun.

I returned from last falls ten week South Pacific caper in absolute awe of how little I have known about the world and also how life can be surprising. The leader of the expedition, Dr. Joan Seaver and I traveled cheek by jowl for the ten weeks. We feel in love and got married in New Zealand, something I thought I would never do again but it is absolutely wonderful.

I am finishing a three year tenure as a Visiting Professor at the University of Pittsburgh. I am planing to return to California within

the next couple of weeks, however, I am going to continue to keep my little place on the river in Chestertown, Maryland.

Joan and I are looking forward to joining you in the fall.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'TK', written in black ink.

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Re: Round Robin

Dear Bill and Fellow Academicians:

Lauri has now served the Royal Sophiahemmet Hospital for five stimulating years. The reason for our leaving the University of Umeå close to the Arctic Circle was not only the Northern Lights lasting for four months, but particularly the isolated geography and the academic quarrel. At the Sophiahemmet Hospital (founded in 1884 by the Queen Sophia), the atmosphere has been stimulating and quiet in a sophisticated way.

Lauri's work at the Sophiahemmet consisted in the first years of stereotactic surgery for movement disorders, pain, and psychiatric disorders. Occasionally he also operated some slipped discs, lumbar spinal stenosis and hydrocephalus. His work on ventroposterolateral (VPL) pallidotomy for Parkinson's disease (PD) had begun in 1985 in Umeå. By that year it had become evident that dopamine deficiency in the nigra-putamen region causes an overactivity in the GABA mediated striopallidal pathways. It was tempting to block this hyperactivity by surgical lesions. The ethical problem was solved, because Lars Leksell had already in 1956 done pallidotomies in the same region.

In the years 1985-88 Lauri carried out a limited number of pallidal operations. The results of Leksell were confirmed: VPL pallidotomy had an extraordinary good effect on all parkinsonian symptoms. The effect seemed to be long-lasting. Since 1990 the parkinsonian surgery has increased like a boom. When he in March 1992 released a news of the pallidotomy in a Swedish newspaper, 700 phone calls were received in the first two weeks. A large number of phone calls and letters every week witness of the great need for surgery in PD. Recently, Dr. Marwan Hariz has joined Lauri as a part time neurosurgeon at the Sophiahemmet. Nevertheless, all surgery days have already been booked until September 1992. It seems evident that stereotactic neurosurgeons all over the world will be full time occupied in the years to come!

In December 1991, a series of pallidotomy was started by Dr. Michael Dogali at the New York University Medical Center. Mike Dogali and his neurological colleagues have been able to confirm Leksell's and Lauri's results. When we recently visited the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix AZ, Dr. Andrew Shetter and Dr. Karl Greene had performed their first pallidotomy.

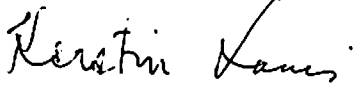
Robyn and Peter Heilbrun are just now visiting with us for a month. Lauri enjoys enormously working with Peter on the pallidotomy project and computerization of various aspects of stereotactic surgery.

The spring 1992 has been a thrilling time period for the Laitinen family. On April 3, our eldest daughter Leena gave us our first grandchild, Alexandra Katarina, at the New York Hospital. Alexandra is the nicest mixture of Finnish-Swedish-Russian genes. When she was 5 weeks old she flew with her mother and father Vladimir (Vova) to Leena's house in Åland Archipelago, where the singing wild birds and Vova's piano music (he is a pianist) should develop her sense for music.

We plan to attend the Academy meeting in Naples, Florida, in October.

Looking forward to seeing you in Naples.

Yours sincerely,



Kerstin and Lauri Laitinen

March 24, 1992

Dear Bill,

You are a really good friend to continue to seek news of us for the Round Robin and we treasure news of our neurosurgical friends. Although we see less of them now that Tom is so involved in his second career. We try to make a couple of meetings a year and Tom's interest in medical research and neurosurgery in particular is unflagging.

He is deeply involved in the Pew Biomedical Scholars program as well as in those programs which affect health and education. He continues as president of both the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Glenmede Trust Co., a private bank, and he enjoys both very much indeed. We have traveled a great deal for the Pew, two years ago to five nations in southeast Asia where grants from the Pew Trust for epidemiological research had been given, and last summer to Eastern Europe where their public policy program has been instrumental in encouraging the development of democracy in those newly freed countries. This summer Tom and I will be going to Africa where the Pew programs in religion and health are helpful in several countries.

On the personal side, we are both well. Growing older doesn't seem to slow either of us down much. The boys are fine. David is completing New York University Law School in May and to our absolute delight has decided to take a job with a Philadelphia law firm. He continues to paint and will forever, we hope. John and his wife, Emilie, welcomed our second grandson last June. They named him David, for our David, William, the middle name of both his grandfathers, and Oehl for their mutual great, great grandmother. In October John and Emilie moved Daniel, who is now 4, and David to Rochester, NY, where John is in the Neurology department at the University of Rochester Medical School and at Strong Memorial Hospital. He had completed his post doctoral fellowship in neuro-psychology at UCLA. Frank is an investigative reporter with the Lexington Herald-Leader in Lexington, Kentucky. He is so busy that he gets home rarely and we treasure his visits. Because our family is so far flung Tom and I take a Christmas vacation each year of two weeks. The children join us and we really catch up with each other then. And in the summer at the beach in Avalon.

As for myself, I am active in several civic areas. I continue involved as a counselor for domestic violence victims, a trustee of the Episcopal Divinity School, an overseer of the Libraries of the University of Pennsylvania and at the moment - am trying to get a woman elected to the U.S. Senate from Pennsylvania.

We send warm greetings to all our old friends and to you, Bill, especially because you keep this newsletter going.

Sincerely,



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April 10, 1992

Dear Academicians:

The past year has been as busy as ever. Rather than slowing down, it seems to me that our lives become more and more frenetic.

Kim's husband, Lee Riley, completed his orthopedic training and is now a spine fellow at the Free University of Berlin where Kim has been for the past two years completing her Ph.D. research. She is in the field of modern European history and has a specific project that relates to the German theater of the early part of this century. They'll be home in July and Lee then begins a spine fellowship.

Elizabeth and her husband, Paul, are still in Annapolis, but will be leaving for Paul to pursue a Ph.D. sometime in the fall. They are still in the process of choosing universities. Elizabeth will graduate with a dual Master's Degree in History and Library Science this spring.

David graduated from St. John's College two years ago and is now in the Neuroanatomy Laboratories of Dr. Mark Molliver here at Hopkins.

Harriett returned to school in January. She is enrolled in the Masters of Liberal Arts Program of the Graduate Institute of St. John's College in Annapolis.

It seems like we're always rennovating something in our own house. No sooner did we finish the painting last year when the barn began to fall down. We have spent the winter putting it together. That's almost complete, but we feel so lost if we're not doing something to the house that we have started meeting with an architect about some rennovations in the kitchen and a new garage. It just wouldn't seem right without workmen doing something to complicate our lives.

Everybody is in good health. There aren't any problems that we know about and we are looking forward to the fall meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

I am happy to contribute this letter to the Round Robin.

After 25 years serving as the Head of the Division of Neurosurgery at Georgetown University Hospital, I stepped down on December 1, 1991. The division was elevated to departmental status after many years of struggle to accomplish this and Bob Martuza from the Mass General became Chairman.

It has been my view that departmental status for neurosurgery is critically important in most institutions and I am happy to know that departmental status now is the status of a majority of neurosurgical programs.

This status has many advantages particularly relating to clinical space and laboratory space but I think the most important of all is a greater voice in medical school teaching. Except for a few formal lectures, less than one third of the students have any neurosurgical exposure at our place. Since the early 1970's I think this has impacted adversely the perception of neurosurgery among practicing physicians, Neurology and Orthopedic surgery have had far more student relationships and at present there is generation of physicians in this country that have very little understanding of the role of neurosurgery as it relates to spine and other neurological problems. We have talked about this frequently and I hope the continuing acquisition of departmental status everywhere will help to correct this problem.

Best regards.

Most sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to attend the meeting in Oregon this past year. I heard delightful reports about the meeting. I do hope to attend the meeting in Florida this year.

As you all know I am a no hands neurosurgeon, having stopped doing surgery a number of years ago. I thought it interesting to report my experience as a reviewing physician working in the framework of the CIW program which we have in our state. Translated this means a Comprehensive Integrated Workup. Most of these cases are long standing cases, some with and some without multiple surgeries, none of which have reached a resolution. They are studied in depth by a group of physicians with such special examinations as are indicated and a review of all past examinations as well. The pattern of review of these cases is interesting in that the patients are assigned and on a given day they are seen in the hospital. A careful history is taken and the patient is examined. Special studies are subsequently carried out and reviewed at a later date. The group of examining physicians assemble at a still later date in conference to review the case in its entirety and also to review any of the special studies that might have bearing on the ultimate solution of the problem. As you may well suspect many of the problems are not medical and do not lend themselves to a medical solution. However at least some attempt is made to bring the matter to a conclusion or at least to point out any possible therapeutic patterns which might be of value. What has been of great interest to me is that my custom is to elicit the history and do a careful physical examination and at that time not only write my report but write my impressions of the case. Leaving final opinions open to be modified by special studies. Now reviewing over three hundred of such cases I am astounded to find that my opinions based purely on history and physical have not been modified in any material way by the special studies. It is surprising that this has also been the experience of other examiners in the program. It is certain that the special studies are helpful but they are often misleading when we review the case. They most assuredly lend to the high cost of medical cost as it now stands.

As regards our family situation we have two granddaughters in the University of Nevada, who represent the fifth generation of my family to be associated with the University of Nevada. They are doing well and have set up programs for themselves, one planning to be in the public relations business and one planning a career as a CPA. As we observe them we are really enjoying their progress.

Bobbie joins me in sending our best to the members of the Academy and looking forward hopefully to seeing you in the not too distant future.



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ROUND ROBIN 1992

It has been just over a year since I stepped down as chairman of the department of Neurosurgery at Mount Sinai. While I have remained as professor in the medical school department (not emeritus), the administrative load which had become almost overwhelming, has melted away to nothing. For the first time in 30 years, I have my own office suite outside of the hospital. Since it is only 2 blocks away, getting back and forth is no problem. Despite an undiminished operative schedule, the ease and lack of stress is an amazing and gratifying change. This has also allowed more time to spend in my machine and electronics shop working on new instrumentation, always a source of considerable gratification to me.

As usual, I have continued to do my share of talking. I had the special experience of being the guest of honor at the 8th Asian-Australasian Congress of Neurosurgery in Seoul, Korea in October, 1991, and gave the Sir Douglas Miller Memorial Lecture there. Professor Choi, President of the society, gave a slide show during the banquet with pictures from my childhood up through to the present, an experience which is virtually indescribable for the recipient of the honor.

At Mount Sinai the new Neurosurgical library was constructed with donations from my former residents and the present staff and was dedicated as the Leonard Malis neurosurgical library, complete with bronze plaque and all the trimmings. Many of the slides from the South Korean Banquet were reused in the dedication. I was also visiting professor at the University of California at San Diego, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Maryland and the St. Louis University School of Medicine, always a very special way to meet old friends and a remarkable group of new youngsters.

Ruth and I have just returned from our long summer vacation, most of which we spent dashing about on my Cigarette which is 7 feet longer than George Bush's Cigarette. Additionally, mine has a pair of 1,000 horsepower supercharged monster engines which can take it up to 95 mph. Ruth and I are both water speed freaks and enjoy the ability to go from New York to Montauk Point in a much shorter time on the water than one possibly can go by car. We did abandon the boat for one week to take our son, our daughter, their spouses and our three grandchildren down to the Island of Anguilla where we celebrated our anniversary with the entire group. Now, if state and federal overregulation doesn't make it impossible, the next few years may well be very pleasant.

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Dear Dr. Buchheit and Fellow Academicians,

After a long absence from Round Robin and from the Academy meetings, here I am to explain some of the events that motivated my silence for a few years. In 1985, maybe due to the prolonged use of the surgical microscope, I had to be operated upon by my old friend of my Resident days in Boston, the dear Academician John Tew. Many problems appeared afterwards at the University of São Paulo Medical School, and finally it was decided to create the Chair of Neurosurgery, since the specialty was only part of the Neurology Department. In April 1990 a public contest took place and I was appointed as the first Professor and Chairman of this newly created Division. As former Professor of Functional Neurosurgery in the same Institution I have decided to join all the previous Services, including a huge Emergency Service and start new horizons in this new endeavour. The Hospital das Clínicas of the University of São Paulo Medical School is indoubtely one of the largest Medical Centers in South America, and it concentrates a tremendous demand from all the States of Brazil, and an increasing member of neurosurgical procedures, either as emergencies or as routine cases. Special groups have been created in our Institution in order to cope with this work: a vascular group, a tumor and oncology group, skull base, neuropediatrics, emergency group (this one with 18 neurosurgeons), a functional neurosurgery group, a neuroendocrine group, neuroradiology, intensive care, spine, and a peripheral nerve group. As a consequence of this, we are now preparing a project to build a new Brain Institute for Neurology and Research that intends to accommodate about 500 beds. It will be a life-project and we have already had substantial help from the government and private entities.

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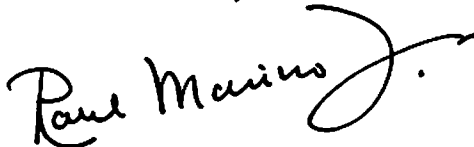
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I hope I will have more good news in the near future and soon hope to be routinely present at the Academy meetings, inspite of the long distance between our two countries.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the meeting of the Academy in Naples, since I have been invited for several meetings in Japan, overlapping at the same time. I am sure the meeting will be wonderful, since Florida is certainly a beautiful area, and I am sorry that I will be missing it. I look forward to seeing all of you the next year.

Yours sincerely,



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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

August 23, 1992

*Department of Neurosurgery
Robert L. Martuza, M.D.
Professor and Chairman*

Dear Academicians:

This past year has brought with it many changes. Along with my new position at Georgetown come a lot of new dimensions in my life and in the life of my family. Having left Boston and the New England Neurosurgical Society, I am now officially a Southerner (though barely so) and a member of the Southern Neurosurgical Society. Although they tell me I still talk a bit funny (like all Yankees), I have nonetheless been embraced with all that is meant by Southern hospitality. Perhaps its because having been for so long a Boston Red Sox fan, I was personally never fond of Yankees myself anyway!

Georgetown has been very supportive of my efforts. We are trying to extend some of the basic laboratory studies that I had developed at the Mass General. I hope this will help to develop a well-rounded academic program and complement the excellent clinical program I inherited from Al Luessenhop. We are now a Department within the University. This gives me the great (dis)pleasure of attending many more committee meetings - but overall gives us a lot more freedom for development.

Jill and our children are still adapting to the academic and social scene. Our eldest daughter, Robin, will be finishing high school in Bethesda this year and college interviews are upon us. Our son and other daughter, Kris and Kathi, will be entering ninth and eighth grades in D.C. this year. Having avoided tennis and squash for about nine months due to a tennis elbow I developed, Jill and I have started to play a little bit again. On the other hand, sailing has been out of the question this year due to a much too busy schedule. Jill has become active in an organization that helps foreign diplomats' wives learn American ways and enjoys this aspect of D.C. very much. She also has found a few local quilters (her primary love in life) and continues with this.

Being a chairman, trying to develop a department, attending to its financial and academic interests, living in the Nation's capital - the hardest thing is trying to maintain some semblance of family life. And Lord knows with three teenagers, its hard enough anyway! We are open to any suggestions from all of you who have been down this road.

Jill and I look forward to seeing all of you this Fall.

Sincerely,

Bob Martuza

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July 9, 1992

Dr. William A. Buchheit
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Dear Bill:

Since my formal retirement five years ago I have continued to work, but no longer operate. My office at Vanderbilt is now utilized by others and I have fine offices at St. Thomas Hospital along with my partners and associates. I see only office consultations and if surgery is needed one of my associates will perform it, or we refer the patient to a neurosurgeon of their choosing. One day per week I run a clinical at our city hospital for the indigent - something we have done for almost 40 years and I must confess that none of these patients ever seem to improve, no matter how effective the therapy!

Alice and I are just back from a lovely trip to southern Colorado where our old Neurosurgical Travel Club had its annual meeting. We all had a great time at Timarron Resort with trips to Mesa Verde Park and then to Silverton on the old narrow gauge railway through the mountains. A great trip, but once is enough! The best part of the trip was simply being with old friends - the Frenches, The Pudenzs, the Hawkes, the MacCartys, Eben Alexander, Lester Mount, Lari Ehni, Madeline Schneider, and Helen Troland.

Bill, the Round Robin is such a great way to keep up with old and new friends and to share in their activities - I hope it will continue. You are doing a great job as editor! Alice joins me in thanking you for your efforts.

Most sincerely yours,



William F. Meacham, M.D.

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June 2, 1992

Department of Surgery
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William A Buchheit, M.D., Secretary
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Dear Friends,

We lost a colleague and good friend in January of this year with the death of Steve Mahaley. Steve continued to contribute to the Division of Neurosurgery at UAB as long as he was able, until a few months before his death. We now have nine neurosurgeons on our faculty, as well as a truly remarkable number of pregnant faculty wives. In the near future, we might need to provide childcare during our journal club meetings.

It is a real pleasure to be a new member of The Academy. Unfortunately, we missed our first chance last year to make a contribution to the "round robin" because we thought it was a tennis game.

Mary Jean and I continue to fly whenever and wherever we can. Fellow Academician Bob Wilkins recently flew with us from Alabama to Kentucky. We plan to ask him to make a second trip with us in order to obtain unbiased information regarding our talents as pilots.

We are looking forward to seeing each one at our upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Richard and Mary Jean

Richard and Mary Jean Morawetz

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Dear Bill,

Last year we joyfully handed over the family torch, as all of our three children completed medical school. This year with equal joy we handed over the professional torch to Bryce Weir. The University was fortunate in stirring the interest, or at least the curiosity of a very distinguished group of neurosurgeons for the replacement, and would have considered itself privileged had it persuaded any one of them to accept. As things turned out, I believe it succeeded in convincing Bryce that Chicago winters were milder than Edmonton winters. I hope there is no escape clause.

At the clinical end our most interesting experience of the year relates to the intra medullary spinal AVM. Over the years we have been exploring the venous end of fistulae and AVM's and have become convinced that they are essentially venous based, rather than arterial based. In other words if we occlude the arterial supply the problem will recur but if we can safely thrombose the venous end that will be the end of it. We have now done this with two intra medullary spinal AVM's, embolising the arterial supply (but not the AVM itself) with wire coils and then going in to shut off the venous exit. We will, of course, need a long term follow up, but we are optimistic that the result will hold up, as is true with the cerebral AVM's. By this method no glue is injected into the cord. The procedures were uneventful.

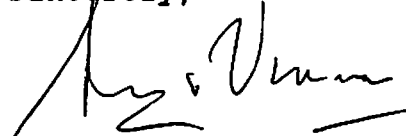
This summer was the most leisurely we have had since we were teenagers. It began with a Base of Skull Meeting in Hanover (in association with the WFNS) and ended with the opening of a WFNS office in WHO headquarters in Geneva. This is an arrangement of mutual real estate convenience, not any form of integration. We are technically an NGO (non governmental organization). Phanor and Russel were there together with several officers of the WFNS, past and present. An efficient day of organization and discussion was capped by one of those dinners, that one consumes in a lifetime, that is likely to be remembered - a warm summer evening becoming night, a full moon over Lake Geneva, a mixture of cultures and of histories, Norman Sartorius, chief of WHO Mental Health, the high mountains of Europe, the reformation and the post reformation and why a Croat should have a latin name, and Kay De Villiers, the Huguenots, the Ross and Phanor Perots and friends we knew in Eastern Europe and throughout the world. Had the problems of the world been thrown at our feet we would have settled them, that evening around that table, to our own satisfaction, and undoubtedly to the satisfaction of our fellow citizens of the World.

Between, there were the Hanoverian Gardens, creation of the Electress Sophie, fifty-fourth in line of succession to the English throne at birth, heiress on her death, in her beloved gardens, at about the age of eighty-three. Such is uncertainty. She will be forgiven the succession of Georges whom she begat by the beauty of her gardens which endure. And there was the Dutch Floriade -- the legendary floral display which the Dutch create only once every ten years, - such is its immensity. We had never before believed that the human spirit could become saturated with flowers, that there could come a time when one would not visit one more garden, more beautiful than the last; but there is such a time. It is a special form of intoxication.

Much of the summer was spent at the old family home in Ireland making good for some of the ravages of time, taking a chain saw to some sadly overgrown gardens and reading some good books and meditating upon, without solving anything or everything. One problem of meditation was that of helping young neurosurgeons in Eastern Europe and in the developing world. In our travels it had become apparent that our Russian colleagues would like to send young men West for about three months (if longer they might not come back). Our Chinese colleagues could make it a year. Others had different times and needs. The WFNS is now sending teams of lectures to give short courses abroad but some of their young men need to spend at least a short period of apprenticeship in the West, because they will become both the scientific and cultural leaders of their societies. They need economic assistance. Bill Scoville has shown the way by leaving a significant endowment for such purpose. Are there many of us who would leave this foot print on the sands of neurosurgical time?

Looking forward to seeing you in Naples,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John & Vivian Mullan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name below it.

John & Vivian Mullan

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May 15, 1992

Dear Buch,

Very little has happened to us this year. I will be honored by the society of Neurological Surgeons for distinguished service in neurosurgery in Louisville next week.

We are going to Wisconsin the end of this month until around the first of October. Our address will be 1565 Hwy. F, Minocqua, Wi. 54548. We don't have a telephone yet, but when I get it I'll let you know the number.

I received an invitation to the Rogue from the Raafs this fall. I can't know if I can make it as my back still hurts and I am rapidly becoming an old man.

Hope to see you in Louisville next week.

Sincerely,



University of Pittsburgh

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Contribution

TO: William A. Buccheit, M.D.
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FROM: Paul B. Nelson, M.D.

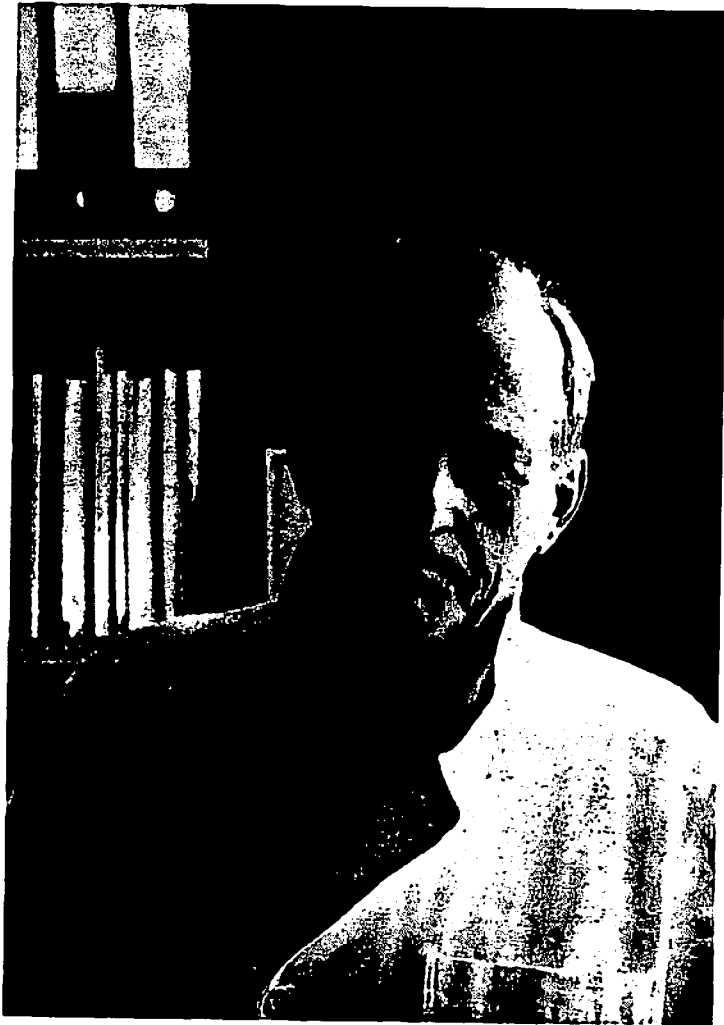
It is a privilege to be a new member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. Tere and I are looking forward to our first meeting in Naples, Florida.

My medical training began at the Hershey Medical Center in 1968. I was a member of the second class and was introduced to Neurosurgery by Doctor Richard Bergland and Doctor Robert Page. Doctor Bergland was especially good at giving personal attention to students interested in Neurosurgery.

After doing a year of medicine and surgery at Hershey, I moved to Pittsburgh for my neurosurgical training at the University of Pittsburgh with Doctor Peter Jannetta. After completing my residency, I stayed on at the University of Pittsburgh from 1979 until 1992. I could not have asked for more from Doctor Jannetta over the last 12 years. He has provided an environment that has allowed me to develop my neurosurgical career. The pituitary and the spine have been the two major areas of interest. Just recently I have accepted the position as Director of Neurosurgery at Indiana University replacing Doctor Robert Campbell who is retiring after 25 years of distinguished service.

Tere and I have been married for 22 years. She taught school for the first four years of our marriage and now teaches piano from our home. We have three children (Benjamin - age 17, Jonathan - age 15, and Jennifer - age 9). The children are interested in ice hockey, baseball and golf. My outside interests include running and golf.

Paul Nelson



Dear Dr. Woodcock:

Many thanks for the condolences and sympathies expressed in your letter. I very much appreciate your kind thoughts at this sad time.

Yours sincerely
General Nathan.

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Dear Bill,

One year after my first coronary occlusive episode I was back at the same Blues Emporium in St. Paul where the event happened earlier this year. The main event featured a Black Blues entertainer by the name of "Thunderbird" Davis. While in the middle of a strenuous set, he collapsed and despite CPR given by me, expired on stage from a massive myocardial occlusive event. A strange coincidence to say the least and the experience gave new meaning to body and soul - the two separating before my eyes in a vibrant man.

Other than that, life has been good this year. Jennifer, my 26 year old daughter, graduated from Davis Art Department Grad school and got a job teaching art at the University of Minnesota - Morris. Gregg is acting V.P at GE's stock division in New York. Scott and Grace bestowed a new grandson on Judy and me, named Matthew.

Judy has a set of jewelry in a traveling exhibition in Japan and one in Europe.

I have enjoyed my new position on the Board of Neurosurgery. The beneficence of the process is recognized only by those who have participated. Fairness beyond a fault is the motto. I feel privileged to have become one of that body and, barring a Blues Event shortening my longevity, I look forward to another 5 1/2 years in service.

Best wishes to all,

Burt

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August 31st, 1991

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Dear Bill:

I am writing this on the 31st of August, 1992, just one week after Hurricane Andrew roared through South Florida. We came to Miami to taste a new life and new experiences, but this was one that we really had not counted on or prepared for. We were very lucky. Our hurricane shutters were torn off and destroyed, scratching windows and causing a fair amount of damage to the outside of the condominium in common areas, but little real damage done to our apartment. I moved the boat up the Miami River the night before, pulled it out of the water and put it up on stands which were welded together and attached to the ground, and aside from losing the wind instruments from the top of the mast, she is intact. We moved our cars into covered, elevated parking garages and they too were unscathed, aside from being covered with bits of grass and palm trees and sand that I suspect originated in the Bahamas. We have been without water and electricity for a week and it appears that it will be a week more before the power comes back on. The water will probably be re-established today, but is contaminated. Ann and I have been eating a lot of peanut butter and jam sandwiches, and having cold showers out on the patio area, and when we got the boat back, we started cooking on the propane stove in the boat, and so we are managing really quite well considering the thousands of poor souls around us.

Three weeks ago, after an extensive refit on the boat, which included a new engine and upgrading of the electrical and refrigeration system, I was scheduled to go off on a sail to the eastern Bahamas with Ann and my eldest son, Michael, and his wife, but the boat was delayed getting back and then on our first day out on a trial sail, we tangled with a thunderstorm, and had a near hit from lightning, knocking out the Loran, the autopilot, and scrambling the single sideband radio, and the fluxgate compasses. This brought us back into port and a gang of electronics repairmen on the boat. As we were scheduled to travel to Toronto on the 24th

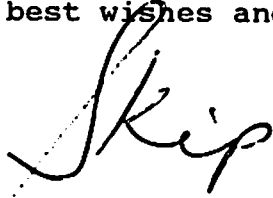
of August for our permanent visa interviews, we decided to do a less ambitious sailing trip to only the western Bahamas. On the day we were to leave, a neighbour in our building, who is a researcher for the NOAA and head of the hurricane research division passed me in the hallway and said that they had named the first tropical depression of the season and that it was sitting right on the latitude of Miami, and moving forward at 10 miles per hour. We decided to stay close to home. Sure enough, as the week progressed, Andrew marched precisely along the 25th parallel and only at the last moment diverted slightly south of our apartment to devastate the southern part of Dade County. Although our building was officially told to evacuate, we decided that we would stick it out in the apartment and remained there until about 0415 hours, when the hurricane shutters began to disintegrate. We then took refuge in the fire stairwell, but because the building was moving so much with the gusts of wind, we moved down to between the third and the fourth floors with our flashlights and bottled water, and stuck out the storm. It was quite a night. The noise of winds in excess of 160 mph is extraordinary, punctuated by the clatter of shutters tearing off, and bits of roofing and trees smashing into the building, and then at first light, coincident with a high tide, the storm surge moved in with 12 feet of water coming over our seawall, engulfing the lobby, washing cars down the street, tearing out our fencing, lamp standards and collapsing houses, uprooting trees and throwing some boats one and two blocks up from the seacoast and sinking virtually everything else that was in the water.

We have spent this week cleaning up, giving what assistance we could to friends and colleagues, many of whom have totally lost their homes, their libraries, their gardens, their cars, their boats and their confidence. The statistics of the amount of damage are beyond my comprehension (30 billion dollars total loss, 60,000 homes completely demolished, another 120,000 homes badly damaged, 250,000 people now homeless). Even so, there were remarkably few deaths or serious injuries. What has been impressive is the psychological impact on so many friends and colleagues. The population here appears numb. Many people are carrying firearms and although last week on the neurosurgical unit was quiet, this week is already picking up as the gunshot wounds roll in. I don't know what the overall economic and social impact will be on this community, but I was impressed this morning on the way to the hospital to see a convoy of 12 trucks stacked high with telephone poles, followed by another 10 trucks packed with building materials rolling down the highway. It is the American Way: when the going gets tough, the tough seem to get going.

Aside from these natural calamities, this has been an interesting and indeed enjoyable first year here in Miami. I have been agreeably busy with an excellent variety of good cases, and have been modestly successful in changing the infrastructure in the hospital and the Department to meet my and my patients needs.

Unfortunately, Ann and I will be in Japan at the time of the Meeting in Naples, and will not see our many friends, but wish you a most pleasant and successful Meeting, even though the hurricane season will not be over when you gather at the Ritz-Carlton. Nevertheless, the probability of two hits at this latitude in one year, they tell me, is remote.

With my best wishes and warm regards,

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

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Professor of Neurological Surgery

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Dear Bill,

The only cheerful bit of news for the Round Robin this year is the Gala dinner at the Waldorf Astoria on April 30th dedicated to fund raising for the Neurological Institute of New York.

This is because Angeline and I were handsomely treated to an elegant free dinner at Ben Stein's and Bonita's table owing to the fact that I was one of the three G.O.H.'s (Guests of Honor), as being the only neurosurgeon closest in age to Mephistofeles.

The affair, nevertheless, was a huge success with a turnout of nearly 1500 and a fine financial return for our "Neuro".

Other than this, and a few common tribulations of being nearly 86, there is little else to report, save our delight that Frances Murphy was so warmly awarded the annual honor of the Society of Neurological Surgeons.

With our fond regards and happy "Academic" memories,

Larry

John Raaf, M.D.

When asked what he considered his greatest accomplishment Dr. John Raaf replied: "living this long!" In this simple statement, anyone who knows John Raaf would recognize the characteristic humility and graciousness of this great man. From the time of his upbringing in Hailey, Idaho, through undergraduate education and medical school at Stanford University, and training in neurological surgery at the Mayo Clinic, John Raaf was destined for a career of distinguished achievement in the medical profession and dedication to his community. The academic and professional awards have been myriad, John has served as president of numerous regional and national surgical and neurosurgical societies, advisory boards, and service organizations. For 33 years he directed the neurosurgery residency program at Good Samaritan Hospital and he is both esteemed and beloved by his many trainees. Perhaps John's greatest accomplishment was securing the hand of Lorene Rardin 54 years ago, for she is a fitting match for this remarkable man. Dr. John Raaf is truly a man for all seasons. We are proud to count him among the faculty of Oregon Health Sciences University as Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery. We are equally delighted to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Raaf and all of our guests to inaugurate the John Raaf Chair in Neurosciences.

*The President of the Oregon Health Sciences University
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*John Raaf, M.D.
with the
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August 8, 1992

To
Dr. William A. Buchheit, M.D.

Dear Bill,

It is a pleasure to write to Round Robin once again after some unavoidable lapse.

The Department of Neurosurgery (Dr. Achanta Lakshmiopathi Neurosurgical Centre) has continued to expand during 1990 and 1991. A new Block has been built by donations received from the public and has been named after me as Dr. B. Ramamurthi Block. This invoked feelings of joy and happiness as the new Block reflects the interest of the community in the development of this Neurosurgical Centre. The new Block houses the Female General Ward, the Paediatric Ward, the Operation Theatre and an excellent Library.

A well wisher has sent Rs. 3,00,000 as donation to further equip this library. The patient was operated for a pituitary adenoma some years ago and wanted a memorial for his wife who unfortunately died recently. This generous donation will make it possible to enhance the usefulness of the Library. During last year in collaboration with a businessman, I have been able to set up a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Centre in Madras which is useful to the Department and to the public.

Being an old fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburg (1947), the Royal College thought fit to honour me with the Sir John Bruce Medal for "excellent contributions to the cause of surgery". The Council of the Royal College and the President, came to Madras and were present during the function in their fine regalia. I was also invited by the Royal College of Surgeons of England to deliver the prestigious Moynihan Lecture. This lecture was given by

Brigadier (Hony.)

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me in New Delhi in November 1991 during a combined Congress of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Association of Surgeons of India and the subject was "Development of Postgraduate Surgical Examinations in India".

I continue to be President of the National Board of Medical Examinations which conducts postgraduate examination in 39 specialities. The aim of the Board is to achieve a high and uniform standard of postgraduate training throughout the country. These examinations are becoming more and more popular and are achieving good recognition.

Summer this year as usual was spent at our home in a beautiful hill resort with good golf, boating and trekking.

The years have passed by so quickly that, as one gets older a feeling of nostalgia often supervenes. Forty two years of neurosurgery and still being able to operate and run a Department are divine gifts as also a happy family with affectionate sons and bright grand children. Often I have been asked, why do you not retire and take things easy? The answer is quite clear in my mind - as long as I have the skill and my services are needed, I shall work. The same philosophy guides my wife - Dr. Indira who is still working hard as a Gynaecologist and Obstetrician. The one drawback of working hard is that the days and months pass by as swiftly as telegraph poles viewed from a fast express train.

With all best wishes to all
our friends in the Academy.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

We have appreciated the love and support of our many friends in the Academy during this year especially following Joanne's death on October 7. During these six months we have tried to accept and understand and cope with missing her. We have taken several weekend trips to see Jody's husband in Michigan, our daughter Sally and Joe and our two year old granddaughter Sara in Florida, our daughter Sue and her husband and three children in Illinois, and skiing with Nancy and Patty. Carol and Eric and little Katie were home at Christmas. These happy times have helped us all. We are so thankful for our many, many blessings and loved ones.

We are planning to travel to Europe during September to visit Dr. Salvatore Mingrino in Padua and Dr. Isamat in Barcelona. Ken's work continues to be challenging and interesting.

We both are looking forward to the fall meeting.

Ken & Margie



**Professor Kenichiro Sugita
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July 24, 1992

Dear Colleagues;

It has been three years since we have accepted the first Sugita Scholar. During this time a total of 19 young Neurosurgeons from nine countries stayed here for 1 to 3 months; four from the United States, three from Canada and Indonesia, two from India, Korea and Thailand, one from Germany, China and Taiwan. Most of them are soon after finishing their resident programs. They stay in one of the two apartments dedicated by the Mizuho Co. (maker of the Sugita Clips).

The scholars attend my surgery, use video library, do paper work or learn basic microsurgical techniques. On holidays they are busy in visiting cultural or historical spots. Especially everybody is excited with Kyoto and Nara, treasures of the Japanese culture. On the other hand we can learn cultures of their countries. Please recommend me if you have any young, bright and promising fellow who wish to come and stay with us.

In the past several decades many Japanese neurosurgeons went to the western countries and brought back the essence of neurosurgery. Today the trend is still going on. Nearly a hundred of young Japanese neurosurgeons go abroad to complete their research work. Sugita Scholarship was started with the idea that now, there may be something we could return to the western countries from which we had learned so much. By inviting foreign young neurosurgeons our young colleagues can broaden their world as well as to improve international relationship.

Besides neurosurgery I devote my time to tennis, golf and ski. During 10 years in Shinshu I was rather away from golf but I am regaining its tactics. Structural and mechanical improvements in golf clubs and tennis racquet in these days are really astonishing and we can enjoy more of these games. Same thing may be true with neurosurgery. I wish peace and health of all colleagues.

sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Sugita', written in a cursive style.

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June 8, 1992

Dear Bill and Academicians All,

This past year has been another productive, busy one for all of us.

We continue with the Journal of Neurosurgery work together and are spending more and more time just being content sharing our time and energies. Thor had a bad spell in November, December, but the old Viking blood came through and he bounced back. All the children came to Rochester for Christmas; quite a feat to get the Arizonans to come to the Tundra.

Laura and John continue loving Tucson and have become very close pals in spite of their age difference. John takes great pride in being in-house counsel for Sundt Construction and although he has to work twice as hard to prove himself, he is glad to be on board. His girl friend seems to arrive on the scene from Washington, D. C. almost every other month. Laura took a brave and bold step and fortunately was able to get her short marriage annulled. I made two trips to Tucson in February and March to accompany her to court and give what support I could. John has been invaluable as have Thor's two brothers and their wives in supplying the daily support we were not there to give. The Family has been Wonderful. Thor III has been extremely happy in St. Louis where the Grubbs, Schwartz, Smiths, and Goldrings have all been most helpful. He has now completed one of the two required years in Cardiovascular Surgery and just passed his Oral Boards in General Surgery the second of June. Of course his young son, Harald, is a most precious part of his "Mimi and Pa T.'s" life. Three in November, he continues to be a joy and treasure.

May 23, Thor was honored beyond our wildest dreams at West Point as Distinguished Graduate, a new award, created to honor one whose "distinguished service exemplified the tenets of the Academy's motto of Duty, Honor, Country". It was the first time it has ever been given and his classmates, 197 strong, were on hand at the 40th Reunion to cheer him. It was made even more wonderful because his two brothers and their wives, and our three children were all present to experience the feeling of pride and commitment that the Point exemplifies. The Award this year went to Thor, to General Mathew B. Ridgeway, Gen. James Van Fleet, and Gen. Andrew Goodpaster. Gen. Goodpaster and Thor addressed the thousands of cadets following the

Parade in their honor. It was a memory for a lifetime for all of us.

Thor and I are so very appreciative for all the love and support we have received, particularly during this latest "body blow". It nearly did Thor in to hear my diagnosis of breast cancer, but we were extremely fortunate in all respects--early detection by an internist who made sure we knew all the facts before deciding how to handle it--a surgeon who would do lumpectomy and a radiation oncologist who now provides us adjoining machines as well as the finest personal care. So without going on and on, let me say we feel very fortunate and expect to have the problem solved completely. Thor has recovered a lot of his spunk now that things look better, although he has definitely lost some ground. But we both want everyone to know we aren't down yet!

At Mayo they finally listened to Thor and decided to turn the department over to a younger man. As of June 27, the end of the quarter, our new Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery is David Piepgras, and we know he will continue to build in the finest tradition of our institution. David and Jane will do a great job and we will all be behind them cheering them on. It may be hard for the old war horse to get out of harness, but the Journal is more than enough to keep him busy.

We were thrilled to have Nick Zervas join Thor, Tom Langfitt and William Sweet in the Institute of Medicine and look forward to that meeting in October immediately preceding the Academy. So if our energy level is sufficient, we will see you all then. We know how important it is to share some time with all of you, and hope to be able to give you all hugs in person.

With much love to all of you,

Leif and Thor

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2nd July 1992

Dear Friends

With regret we will not be joining you in Naples, Florida this year. It has been an extremely busy year for both of us. After that splendid meeting in Oregon we went on to the Asian-Australasian Meeting in Seoul where there were many old friends including several surgeons who had spent some time with Lindsay in Queen Square. They entertained us marvellously but Lindsay complained that there seemed to be some abnormality with Korean golf clubs since he played so badly! After a week of great scientific and cultural interest in Korea we spent two weeks in China visiting neurosurgical units in Beijing where again one of the surgeons had spent some time in Queen Square. We also managed to visit several other centres in China, cultural and scientific, and took in the marvels of the terracotta army en route. As a result of this Lindsay went back to China in the early part of 1992, and carried out a number of operations on giant aneurysms in the General Hospital in Beijing.

Concern in the international community about the situation in the former Soviet Union led Lindsay to return on a fact finding exercise to Moscow, St Petersburg and Kiev in January of this year. As a result it is hoped that several young surgeons from centres in the former Soviet Union may be hosted for periods of time in western clinics, and arrangements are already in train for the first to come from the Burdenko to Queen Square towards the end of the year. With visits to Japan, and the United States planned travels to a variety of meetings in Europe as President of the World Federation, Lindsay has been kept pretty busy, especially as he attempts to continue to run an active service in Queen Square.

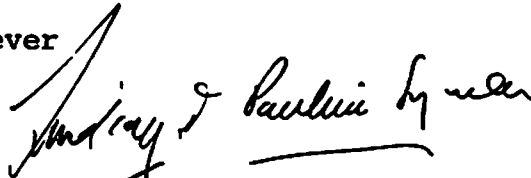
We hope to visit Australia for the Australian meeting in late July and then to go on to visit our various surgical friends in Sydney many of whom have trained in Queen Square. The final series of visits this year will be to Latin-America. As always Lindsay has been extremely grateful to the Academy members who have weighed in with help in the educational courses which have been set up under the auspices of the World Federation. Phanor as Vice-President visited the Pan-African Meeting in Marrakesh and ran a very successful education course in North Africa in the later part of 1992 and further courses are planned in Brazil and India in the Fall of 1992 and Pakistan in the early part of 1993. Hopefully with the upcoming World Congress in Acapulco in 1993, Federation travel will diminish and it will be possible for us to spend time with our friends.

It has not been all work, Lindsay takes his golf clubs to most meetings that he can manage, and regrets his inability to defend the Academy Trophy from Shalishan last year. He promises to return it by Federal Express to John Van Gilder before the meeting!

We have managed to travel together to many of the longer trips and Pauline has been extremely busy at home also. The latest news is the arrival of our fourth grandchild to Fiona and her husband, a little lady as yet unnamed, on 30th June 1992. The remainder of the family are flourishing. Fraser working for the BBC, Fiona for the "Financial Times" and Rosemary, of course, in General Practice.

We wish all our friends in the Academy a successful meeting in Florida, and look forward to seeing you somewhere in the world in 1993.

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lindsay & Pauline Symon', written over a horizontal line.

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Dear Bill

ROUND ROBIN

Following merger of the Toronto General-Toronto Western Hospitals and centralization of Neurosciences at the latter, I feel I have finally reached a stable and I hope productive state again with my superb new secretary Anne. My main interest continues in microelectrode recording in the human thalamus during stereotactic procedures, though I am progressively being inundated with more and more referrals of desperate and unfortunate people with back problems.

Mary retires this June from teaching junior school art at Branksome though she may return for a class or two a week:- she looks forward to some free time to paint but she will miss the imaginative gifted young students.

Our children continue to pursue their own directions. Moira is forging ahead as a stockbroker and hoping one day to have time to ride horses again. James is a project leader at the biochemical facility lab of the National Research Council in Montreal. Ronnie has finished a Masters at Queens in Eng Physics and is pondering a PhD, doing commercial computer programming in the interim. Alison is completing a Masters in Philosophy at U of T.

I look forward to a hiking-camping-bird-watching trip (do you think I will cope?) to the Irian Jaya part of New Guinea with James in July, while Mary heads to the far north - Ellesmere and Devon Island on a sketching sojourn. We need to see these places while we can! Look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

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Dr. William A. Buchheit
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Dear Bill:

This is my first submission to the Round Robin of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery, First, let me thank the Academy for their confidence in me. My election to the Academy at the Oregon meeting was much appreciated. Carol and I enjoyed the meeting very much and we thank the members for making us feel so comfortable, especially Debby and Marty Weiss. Our day trip to the Oregon wine county and the trip along the Oregon coast were memorable.

Neuroscientist

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Morley, T.P.

The Oregon Academy meeting was not my first Academy meeting. That was back in the mid 1960's when I won the Academy Prize. You can't imagine the thrill Carol and I experienced as the guests of the Academy in Palm Springs. I was so excited about going to this meeting to present my research on the uptake of radioactive tracers in brain tumors that I left my brief case containing my slides in my mother's car when she dropped us off at the airport in Toronto. After a high speed chase in a taxi, I was able to overtake my mother, retrieve the slides, proceed to Palm Springs and have a wonderful time with the masters of Neurosurgery at the Academy meeting.

As I write this letter, Carol and I and our daughter, Julie are on vacation in our pine-lined cabin in Algonquin Park which is one of God's gifts. Unfortunately, for the past few days it has been a rather wet gift because of the rain. All that greenery needs some watering, but not everyday.

Canoeing, swimming, bass fishing, wood chopping and outdoor cooking keep us very busy. Julie has completed her sophomore year at University of Michigan (Carol's alma mater). Son Michael had his 25th birthday last week and is in business in Toronto after having received his M.B.A. last year, and son Ira is expected here in a few days from Los Angeles where he is working in movies and television production. The empty Toronto nest gives way to an annual family reunion in Algonquin.

Dr. William A. Buchheit

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Back at the Toronto Hospital, things have been extremely busy for the past three years. That's how long it took to merge the Toronto General and Toronto Western Divisions of Neurosurgery at the Toronto Hospital. There are now ten of us practising at the Toronto Western Division and with three neurosurgical operating rooms and 1800 cases annually we are busy enough. The merger having been completed, and with all ten neurosurgeons reasonably happy and productive, I have handed in my resignation as Head at the Toronto Hospital. I will continue practising there and will continue as Chairman of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto.

In this regard, we have achieved our goal of two million dollars in pledges, and the University has officially named the Chair in Neurosurgery in honour of the Dan Family. I can hardly wait to start spending the money when it comes on stream in 1994 or 95.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

George and I are both looking forward to the upcoming meeting of the Academy in Naples, Florida. George will become President of the Organization at that meeting. I know he considers this a very great honor as he has always looked upon the Academy as being the most prestigious organization in neurological surgery. Of course, with this honor, comes the responsibility of not only looking after the Organization but also yet another Presidential address. The wives of the many members who have had to deliver a Presidential address at one time or another will sympathize and recognize the inherent stresses. However, he already has some very original ideas about the potential subject matter for such an address, so I, for one, will not worry too much about it.

George and I both remain very professionally active - perhaps too much so. George works hard to try and keep the neurosurgical department at Emory on an even keel. As many of our members realize, this is no easy task. Just when things seem to be going smoothly, someone tends to "stir the pot", or some external force creates a problem that has to be dealt with. He also spends a lot of time with his publications - Contemporary Neurosurgery and Neurosurgical Consultations. Along with Dan Barrow and Paul Cooper he is planning a textbook, so that will keep him well occupied for the next few years.

George still has his farm and remains in the tree growing business. He seems to have a lot of enjoyment from this. I am hoping that some day it will make a profit!



Buchheit, Dr. William
August 31, 1992
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Both of us have been playing some golf. Though we enjoy it, I do not think the seniors tour should feel threatened. Neither of us have broken 100! We have also spent some time in Destin, Florida where we enjoy sailing as well as golf. In June we had a Tindall family reunion in Destin. All four of George's children and their families including nine of his ten grandchildren came. It was a fun week for everyone.

We look forward to seeing all of our Academy friends at the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

Since my letter of last year, not much has changed. The University of Maryland School of Medicine continues to search for a Chief for the Division of Neurological Surgery as of this writing. The University of Maryland Division of Neurological Surgery is a division of the Department of Surgery. The search has, in my opinion, been poorly conducted; everyone now seems to agree to that. It has gone on way too long and has been the basis for a political struggle between the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the Department of Surgery, and the Surgery Service at the "Shock Trauma Center." It underscores the reason why Neurosurgery should be a department in any medical school.

I am combining my interest in law with the practice of medicine satisfactorily. I have participated in the teaching of three Health Law courses at the University of Maryland School of Law, and in the first "Right to Die" case in the State of Maryland. I am sitting on two committees in the Maryland Bar Association, looking at Physician Peer Review and Alternate Dispute Resolution, a process that encourages the settlement of disputes within the health care field outside the court room primarily through mediation. In my opinion, the vast majority of such disputes can and should be handled this way. It is less expensive, less adversarial, and less time consuming.



The ideal problems for settlement in this way are those which occur between physicians and staff over credentialing issues.

We wish each of you the best for the remainder of this year and a most successful and prosperous 1993.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CWatts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Clark Watts, M.D.
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June 1992

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Dear Round Robin,

We enjoy attending some neurosurgical meetings whenever they are close enough to be affordable. It is pleasant to see old friends, to admire some new ideas and techniques and to laugh at the folly of others.

In our mid eighties we do fewer things and do them more slowly. Relative income is down, the only things that go up are prices, taxes, and golf scores. Bill Hunt and Carole Miller are refreshing additions to this Down East area, although their visits are too intermittent because of Carole's frequent involvement at medical society meetings and Bill tagging along as spouse!

Family activities: Two grandsons graduated from college this year, more to come. Our only granddaughter who is pre-med, is spending the summer teaching KARATE in France! God help anyone who attacks her.

It is somewhat depressing to see some of our old residents retiring. But we are happy that we can still enjoy sailing and skiing.

We look forward to seeing you all at our favorite neurological surgery society meetings.

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Dear Academician,

During the past year, Gloria and I have continued on our usual paths without anything new to report except that we are starting the second edition of the textbook. On the other hand, our children have had an eventful time.

Mike, the oldest, continues to consult part-time as an investment banker in San Francisco, but now spends most of his time writing -- radio advertisements, newspaper and magazine pieces, scripts, and a book. He and a friend, Steve Kessler, wrote a script for a 30-minute movie that deals with aging and the resilience of the human spirit. The plot involves a group of retired men who form a boxing club to combat boredom and get some exercise, but find themselves involved in a bigger fight with the State Boxing Commission. The script was one of the winners of a contest sponsored by Showtime, which enabled them to produce the film, "Birch Street Gym" (starring Harold Gould), for that television channel where it was shown in September. Mike and Steve then arranged for the film to be shown several times in theaters in California, and they were rewarded by having the film nominated for an Academy Award -- one of three films in the live action short film category. Although the film didn't win an Oscar, Mike and his wife Shiela had the unique experience of attending the award ceremony and the party by limousine with the four other individuals who produced the film. Mike has since written a script for a full-length movie and he is hoping that the success of "Birch Street Gym" will get him through the right doors so the second one can be launched.

In 1986, Mike and three friends published a book through Simon & Schuster -- a compendium of odd-ball roadside attractions entitled "Roadside America." He and two of the other three original authors have just released an expanded second edition called "New Roadside America" which required him to travel extensively by car during the past year. He currently is driving an Oscar Mayer Wienermobile through parts of the U.S., we presume to gather material for a subsequent edition!

In contrast to Michael, son Jeffrey has followed a more traditional course although he is currently in a period of transition, tapering off his work at Sun Microsystems while he increases his commitment in four other areas. He has passed the qualifying examinations for the Ph.D. degree in electrical engineering at Stanford, and should

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complete all of the requirements by 1994. He and two other men have begun a company based in Palo Alto called Neuralogix -- they use neural network computer techniques to design more effective control systems for various industrial needs such as the maintenance of furnace temperatures in steel mills, the automated production of potato chips, and the detection of credit card fraud. He continues his work as a director of the television cable network that services Palo Alto. But the thing that takes up most of his time requires that he spend at least four days a week in Houston. He has become Chief Operating Officer of a company called EyeSys Laboratories that sells certain ophthalmological equipment. Their current hot item is a computerized corneal analysis system that facilitates diagnosis, surgery, and contact lens fitting. The company's business is expanding rapidly in the U.S., and Jeff and his associates are now trying to develop overseas markets. Jeff is putting in long hours, but is enjoying every minute. His fiancée, Irene LaPerle, is coping with this quite well, in part because she is very involved in establishing a business of her own in Menlo Park. Their wedding is planned for early October, and Gloria is enjoying her part in the planning.

Daughter Betsy has completed all of her Ph.D. requirements in Italian studies at Yale, except for her dissertation. She received her M.Phil. degree in May, is spending June and July with us, and will then prepare her dissertation in Berkeley close to her brothers. She plans to receive her Ph.D. in 1993, and hopes to begin teaching shortly thereafter.

As you can tell, the kids keep us hopping. We hope to see all of you at the meeting in Naples.

Sincerely,

Bob and Gloria

Bob and Gloria Wilkins

Best
SUPPORTING ACTOR



- Tommy Lee Jones
JFK
- Harvey Keitel
Bugsy
- Ben Kingsley
Bugsy
- Michael Lerner
Barton Fink
- Jack Palance
City Slickers

Best
ACTRESS



- Geena Davis
Thelma & Louise
- Laura Dern
Rambling Rose
- Jodie Foster
The Silence of the Lambs
- Bette Midler
For the Boys
- Susan Sarandon
Thelma & Louise

Best
SUPPORTING ACTRESS



- Diane Ladd
Rambling Rose
- Juliene Lewis
Cape Fear
- Kate Nelligan
The Prince of Tides
- Mercedes Ruehl
The Fisher King
- Jessica Tandy
Fried Green Tomatoes

DOCUMENTARY—SHORT SUBJECT

- Birdnesters of Thailand ("Shadow Hunters")
- Deadly Deception: General Electric.
Nuclear Weapons and Our Environment
- A Little Vicious
- The Mark of the Maker
- Memorial: Letters from American Soldiers

FILM EDITING

- The Commitments
- JFK
- The Silence of the Lambs
- Terminator 2: Judgment Day
- Thelma & Louise

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM

- Children of Nature (Iceland)
- The Ele
- Mediten
- The Ox
- Raise th

MAKEUP

- Hook
- Star Tre
- Termina

ORIGINAL S

- Beauty
- Bugsy
- The Fish
- JFK
- The Prin

ORIGINAL SONG

- Beauty and the Beast. *Beauty and the Beast*
- Belle. *Beauty and the Beast*
- Be Our Guest. *Beauty and the Beast*
- (Everything I Do) I Do It for You. *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*
- When You're Alone. *Hook*

ANIMATED SHORT FILM

- Blackly
- Manipulation
- Strings

LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM

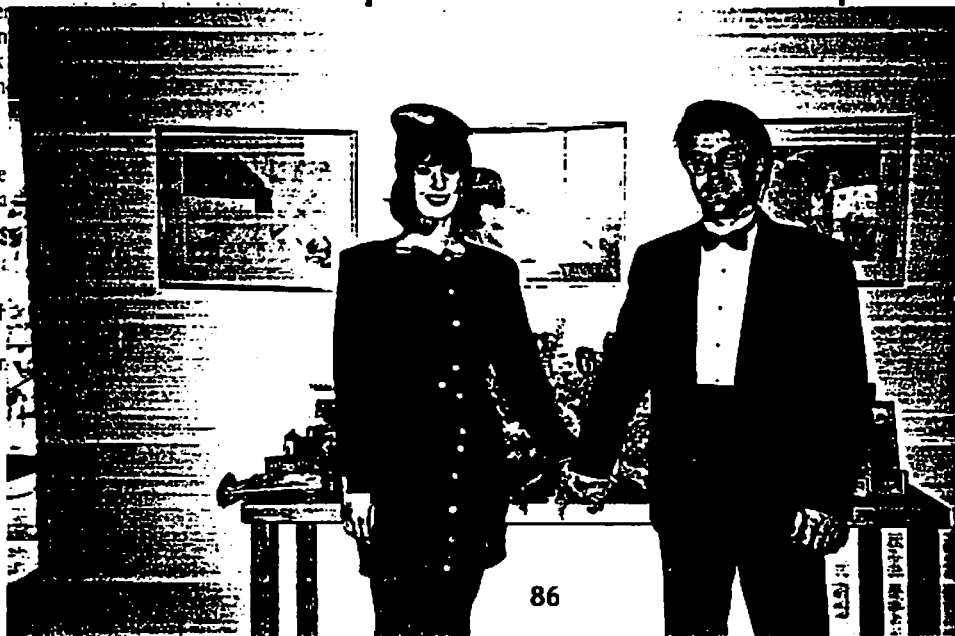
- Birch Street Gym
- Last Breeze of Summer
- Session Man

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

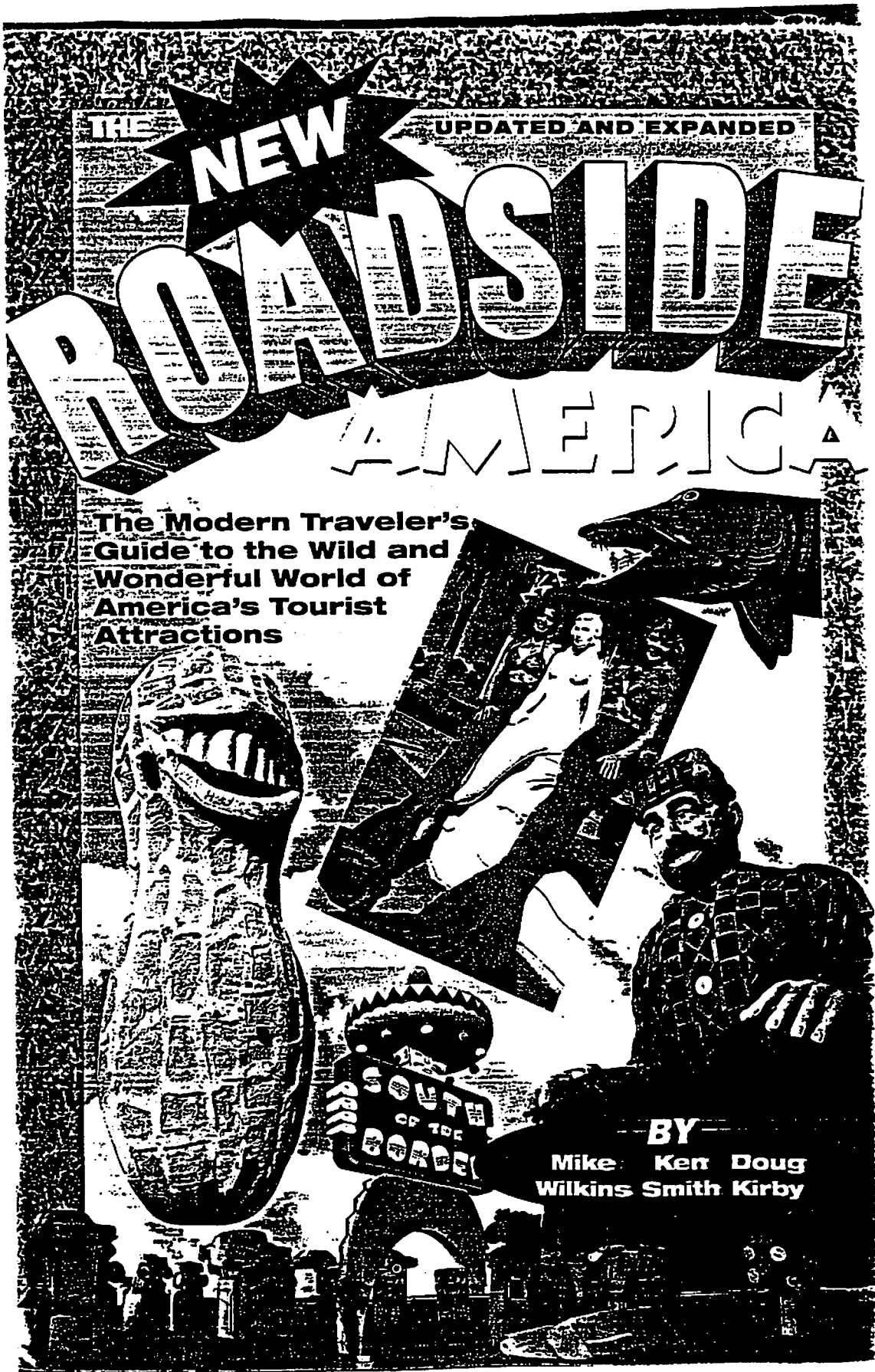
- Boyz N the Hood
- Bugsy
- The Fisher King
- Grand Canyon
- Thelma & Louise

ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

- Europa Europa
- Fried Green Tomatoes
- JFK
- The Prince of Tides
- The Silence of the Lambs



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Dear Doctor ~~Buchheit~~: *Bill*

The big event in the past year has been a fund raiser held here in San Francisco. I took care of Burt Reynolds' best friend, and in gratitude he put on a free one-man show at our Symphony Center. It was a huge success both in terms of publicity and funding acquired for an endowment. I am working diligently to obtain a large endowment for the Brain Tumor Research Center so that we can become independent of soft money. The near future will be a difficult time for all scientific endeavors, brain tumor research being no exception

Steve Mahaley's illness and death were tragic, and I'll miss Steve very much. I traveled to Maggie Valley in the fall to spend a day with Steve at a time when he was quite fit, although the chemotherapy was having its effects for a few days after each course. Steve was a remarkable person and one of the leaders of my generation of neurosurgeons. He made a number of very substantial contributions, those in the field of neuro-oncology being particularly outstanding. He embodied integrity, honesty, and fairness, wrapping these virtues with an engaging personality.

Cone Pevehouse delivered the Boldrey Lecture this year, and it was his usual thoughtful and informative address. Cone loves what he is doing, and it shows. Neurosurgery is deeply indebted to Cone for the truly outstanding job that he has done for us with many issues, reimbursement at the moment heading the list.

The AANS will meeting here in two weeks. Although it is nice to avoid airports and hotels, having a major meeting in your own home town does come with its own set of problems.

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I am looking forward to a relatively quiet spring and summer. I will be visiting Bryce Weir in his Canadian haunt before he moves to Chicago. I'll be there this spring to give a lecture. I am delighted to Bryce is coming south of the border.

This is a very nice phase of my life and my career, and I'm enjoying every day of it. I hope that this letter finds my fellow academicians doing as well, whatever their phase of the moon, age and role in neurosurgery.

Sincerely,



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Dear Round Robin Readers,

This past year has been a significant one for Lily and myself because it has involved some major decisions. Swedish Hospital Medical Center in Seattle decided to establish a comprehensive epilepsy center similar to the one I built here in Memphis. I was offered the job of Medical Director, which I accepted. The decision was extremely difficult because it means leaving a residency training program for a private practice environment. One of the facets of practice I have enjoyed the most is the training of residents and I shall miss this. On the other hand, Seattle has always been home for Lily and myself, and so it will be enjoyable returning to be near family. Although we had thought we would eventually return to the Pacific Northwest, we had not planned on it happening so soon.

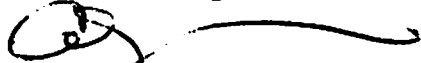
Swedish Hospital is a large private hospital with some ties to the University of Washington, most notably the Fred Hutcheson Cancer Research Center. They have a reputation that when they develop a new program, they do it very well. And this seems to be the case with the Epilepsy Program. Although we are still in the planning phase, the elements seem well thought out and I have every expectation that the final product will be as good as the one built in Memphis.

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I am moving Lily from Memphis to Seattle in early August, and plan to complete my commitments to the Semmes-Murphey Clinic by mid-October. It is because of this move that I will be unable to attend the annual meeting, one that Lily and I always look forward to. We will miss seeing all of our friends and we wish all of you the very best. We look forward to next year's meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Allen and Lily Wyler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allen and Lily Wyler

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April 20, 1992

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Dear Bill:

It is a pleasure to send you this contribution for the Academy Round Robin for 1992. It's certainly delightful for me to read the various members contributions.

On the professional front, I am happy to report that the residency training program in neurological surgery at the University of California Irvine has received full approval from the Residency Review Committee for the first time since I took over the program in 1986. We have a full compliment of residents. Like so many other programs we have increased to a total of six years of neurosurgical training after one year of general surgery. To my way of thinking, our field is now so complex that five years is insufficient to provide the depth of training required for clinical practice alone and definitely not sufficient to provide the training appropriate for a career in academic neurosurgery. We are attempting to slant our program strongly to the training of academic neurosurgeons. Our brand new 8 bed Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit should be open and functioning in May of this year. We will be expanding our ward bed capacity as well and with the new neurosurgical ICU and the ward immediately adjacent we will have a first class nursing care area for the neurosciences, with a total bed capacity of about 30 beds. My practice is now mainly dealing with chronic pain problems which is often very frustrating and difficult, although at times quite rewarding. Quite frankly if

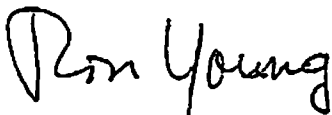
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I did not have the strong interest in the neurophysiology of pain that I do, I would find it very difficult to carry on strict clinical practice in this area. The litiganous orientation of our society in which patients so often look to make large financial gains from relatively minor accidents, injuries or perceived mistreatments contributes to converting what should be relatively mild resolvable pain problems into major disability producing and life changing events. At times, it appears that the psycho-social factors are as important or more important as are the physical factors in chronic pain problems.

From a personal standpoint, my family is quite stable. We have been enjoying regular visits to our farmhouse in Vermont and spent a delightful Christmas there in 1991 with our children and their grandparents and aunt. The change of environment and lifestyle from the megalopolis of Southern California to rural Vermont is refreshing for all of us.

Yours sincerely,



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