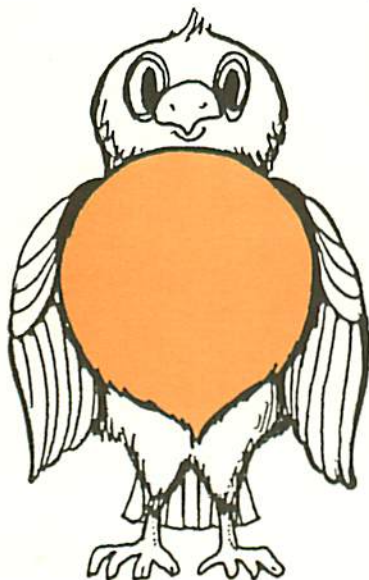
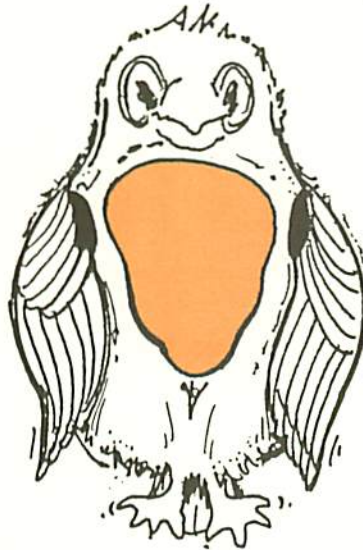
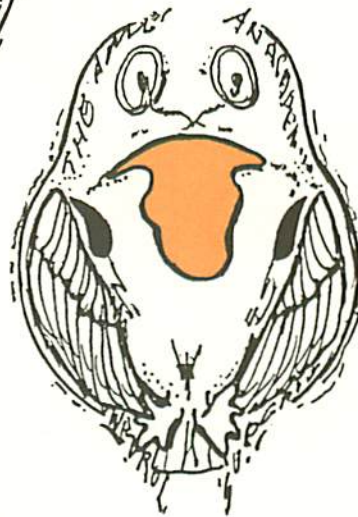


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Dear David:

Having been a part of the Round Robin Letter for so many years, I feel embarrassed not to make a contribution to it since I enjoy reading the contributions of others so much when the letters come to my desk.

I have had a good year and Betty and I are well, living in our house. I feel fortunate to have my brain working. At the age of 87 one expects to have 15 or 20 "minor handicaps and problems" but we are living happily.

In early June I traveled to Boston for the 62nd reunion of my Harvard Medical School class. Of the 125 people who graduated in 1939, 38 of us are still living. Ten of the 38 were in attendance at our "reunion" and it was a joyous occasion. I also had a chance to visit two of my children and four grandchildren, who live in the Boston area.

It is a hope I have of attending the meeting in November but I am not sure I am going to make it. Betty and I send our best regards to everyone.

Sincerely yours,

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25 August, 2001

Dear Fellow Academicians:

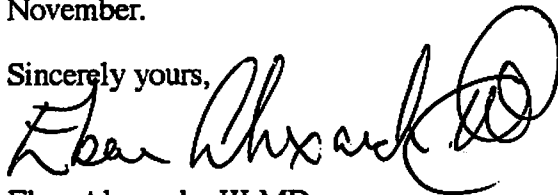
The last year has been filled with fundamental change for me, but has been quite stable for the Alexander family in general. Holley continues with her painting, and hosts two courses a week in our Needham home (taught by her mentor of recent years) because of the group's eviction from the Boston Artists' Guild on Newbury Street (due mainly to political infighting). The overall group has expanded somewhat, and all seem to be benefitting greatly from the experience. Holley would like to spend even more time with her painting, but is also putting significant effort into raising our two boys (Eben IV, age 13.6 years, and his younger brother, Bond, age 3.3 years), either one of whom has more energy than Holley and me put together (although we are still able to maintain more power). Eben spent two weeks this summer sailing around the sounds of North Carolina's Outer Banks, camping out on various islands (some of which he swears were haunted) that have seen few visitors since the days of Blackbeard. He continues to play piano, having moved from the Mission Impossible Theme to Für Elise and Midnight Sonata. He has one more year at Charles River School, and then is off to his first new school since pre-K. He is quite excited about it all, as are we. The coming year will be quite the experience. His younger brother, Bond, has really grown, becoming quite the little individual. Although he was never very "terribly two", he has become quite strong-willed, probably in an effort to keep up with his older brother. They are the best of friends. Bond has picked up his musical listening taste from his older brother, and is probably the only 3 foot tall person in Needham (born in 1998, no less) who loves the Beatles, Jimi Hendrix and the Doors!

I have recently gone through the most major change of my 14 year-old career. After working at the Brigham & Women's and Children's Hospitals ever since finishing fellowship training in December, 1987, I have now moved my main academic base to the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester. I will continue to perform some of the intraoperative MRI cases at the Brigham as a member of the Private Staff, as well as occasional proton beam cases with my friend and colleague Dr. Jay S. Loeffler at the MGH.

I had worked with the UMass Chairman, Dr. Bennett Blumenkopf, in 1982, during Duke residency when he was my Chief Resident at the Durham VA. Nineteen years later, we have reunited, giving me a refreshing new environment in which to continue academic neurosurgical efforts in stereotactic radiosurgery, advanced image-guided neurosurgical techniques (along the lines of the intraoperative MRI we developed at the Brigham), and functional procedures in the management of movement disorders and refractory pain syndromes. UMass Medical Center is an environment that is quite different from the Brigham, and yet one full of potential opportunities. For a time I will miss the daily interaction of teaching the residents, although we are working towards reestablishment of the residency training program at UMass.

I am still trying to convince Holley to take some time away from her painting to join me at the Academy meeting this fall. I have even heard some hints that Dad may be attending, which would be a very pleasant surprise, indeed! I look forward to seeing all of you at The Breakers in November.

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Dear Academician,

Since many people have been asking about my health and what has happened to me, I thought I would give everyone the complete story. I appreciate your concerns.

For reasons of ill health, I relinquished my position as Head of Neurosurgery at University of Illinois at Chicago after 10 years

My medical history goes back 17 years, when I was taken to the hospital in Detroit for a suspected appendicitis. At surgery a mass was found in my cecum with a normal appendix. The ascending colon and terminal ileum were resected. One week later I underwent an orchiectomy for a testicular seminoma. Abdominal periaortic radiation followed.

As you know, the loss of the ascending colon leads to lack of water absorption and the subsequent formation of kidney stones that I developed 7 years later. Vit D, calcium, and Vit B12 are absorbed in the terminal ileum, as are the bile salts. These losses led to osteoporosis, Vit B12 deficiency and bowel problems, all of which were treated medically.

I was not supposed to have complications from the periaortic radiation because of the low dosage of radiation I received. However, over the years, I developed a progressive hypothermia, with cold legs and a loss of sweating in the lower extremities. My body temperature is 95 degrees F. This problem led to frequent URIs, chronic sinusitis, and sinus surgery to relieve maxillary sinus obstruction in April 2001. Thermography has confirmed the lower temperature in my thighs. Following the radiation I received, it appears that I have developed a lumbar radiation sympathectomy, which has never been reported at this radiation dosage.

In January 1999, while lecturing in India, I had gastroenteritis and three weeks later developed arthritis of my hands. This is known as Reiter's syndrome and is now called Reactive Arthritis. It is self-limited, and the arthritis resolved in 9 months. In the summer of 2000, I had multiple hospitalizations for kidney stones during which the arthritis reappeared. It became refractory to NSAIDs and in January 2001, x-rays of my hands showed erosion of the joints in both hands. A diagnosis of

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psoriatic arthritis was made. The disease progressed rapidly to involve my spine, SI joints, and other joints in the body. There is no cure for this disease, only symptomatic treatment. I did not wish to start on methotrexate, which was the next drug of choice, because of its toxicity. I was fortunate to take a new drug, an anti-TNF agent, Enbrel, which has been moderately helpful.

From a clinical point of view, the best treatment for psoriasis is exposure to the sun. If successful, this treatment may also retard the progression of the psoriatic arthritis. For the arthritis, warm temperatures and exercise are best when combined with the medication. For the hypothermia, a warm climate is best which may also prevent the secondary infections that exacerbate the arthritis. Thus, from a clinical perspective, it made sense to move to a warm climate.

So, Carolyn and I will now become permanent residents in our home in Rancho Mirage, California. The climate is excellent to treat the medical problems I have. The sun is shining almost every day, with blue skies and clean air. It is hot in the summer but warm in the winter. I am in an exercise program to keep my joints loose.

During all of this time, Carolyn's 96 year old mother, who also lives in the desert, became ill. Carolyn moved us to the desert, to a smaller condominium in Chicago, and broke her arm in August 2001. She gets an award for her supreme sacrifice and patience in the past 2 years. Our daughter, Susan, underwent sinus surgery also in August 2001 and is recovering.

So that is what has happened and how we have experienced the health system this year.

But life has great opportunities and we plan to take advantage of them. Since I cannot operate, at least for a while, I plan to keep busy doing other things. I am continuing my position as Editor of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY. I will continue to offer provocative comments and ideas to stimulate neurosurgeons to reach the full promise of their profession and the commitment to their patients.

Secondly, I am planning to remain active in medicine. I have been asked to form a Neuroscience Institute in this area. There are many senior citizens in this community. Stroke, dementia, arthritic spine disease and Parkinson's disease are commonly seen problems. Also, there is an influx of young Hispanic families, so that neurologic diseases of younger age people are seen. The Institute I envision will function under a concept of medicine in which we will take care of people from the acute phase of their disease to their chronic needs at home. It will be complete disease management. The Institute will combine neurologists, neurosurgeons, psychiatrists, rehabilitationists, neuroradiologists, neuropathologists, social

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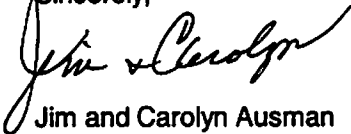
workers, nurse practitioners, clinical pharmacists, and others to cover the spectrum of neuroscience care.

I am looking for senior accomplished physicians who would be interested in coming to this community to provide quality care to these patients and live in a beautiful location. Part time or full time arrangements are possible. Obviously, I am interested in talking with any physician who would like this opportunity.

Thirdly, Carolyn and I hope to continue our travels to lecture in countries around the world and to learn more about different cultures.

So, I have not retired but just changed careers and am looking for new challenges. My e-mail is jausman@uic.edu . Our address is 70-950 Fairway Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. Phone 760-202-7198; Fax 760-770-4453. Please call us when you get to this area. We would be delighted to see you.

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Re: Round Robin 2001

At the age of 90, the master of contemporary poetry, Stanley Kunitz, wrote the following lines:

I have walked through many lives,
Some of them my own
And I am not who I was,
Though some principle of being
Abides, from which I struggle
Not to stray...
Though I lack the art
To decipher it,
No doubt the next chapter
In my book of transformations
Is already written.
I am not done with my changes.

This has indeed been a dizzying year for the Awad family! At half of Kunitz' age, I already grasp an understanding of the meaning of his verses, and his appeal elsewhere to "live in the layers"! Academic neurosurgery has been and remains a truly splendid and eventful journey.

Shortly after last year's Academy meeting, our family relocated to Denver, Colorado, and I gratefully took on the humbling challenge of leadership of the new Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Colorado. Following in the footsteps of Glenn Kindt's extraordinary legacy, for nearly two decades, is no easy undertaking. A splendid cast of faculty was already in place, with diverse career aspirations and a wide spectrum and clinical and academic interests. The University and the new community have offered incredible opportunities and resources to develop a truly stellar model of academic neurosurgical program for the next century. The first few months have been spent on strategic planning with the various faculty and University principals, and on enhancements to the educational and research components of the training program. Our research group is active and other recruitments remain underway, with all too many evenings at dinners in Denver restaurants...Clinical program development continues to thrive, and I am learning the challenge of trying to keep a dozen neurosurgeons happy and thriving...

At the same time, I had the honor of completing my tenure as Chairman of the Cerebrovascular Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The Section had an extraordinary annual meeting in Hawaii last February, including an ambitious collaboration with Japanese colleagues in both surgery and interventional

Neuroradiology. We completed important projects on Guidelines of intracranial aneurysms and arteriovenous malformations management. The Section is now in the excellent hands of my friend and colleague, Hunt Batjer, who will surely lead this dynamic group through numerous challenges and opportunities ahead.

And this is the year where I have been further honored by the Presidency of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. The engaged help and understanding of my family, along with superb colleagues on the Executive Committee and in various leadership tasks, have made this a most enjoyable assignment, despite the added travel and numerous hours of preparations for various Congress projects. A highlight of this tenure was a meeting, along with AANS President Stan Pelofski, with President George W. Bush at the White House. It was a true test of the intellectual's role of "telling truth to authority", on issues of access of patients to specialty care, as well as stem cell research. The feeling, if not the reality, of helping make a small impact, is truly incredible.

But the base of our happiness and fulfillment remains at home, with my lifelong partner Catherine and our son Armand. We've enjoyed travels together, creating family celebrations out of the most fleeting moments as well as the more prolonged. Catherine transformed our new house in Colorado into a comfortable home almost overnight. Armand made a splendid transition, managing to learn to ski, while continuing to excel in school and in extramural activities as a budding cellist and a francophone. As we write this letter, Catherine is intensely involved in preparations for the annual Congress meeting in San Diego, and soon thereafter for the RUNN Course in Woods Hole (which she helps me coordinate).

We shall be missing this year's Academy meeting in Palm Beach. But in the true spirit inspired by fellow academicians, we will carry on most busily enjoying "the layers" of academic neurosurgery.

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Dear David:

The past year has been exciting for the Barrow family both personally and professionally. Mollie has made the conscience effort to decrease her workload and spend more time with our rapidly growing children. She has been able to maintain a very active oral surgical practice yet be available for all of the numerous functions our kids are involved in. Interestingly, she is working less and enjoying it much more. Our children remain the highlight of our lives and all three are doing extraordinarily well in their academic and extracurricular pursuits. In July, Emily will become our first teenager. With that milestone we expect new and different opportunities as well as challenges. Our family has thoroughly enjoyed our home in Jackson Hole, Wyoming where the Spetzlers and Hopkins have introduced us to a number of exhilarating outdoor activities. Chasing Nick and Bonnie up a steep road on a mountain bike or trailing far behind Robert and Nancy on alpine skis gives us great hope that there is an exciting life after 50.

I was honored to have had the opportunity to serve as the President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons last year. Having completed that duty, I have thoroughly enjoyed focusing more attention on our neurosurgery program at Emory. We have enjoyed significant growth and additions to our department but were also saddened by the departure of two of our most outstanding faculty members. After agonizing over the decision for six months, Roy Bakay chose to return to his home of Chicago and join the faculty of Rush Medical School. Roy had developed a world-class functional and stereotactic neurosurgical service at Emory through his collaboration with our outstanding Department of Neurology. We congratulate him on his new position but sincerely miss his expertise, humor and presence. In August of this past year, Dr. Suzie Tindall announced her retirement from the practice of neurosurgery. Suzie had planned for some time to retire at the age of 56 but we were all hopeful she would forget that she had reached that age or come up with an alternative plan. In addition to being an outstanding neurosurgeon, Suzie has been a leader in peripheral nerve surgery and neurosurgical education. Her unique set of skills as a board certified neurologist and

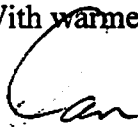
neurosurgeon, attention to detail and passion for teaching makes it impossible to replace her.

Despite these losses, our department continues to grow. Dr. Timothy Mapstone had joined our department recently as our Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery. During this past year he was named Vice Chairman of our department and Director of our neurosurgical Residency Training Program. Following Roy Bakay's departure, we engaged a search for a leader in functional and stereotactic neurosurgery and are delighted to have successfully recruited Dr. Robert Gross who will join us from the University of Utah in July of this year. In addition to his clinical program in functional and stereotactic neurosurgery, Bob will bring with him a basic science research program in neural regeneration. Dr. Brian Subach has also joined our faculty following completion of his neurosurgical residency training at the University of Pittsburgh; Brian completed a spine fellowship with Reg Haid, Rusty Rodts and Scott Erwood at our institution and will remain on our faculty with a specialized interest in complex spine surgery. Our department obtained an unexpected gift from CNN when they recruited Dr. Sanjay Gupta to Atlanta to serve as the medical correspondent for CNN news. Although Sanjay has significant obligations to CNN, we were not about to let his neurosurgical talent go to waste. Sanjay will be given a faculty position in our department and will begin clinical neurosurgical work in the near future.

Under the direction of Erwin Van Meir, Ph.D., our laboratory for Molecular Neuro-Oncology has received two additional NIH grants this past year. The Emory Stroke Center was the recipient of an \$8 million philanthropic gift over the next five years to further develop our clinical and academic missions in the management of neurovascular disorders. All of these developments have created an exciting atmosphere in our department.

Mollie and I look forward to seeing you and our fellow academicians in Palm Beach this November.

With warmest regards,



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RE: Round Robin Reminder

David, the following is my contribution to the Round Robin:

"Greetings from sunny Northern California. The Bergers are well and continuing to enjoy life in the Bay Area. Challenges at work never cease, yet the Department is in great shape and we are all working very hard but enjoying ourselves doing it. I am delighted to report to all the members of the Academy that we have successfully completed our campaign to establish the Charles B. Wilson Chair in Neurological Surgery. This chair will be occupied by Dr. Michael Prados, who is the head of our Neuro-Oncology Program, and this is a very fitting tribute to Charlie. Charlie has been doing well, and has officially announced his retirement from surgery, as of the end of this year. We look forward to many more productive years with Charlie, as he teaches and interacts with the faculty and residents. He remains a guiding light for me, and a man with an intense commitment to the field of academic neurosurgery. I am very grateful for my interactions with Charlie Wilson.

Lindsay is off to Costa Rica this summer, to help build a high school in a rural setting. Hopefully she will come back speaking Spanish fluently, which is one of her objectives. Alex is pursuing his dream to fly and become a championship golfer, and hopefully both will happen. He is certainly committed to succeeding at both. Overall, things are quite well, and we look forward to finishing the summer with a bang!"

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

The year 2000-2001 marked several important changes for the Boston Black family. Katharine finished her interim work at Trinity Church in Melrose. She was received warmly by that congregation. Dia continues as Executive Assistant to the President of a Security Company and is increasingly ready to pursue another field. Libby spent a year partly traveling in Nepal and the Far East and will begin Northwestern Law School in September. Katy is taking a year from her studies at Harvard Medical School, having won a fellowship to do a year of clinical research training at the NIH. Peter Thomas continues to do work on Chinese mergers and acquisitions. He lives in Brooklyn and enjoys New York a great deal. Christopher starts his sophomore year at Harvard College where he will be in Cabot House in the Quadrangle.

In Peter's work, neurosurgery became a Department at the Brigham and Women's Hospital this year. The development of a physician's organization at that hospital and the complex relationships with other Harvard hospitals make an interesting challenge. He has spent the year balancing clinical, research, teaching, and administration.

We were saddened by the death of Katharine's father, Mandel Cohen, in November after a brief illness. He had been an extremely stabilizing and enjoyable influence in all of our lives. The problem of selling his home and disposing of the property was on which occupied Katharine for nearly eight months. To recover from this, we spent some summer time on Cape Cod at our home in Truro and find it is a great respite.

We wish all academicians well and look forward to seeing you in Palm Beach this Fall.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dave:

This will be my contribution to the round robin for 2001.

As I dictate this letter, I have completed my second year of retirement, completely disassociated with neurosurgery. We spent the last two years half-time in Germany, half-time in USA. As you know, our home is one hour from Hanover in the northern part of Germany; it is very close to Christa's two beautiful daughters. This gives us a great deal of mobility in Europe, and allows us to travel freely. In the last year we have been throughout Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and spent an unlimited amount of time in France. One of the most interesting things we did was to spend New Years Eve, 2001, in Berlin at the largest New Years party, I think, in the world.

My attempts to become fluent, or at least conversant, in German have only met with moderate success. Given that most of the German people speak perfectly good English and prefer that to my broken German, I have trouble finding someone to talk to. My conversations have been limited essentially to essentially gas station attendants, people in stores, and things like that. In spite of that, I have a lot of fun trying, and I hope I don't offend the Germans too much.

My fishing has suffered a major setback with the death of Ernie Mack in December of 2000. He joined the other founders of the Rogue River Neurosurgical Society in leaving this world. Drs. Raaf, Murphy, Mayfield, Hunt, and Schwartz are no longer with us, so the power structure in the Rogue River Neurosurgical Society has fallen apart. I think it can be recreated, but it will take a little bit of effort.

Christa and I both look forward to seeing everyone in Florida this November, and we extend to each and every one a hardy welcome to our place in Germany. You can reach us at any time in the United States or Germany by e-mail at wbuchheit@aol.com. Keep in touch with us, and we would love to see anyone who shows up. Best regards, and good wishes for the year.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Piepgras,
 thank you very much for inviting me to write some notes in the Round Robin and probably get in touch again with friends in former lucky times. I have not heard from them since long times. As you will understand my life changed after Karl-August past away, although I live still in our house in Würzburg but alone, my children stay in the North and South of our country and Jürgen just moved to Ibiza. They are working hard as Doctors, Karin as an Anaesthesien is doing Accupunktion and Christoph is a Orthopäedics, he lives in the former East-Gemany at the Müritz, a wonderful Szenerie. Besides his profession he likes sailing very much and Barbara, his wife, is riding on horseback. Their home is only 1 hours drive to Berlin. This town is getting more and more attractiv, as you may know. Christoph has 3 boys as the age of 8, 11 and 14., they are nice and joyfull, I like them very much and regrett seeing them not often. Our eldest Grandson Sebastian, just finished School and is doing his Social year, he is as well sailing and won any trophies. Karins 2 daughters are still at school, they are charming teenies with the age of 15 and 17. Because it is only a trip of 250 km to their home, we meet more often. I myself was elected the third time in the Board of the Society for Rebuilding the Frauenkirche in Dresden. That keeps me busy and moveable. Dresden and Saxonia is a growing area and the church as well. As you know Prof. Blobel spent his Nobelprice for the rebuilding and the Dresdner Synagoge, a wonderful help!. He as well is now working with the Medical Faculty, where Karl-August was the Founding Dean after he has retired from the Chair in Würzburg. Therefore as well I am doing this honory work for Dresden in his remembrance. I hope many of you will traval to Europe soon and probably you may come to Würzburg, I am looking forward very much seeing you. I hope you are very well, all the Best for you and your families sinceierly yours Eva-Christa Bushe

*Please, do some correction because of my poor
 English!
 Yours Acc. Christa Bushe*



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Dear Round Robiners,

The past year has continued to be hectic in the Carmel/Bello household. That's not news.

David Carmel has just completed his first year at Stanford Business School. His independence and determination are amazing. This summer he has an internship at a division of Johnson & Johnson that produces the Ibot, a gyroscopically controlled motorized wheelchair. He had his van shipped back from California and makes the fifty-mile commute out to rural New Jersey daily. He and his brother Jason have a co-op in downtown Chelsea. At the moment he is thinking of pursuing development of products for handicapped after he finishes his MBA next June.

Jason Carmel has completed three years at P & S and has been awarded a Howard Hughes foundation Fellowship to do research. He is doing spinal cord research at Rutgers with Wise Young. They are developing gene-chip analysis changes that follow cord injury. The results are fascinating and several publications are on the way. (His new chip has more than 9000 genes!) Jas will do another year at Rutgers and complete a Ph.D. before returning to Columbia for his M.D.

Jonathan Carmel has left J.P. Morgan to work at a smaller investment—banking firm. He is doing commodity-swaps in Europe (?) Unfortunately this requires that he get to his office at 4:15 a.m. and he generally stays until Wall Street closes. Because his interests are global, he has become one of the best-informed people I know.

While all of the sons are charming, interesting, and productive people, none of them appears to have any understanding of the term "grandchild".

Jacqueline and I try to spend every weekend at our farmhouse in Thompson Ridge, New York, getting in daily tennis. Now we are taking up golf, which is quite deservedly a four-letter word. Jay's drives are not exactly booming, but always straight down the fairway (very annoying- when I am always in the woods). Her Neuroradiology division is very busy, with an ever-increasing embolization load. She is also continuing her active participation in the CBI teaching series, traveling all over the country with her slides.

Our service continues to be very busy, and we were just given another dedicated OR. With most of our faculty working on developing new procedures and technology in the OR, the hours are up even more than the case numbers. The neurological Institute of New Jersey is progressing and the new Clinical Center will open January 2002. Now we need a building!

My run for the AMA Board of Trustees was quite an experience. By far the best part was the large number of delegates who told me they had been contacted personally by a local neurosurgeon. I am very grateful for this wonderful help from



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colleagues. The support from the AANS/CNS was unbelievably excellent and Katie Orrico, Mark Kubala, Phil Talley and George Koenig were terrific. I was somewhat bummed about losing while getting a majority of delegate votes (57%); a first-time loss is common in these elections. I will be running again next June, hopefully with a better outcome.

Jay and I are looking forward to seeing you all at the Breakers.

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

All is well with the Chandler family in Ann Arbor. Our youngest son, Jesse, has completed his first year of medical school at the University of Pittsburgh and is thriving very well. Our older son Scott has been riding the ups and downs of the economy in San Francisco. The .com he worked for last year went belly up in March of this year but, fortunately, he was able to land another job in the financial district of San Francisco beginning in May. He continues to enjoy the San Francisco area and the excitement of the business world.

Susie continues her work part-time at Brighton Hospital and I continue to enjoy all of my endeavors at the University Hospital.

We have an exciting trip planned this fall that will begin with a week in Japan where I will be participating in a brain tumor meeting. This will be followed by one week in China where we will visit a long lost relative living in Beijing.

Sincerely yours

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

To borrow a phrase from Mark Twain, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow." After weeks of procrastinating, I finally sat down to send in my contribution to the Round Robin. I had intended to write something lighthearted and upbeat, but unfortunately it is now one day after the unspeakable horrors of 9-11, and humor is hard to come by.

I'm pleased to report that all is well in Cleveland. My children have grown up so quickly, I barely recognize them. To my memory, Nate was in diapers just last year. He is now a high school senior, has to look down in order to see me, and is in the process of applying to college (anywhere but Ohio dad). Jeremy, the scrappy little kid brother who wasn't even alive till after I finished residency, has started high school and will easily surpass me in height by the next Round Robin. Needless to say, I feel much older than my stated years.

Pediatric Neurosurgery at Rainbow continues to thrive, and I am privileged to work with a great group of colleagues at Case Western Reserve. My best wishes to everyone during these trying times, and I hope we will all emerge from the tragedies of this week stronger than we were before.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan R. Cohen".

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Dear Round Robin:

The Ochsner Clinic is undergoing major change. This August has been a major milestone in the history of the Ochsner Clinic. Since the founding of the Ochsner Clinic in 1939, the Clinic has been a partnership, but this month the partnership has voted to sell the Clinic and its ownership in the Ochsner Health Plan to the Ochsner Medical Foundation. The reason for this change was brought about by the financial requirements of the Ochsner Health Plan, in which the Clinic owns 70% and the Ochsner Medical Foundation 30%. As a partnership, it was difficult for the Clinic to provide adequate financial reserves required by the State Insurance Commission and to manage a debt load needed to operate a large insurance company. It was, therefore, prudent for the Clinic to sell their major asset, the Ochsner Health Plan, to the Foundation because a nonprofit organization is able to retain capital and also go to the bond markets for financial needs. On September 1, 2001, the Ochsner Clinic will now be similar in form, as The Mayo Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic with the physicians now being employees of the Foundation. This will have little direct impact on me, since I retired from the partnership at age 65 and have continue working as an employee of the Clinic. This will also reduce some of the turf battles between the Clinic and the Foundation regarding revenues related to the labs, x-rays, etc., so the institution should function in a smoother fashion.

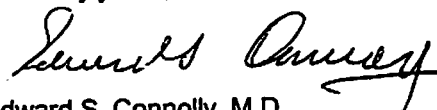
Elise and I have finally recovered from our only daughter's wedding on St. Patrick's Day. It was wonderful having all of our children, my siblings and their children, and Elise and her siblings and their children, all here at one time.

Patty and her new husband David are living in Houston, as he is an executive with Waste Management Corporation. As the saying goes, "business stinks", but it is picking up. Sander, our oldest son, is still at Columbia and Sean, our second son, is a new Emergency Room doctor at the Ochsner Clinic. He completed a combined Emergency Medicine/Internal Medicine Residency. Our third son, Paul, is married and in Dallas working for Frost Securities. Christopher, our fourth son is in New Orleans working for New South Communications Corporation and our youngest boy, James is Ear, Nose and Throat Resident at the University of Mississippi in Jackson.

In September, Elise and I will be leaving for a much needed vacation to France a few days, Paris a few weeks in Provence.

We will not be able to make the meeting in Palm Beach this year, because we are shorthanded at the Clinic, so Rand and Terry are going and I will guard the home fort. We will definitely make the meeting the following year.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear David,

As a new addition to the Academy, I thought this first contribution to the Round Robin might serve as an introduction of sorts to the other members of the society. Given the time constraints on us all, I will be brief.

There are rumours (mostly originating in Charlottesville) that I was actually delivered into this world by John Jane (which suggests something about his advanced age!) and therefore I come by this professional calling honestly. My father was actually a neurologist at the Montreal Neurological Institute and a Professor at McGill so I spent my summers either working on the wards as an orderly or in the laboratories as a research assistant. After residency at the MNI, I managed to break out of my narrow Canadian existence and move to the deep south - Boston. I have subsequently spent all of my neurosurgical career here with the exception of two years in Charlottesville at the hands of my former obstetrician.

I am firmly ensconced at the MGH where I perform essentially all of the Functional and Stereotactic Neurosurgery along with a good share of the brain tumours. I have been especially fortunate to be surrounded by expert colleagues within a tremendous clinical and research facility. Bob Martuza's relatively recent arrival has only strengthened an exceptional department. However, like everyone in academia, we face the same issues of falling reimbursement as we try to maintain our responsibilities for optimal clinical care, research productivity and resident education. The stability of academic neurosurgery is being challenged from many directions which makes the ideals and goals of the Academy even more important.

One of the best decisions in my life was going over to the dark side by marrying an American. After the mandatory few years of Canadian indoctrination in Montreal where she completed her radiology residency, she became eligible for repatriation. Karen has been primarily responsible for the real joy in my life and our three daughters, Kate (16), Lilla (10) and Martha (7). She recently completed her MPH in an attempt to keep her gray matter actively discharging and although firm professional plans are vague, I suspect she will end up controlling us all.

Becoming a member of the Academy is one of the great honours of my professional career. I have always been and will continue to be committed to academic neurosurgery. Karen and I look forward to meeting you all in person at The Breakers.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rees Cosgrove". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Rees Cosgrove MD, FRCS(C)

ROUND ROBIN

Since the Crockard's last update a lot of things have happened. Over the last 5 years we have enjoyed skiing at Christmas in Colorado but last year Michael and Tom requested some heat instead of extreme cold. So this year we have spent Christmas and New Year in Australia, a wonderful family experience from the West Coast to the Barrier Reef and Sydney; truly unforgettable.

Caroline continues part-time work concentrating on gynaecology clinics at the local hospital. Apart from neurosurgery, education and sailing remain Alan's passions. He has been President of the British Cervical Spine Society and is now President of the European Cervical Spine Research Society. He graduated last year with a Doctor of Science from Belfast, the culmination of almost 30 years of research. He continues as Director of Surgical Education at the Royal College of Surgeons of England providing teaching and education for surgeons of all specialties at every level and last year his team produced 500 courses for 12,000 attendees in the United Kingdom and around the World. In collaboration with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, the University of Western Australia and the Hill International Surgical Foundation, a Surgical Skills Facility was established in Perth, Western Australia and opened by Her Majesty the Queen in April 2000. He has been appointed Professor of Surgical Neurology at the University of Western Australia and thus become a truly "virtual Professor" advising from London and travelling there 3 or 4 times a year.

Sailing is an increasing passion and at the time of the next meeting in the fall, Alan will be in a "fun race" (the ARC) across the Atlantic from Gran Canaria to St Lucia.

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Dear David,

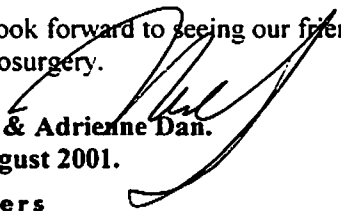
Our major preoccupation for 2001 has been the World Congress of Neurosurgery. It will be over by the time of the Academy Meeting but we hope to have seen many of our Academy friends at the World Congress. We anticipate there will be lots of enjoyment as well as being scientifically rigorous.

Our hospital has been in the state of organised chaos ever since the Olympics. No changes could occur until the end of 2000 Olympics as we were the designated Olympic Hospital. Two days after the Olympics, the demolition staff moved in. Rather than building a whole new hospital we have to modify the existing building because it has a Heritage rating. As a result we have moved into the widely dispersed huts, which were the original hospital at the time of its creation as the 113th General Army Hospital. We cannot wait to move into the renovated building in due course.

Our farm has been more interesting recently than it has for some years because of the relatively high cattle prices presently being achieved. Meanwhile, Adrienne struggles on with changes of gardener. It is difficult to get experienced horticulturists in the country as they all want to run their own businesses just as they seem to be broken into our system.

Our eldest daughter, Sally Dan-Cuthbert continues to successfully run her art consultancy as well as raising two boys. Oliver, aged 6 and Christian, aged 4, have both been entered in a gifted children's programme which takes even more of her time. Our second daughter, Lisa has moved further up the corporate ladder whilst becoming engaged this year. Our youngest daughter, Kerrie is still grappling with the concept that the more successful the business the more staff she needs which leads to more hassles. Nonetheless her promotional personnel business continues to expand seemingly, inexorably.

We look forward to seeing our friends from the American Academy at the World Congress of Neurosurgery.


Noel & Adrienne Dan.
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Dear David:

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

The past year has been an exciting one for the Dempsey family. Diane and I are very pleased to see how our children have grown up here in Wisconsin. Our oldest, Kara, is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin in the School of Education. She has worked and studied both in Ecuador and Mexico, as she continues to combine both her charity activities and her Spanish minor. We are very proud of her and the excitement she brings to teaching. Our son, Conor, is now a senior in high school and is looking at a number of schools in the Midwest for possible college. He continues to be active in basketball and tennis. He is easily the most "even keel" member of our family, managing to keep things in perspective as he progresses. Diane continues her teaching both at the university's Arboretum program and in the local school district. As a teaching naturalist she loves the Wisconsin seasons and has the opportunity to use the Arboretum as her classroom. It's been a wonderful position for her and certainly one she much enjoys.

On a sadder note, our extended family has had a couple of members battling cancer during the past year. The experience has allowed us to see clearly the perspective of what is truly important in life.

The program at the University of Wisconsin continues to grow very nicely. We have now added a Functional Neurosurgery Program under Dr. Charles Garell and expanded our Spine and General Neurosurgery Programs with Dr. Praveen Deshmukh. This brings our total to 9 surgeons and 5 PhDs in the department. It's a very robust group with an active teaching and research program. I am happy to say that the university support, which has helped to expand the offices and research facilities, continues this year with greatly expanded operating room facilities and plans for the following year for our markedly enlarged Neurosurgery ICU and a remodeled clinical unit. The program has been a pleasure to work with, primarily because of the excellent support of my other faculty.

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The Dempsey family continues to be active in the teaching program we have participated in Ecuador over the past years. I am hopeful that we will be able to bring it under the umbrella of the Foundation for International Education in Neurological Surgery.

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

Sincerely,



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Dear Academicians:

I hesitated writing for fear of not having much new to contribute and repeating the same things as last year and maybe even the year before. However thinking further, I decided at this point in my life, staying the same is probably okay, maybe even good.

Summer weather started off gloomy, cold and rainy almost every weekend in June, but things have changed, and I am trying to take off as many long weekends as possible. Working down the per hour cost of sailing my boat.

My daughter Nancy, her husband and children are in Europe, mainly Italy and England as her husband (a lawyer) is on sabbatical. Great for them, but it makes me wonder why I only have sabbatical in theory and my son-in-law, a lawyer, has one in fact. My son, John just finished law school and is now clerking with a federal judge in DC putting us in close proximity for the first time in many years.

I look forward to attending the World Federation Meeting in Sidney and the Academy Meeting in Palm Beach.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Salzburg, July 27th,2001

Hans Erich and Karin Diemath

Time is passing too fast and I am now in my fourth year of retirement. And the time of my one years stay in the States with Professor A.Earl Walker in 1959/60 dates back now almost half a century. What makes me really sad, is the fact that so many of my then friends and colleagues are not longer with us. But nevertheless my ties to Johns Hopkins are still strong and alive thanks to Professor Don Long and besides of course also especially the honour of being a „Dandy Fellow“ always reminds me of the place where I have spent a most fruitful time as a young doctor.

The work as chairman of the board of medical experts at court of the Austrian Medical Chamber keeps me still busy as it does my private office as an expert. Besides the ordinary cases for experts, there are always coming up very interesting problems. So for instance I had been involved into legal proceedings against the Republic of Austria. It was the case of a young combat jet pilot having received heavy lumbar disc attacks during a simulated airfight respectively in maneuvers.

Being Vicepresident of the Austrian and European Society of Medical Law every year we have a congress organized. The last one was under the theme: „Law-Trap or Protection of Medical Jobs“ The main topics had been on compensation account of maltreatment, but also on protection of personal rights of the nursing staff, medicine in Internet, Telemedicine and Law, as well as patients rights and patientscharta.

In May the 6th Congress of the European Society of Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology took place in Moscow in the famous Burdenko Institute. President of the congress Professor Alexander Potapov did an excellent job in organizing an outstanding congress concerning the scientific program as well as the wonderful social program. One main topic had been on the joint interests in Space research and Neurosurgery, going from navigationsystems till to robotics. Taking part in this congress was also the Astronaut PROF: Solenov, now director of the Russian Space controlling Center next to Moscow. He is professor of physics spending himself more than one year in space.

The social program outstanding too, offert a private guidance in the Kremlin, which is now restored in the old splendour again. The Cathedral of Moscow oposite the Kremlin, once having

been destroyed by Stalin and turned into a megaswimmingpool,has been restored in only five years even the altars,icons,sculptures as it had been before.-Unbelievable.

With the nighttrain we went to St.Peterburg to the 75th anniversary celebrations of the famous Polenov Institute of Neurosurgery,which had been founded by the immense support of the Nobel prize winner Pawlow.

The town,the Eremitage,the Winterpalais and the nearby other tsarcastles are wonderfully restored like Peterhof. Some more highlights.

The family is thanks God,healthy and well.Karin is helping and supporting me with my work as she had done all over the years.

Our youngest daughter Maren being home again from Brussels,leaving this town with tears in her eyes,she liked her stay and work at the European Committee very much and had made friends with so many nice people coming from all over Europe.Now she will finish her studies in Graz with a thesis on Austrian industrial law in relation to European law.

Our son Hans Peter is still working in the government and has written some important papers on administration and organization of health care.

Our eldest daughter Karen living with her family in Basle,meanwhile has finished her second study and now has a job at the University of Basle in the field of educational science.

Our six grandchildren are our pleasure,they are all doing well.Our eldest granddaughter Eve studies medicine in Graz in her second year and lives in a part of Karin's penthouse.

I myself had been shortly operated on a basalioma on the nose,happily enough without skintransplantation only with a „Doppelverschiebelappen“.At the moment I am looking like „Dwarf Nose“,a figure from a fairy tale.

I had been very sad not to be able to take part in the celebrations at Johns Hopkins in honour of Don Long,but I do hope very much that many of our friends from the States will visit us in Salzburg.

The next congress of the European Academy of Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology will be held in Newcastle upon Tyne UK,June 27th -29th,2002.All Academians who are interested in Neurotraumatology are cordially invited to attend the congress. I personally will be happy to meeting many of you.

With all the best and heartiest wishes for all of you

Sincerely Your's

Hans Erich

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Dear Dave,

Thank you for your reminder about the Round Robin. Faith and I had a busy year, for a couple of octogenarians. She still does part-time nursing in the psychiatric unit at McGill with many other interests. This included a presentation on Jeanne Mance who established the first hospital in Montreal, the Hôtel-Dieu, in 1646, which is still operating a few blocks east of the Montreal Neurological Institute. Her strong influence in Montreal's civic affairs including collecting funds to support the military to keep the natives from harassing her nurses and patients, reminds one of the feats, more than 200 years later, by Florence Nightingale.

I continue to take part daily in the Institute's activities. In May, McGill and the MNI inaugurated the William Feindel Chair in Neuro-Oncology. This was created thanks to a donation of several million dollars from the family of a former patient of mine whose oligo tumor was picked up on the third EMI (CAT) scan done here at the Institute in 1973. The first recipient of this chair is David Kaplan, who came to the Neuro from the National Cancer Institute in Washington and is Scientific Director of our new Brain Tumour Research Centre that adds generous basic equipment and personnel to focus on that ever-urgent topic. It will include a million-dollar telecommunications center that will connect the scientists and clinicians with collaborating research teams elsewhere. A few times a week, I drop in at the Osler Library, which is next door to our center-city apartment and carry out the delightful duties of Honorary Osler Librarian. The Library recently received a half-million-dollar grant from Dr John McGovern of Galveston, to carry out extensive upgrading that will begin in the next few months. The interest in Osler and his humanism continues unabated, enhanced by the activities of the American Osler Society, the Osler Club of London and the Japan Osler Society.

Our family is engaged in various careers and activities. Christopher, a cardiac surgeon in charge of the Heart Transplant Program at the Toronto Hospital, one of the most active open-heart centers on this continent, graduated MSc in Health Care Management at Harvard this June. It was a tough two-year course initiated by the Department of Public Health to allow practicing physicians and health administrators to participate in part-time sessions so they could continue in their usual hospital practice. The expectation is to fulfil a need of individuals sharpened intellectually to bridge between government and other administrative health bodies and the art and practice of medicine.

Our oldest daughter remains in lotus-land Vancouver but works harder than most of the inhabitants in that area at writing, editing and instruction, particularly among First Nations women.

Our middle daughter Janet and her husband Bob Haley are both at Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh in the drama department, instructing in voice and theater. Janet is winding up her work for a Master of Fine Arts and Bob is returning to academic life after some busy years in live theater, his recent stint being the retired Professor in Uncle Vanya, which was produced to considerable acclaim in the new exciting Soul-Pepper Theatre in Toronto.


Michael continues as a Crown Attorney in the Justice Department of Ontario and has leavened his serious law work with a new accordion picked up during a recent visit in Paris that included the Palais de Justice. His early pieces are most danceogenic. Anna, our youngest daughter has positioned herself in the Pain Centre at McGill, the Montreal General Hospital and the Neuro with a lively scientific group who were the first to discover that the cingulate cortex lights up on PET studies during peripheral painful stimulation and are now carrying out fMRI imaging in relation to gastrointestinal pain. Anna's computer skills and her solid experience in nursing and psychology seem to allow her to fit well into this.

Our great news at the Neuro is the report by Freda Miller who heads the Centre for Neuronal Survival and her team (Nature Cell Biology for September 2001) that multi-potent adult stem cells can be isolated from the skin of mice and man. Their exciting finding undercuts much of the controversy that has engaged your President, the National Science Foundation and the Vatican about the use of fetal tissue as a source of embryonic stem cells, and at the same time may eliminate the problematic immunosuppression needed for survival of heterologous transplantation.

Ted Rasmussen, who has been residing in Calgary where his three daughters and their families live, spent most of the summer in Nova Scotia and reports that the weather was excellent, the swimming fine and his health stable.

Faith and I had a fabulous holiday in Chester, Nova Scotia in August with splendid weather, lots of seafood and shopping, visits to family and friends. We expect to go to England to take in a Thomas Willis celebration this fall, so we are still uncertain about getting to the Academy meeting in November. But we send warmest regards to you and all the members and their wives from ourselves and from your friends at the Neuro.

Sincerely,


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Re: LETTER

Dear Dr. Piepgras:

It has been several years since I returned to New York, and I am happy to report that we have survived the transition. I have taken on the position of chairman at both Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Beth Israel Medical Center. This has enabled us to put together a large, exciting residency program between the two sites. It offers an excellent opportunity for the residents to participate in care at both a large inner city hospital as well as a very specialized neurosurgical institute. Fortunately for us, the RRC has also agreed that this is a good opportunity since we recently completed a successful review by that austere body.

Susan and I are back in our old digs, which have been newly renovated. Those of you in New York looking for a skyline view of the city are certainly welcome to give us a call and come by anytime.

The latest addition to the Flamm family is our first granddaughter born to our son, Douglas, and his wife, Nancy. Abbey Gillian Flamm is in the eyes of her grandfather a very beautiful baby girl.

On the neurosurgical front, I remain active at both medical centers, continuing to fight with the interventional neuroradiologists and all the other forces who prevent me from doing the kind of surgery I enjoy performing. In spite of the insurmountable odds, we are continuing to advance our cause.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Yours truly,

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September 5, 2001

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Dear Round Robin,

A short note from the Fraser Family. We are going through turbulent times both at work and at home. Unfortunately my dear mother-in-law, who lives with us, is slowly wasting away with a sprue-like syndrome. This has necessitated us selling our current house and purchasing one with a ground floor apartment so that she can be taken care of for as long as possible.

Anne is teaching at a local Catholic school – religious history and is enjoying it. She also is the womens' tennis coach. Our younger two daughters continue to grow in every way and continue to play outstanding tennis. Our 12 year old can now take care of Anne on the tennis court quite handily.

I trust all is well and hopefully we will be able to see everybody at the Breakers in November.

Sincerely,

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Dear Academicians:

There is not much to report from the French family this year. This happens as one gets older! Both Gene and I are in fairly good health—we continue to play nine holes of golf almost every day. We have, of course, the usual aches and pains of maturity, but these are tolerable compared to the alternative.

We haven't gone on any major trips, although we did go back to Minnesota when the University dedicated a bronze statue to me. It will be placed in the new Molecular and Cellular Biology Building. They also presented to me the University's Outstanding Achievement Award. As far as I was concerned, the activities brought together almost two hundred old friends with whom I worked in the University administration, the Regents of the University, the State Legislature, and, of course, the Health Sciences deans and Medical School department heads. It was all very exciting and I was impressed and surprised.

Gene and I are going to celebrate our sixtieth wedding anniversary in September. All of our children and their spouses will be here in Pauma Valley for a week. It should be exciting for all of us!.

Now for some bad news. I have either seen Shelley Chou or have talked to his wife Jolene at least once a week for the past six months. Shelley is gradually getting weaker, but his mind is clear and he is well-adjusted to his life situation. He is a great guy and my best friend. We will soon all miss him.

Regards to all and keep life going on!

Lyle and Gene





Daniel W. Fults, M.D.

19 August, 2001

Dear Academicians,

This past year has been one of significant change for neurosurgery here at the University of Utah. Dr. Peter Heilbrun retired from his position as Department Chairman and the University has been in search of his replacement. We were delighted that so many, stellar, academic neurosurgeons applied for the job. None of our faculty envied the task of the search committee (which, by design and tradition, excludes members of the recruiting department) to handle the selection process. We would have been fortunate to have any one of the candidates. I am delighted to say that our Vice President for Health Sciences has closed the deal with Dr. Bill Couldwell from New York Medical College.

I believe Bill will assume command at an ideal time in the history of our department. We have turned the corner in our efforts to modernize our business practice in the wake of the Balanced Budget Act of '97. This process was begun by Peter Heilbrun and continued by our Interim Chairman, Ron Apfelbaum. The University is breaking ground on a much-needed hospital expansion that will add new operating rooms and increase bed space for surgical patients. In addition, construction is underway for a new cancer hospital under the auspices of the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

I continue to keep the banner of academic neurosurgery flying. The clinical and research community here at our university remains productive and congenial even in today's environment of managed health care.

My family and I continue to enjoy life out West. This summer we took a camping trip in the Grand Teton National Park. I took the mountaineering course at the Exum Climbing School and then climbed the Grand Teton (elevation 13,771 ft.). Altogether, this was a physically challenging and spiritually exhilarating experience!

Carol and I are planning to attend the upcoming Academy meeting in Florida.

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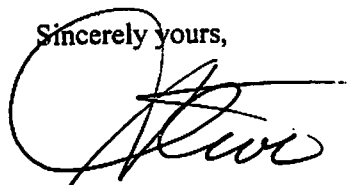
Dear Dave:

The past year's activities in the Giannotta household continue to revolve around those of the kids. Brent is currently between his sophomore and junior year at USC and has spent the summer selling ad space in a publication called the Greek Directory. He works vigorously on his conditioning program for the upcoming USC Hockey season and will even participate in some family golf on an ad hoc basis. Nicole is on her way to Marymount College and has spent her summer accumulating a small fortune by working in one of the more successful investment firms in the area. Unlike the situation with her two siblings, living on a college campus beginning this September will be her first experience with being away on her own. We are all crossing our fingers. Robin, our youngest, continues to set Giannotta records for accomplishments. She is currently in Washington DC at the National Youth Leadership Conference where for eleven days selected high achieving high school students can interact with government leaders through seminars and role playing. She returns to high school in the fall as President of her Junior Class. On the athletic side she started every game as a sophomore on the Varsity Fast-Pitch Softball Team and despite playing number two on the golf team and being our reigning girls club champion, she is giving up golf for tennis. Sharon has been helping her work on her game this summer and those in the know seem to think she will be quite successful on the school's tennis team.

Sharon juggles all these activities admirably, while still finding enough time to keep her tennis game at a high level and continue to improve her own golf game. Sharon organized our summer vacation around the social high point of the season, namely David Spetzler's wedding on the top of Shadow Mountain in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Despite completing my six years on the ABNS, I can usually find something to occupy my time. Being on the Board, as many of you know, is probably the most rewarding activity (but second most thankless, the RRC being the most thankless) in organized neurological surgery. I now confine my activities to teaching residents to do AVMS, aneurysms and acoustic neuromas, participating on the Board of Directors of the AANS, and functioning as Medical Director of USC University Hospital. Sharon and I look forward to seeing everyone this fall in Florida.

Sincerely yours,



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RE:Round Robin Letter

Dear Academicians:

First of all, I would like to tell you that it is both an honour and a great pleasure to belong to such a distinguished group of colleagues. I have noted something unusual from reading the Round Robin Letters - that human relationships, interests, worries and the sentiments of each and every one of the members is as important as academic life.

I was born in a small town in Argentina called San Luis and I studied in Buenos Aires until I graduated at the University of Buenos Aires. Both my residency and my chief residency was spent in the "Costa Buero" Institute of Neurosurgery, under the direction of Prof. Dr. G.H. Dickman (now deceased) who left his mark or impression on all of us. I then went to the "Bernardo Houssay" Hospital, where, at 37, I became the youngest Head of Neurosurgery in Argentina. In the decade between 1970 and 1980 I began to specialize in Peripheral Nerve surgery - first in Germany with M. Samii, then in Vienna with H. Millesi and finally in Milan with E. Morelli. To this day, I remain in contact with all three of my professors, to whom I am extremely thankful, and our friendship has not in fact diminished over the years but has flourished.

I returned to Argentina in 1988 to work at the Institute of the University of Buenos Aires, where Armando Basso and I established the first Department of Neurosurgery for the Peripheral Nervous System and Plexus in our country and, I believe, in Latin America.

As Chairman of the WFNS Committee , and with the help of many Committee Members, I arrange numerous courses, conferences, workshops and operations in different countries around the world, but particularly in Europe and Latin America. The latter zone is probably most in need of education since information on this specialisation is poor. To date, I believe that the person who has learnt the most from this educative process is me. I have been enriched by the daily work and by the contact with patients and colleagues, whom I found to be marvellous human beings.

In June 2000, I was unanimously elected as President of the Latin American Federation of Neurosurgery (FLANC) and I will take over as such in Lima, Peru in October 2002. Along with all of the countries of the subcontinent, the USA, Canada, Italy, Spain, Portugal and France are also chapter members of The Latin American Federation. It has therefore become a continental and extra-continental Federation to which, honouring the trust that others have in me, I will dedicate all my efforts, especially for the development of the young neurosurgeons.

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I have four children from my first marriage. Sonia, 33, is a dentist and is married with two children; Guillermo, 32, is an engineer and is also married with one child; Diego, 26, is a lawyer and Gaston, 25, is a medical student. He will be the fourth Dr. Giocoli (it evidently stems from a genetic defect) and to date, and despite my best efforts, he tells me that he wants to be a neurosurgeon, specialising in Peripheral Nerve and Plexus Surgery. The most important thing is that, believe me, they are marvellous individuals and I have a very close relationship with each of them.

My wife Cristina, is a notary and an excellent tennis player. She has three daughters (aged 29,31 and 32) from her first marriage. They are all married and have four children between them. You can imagine that when Christina and I add together our children, sons- and daughters-in-law and grandchildren eating out becomes very expensive - which may explain why we never invite them all out to dinner .!

During my short periods of free time (and if there isn't any I invent it) my refuge is in anarchic reading. I read everything from best-sellers to philosophy to medicine, occasionally stopping for a while to enjoy classical music and to practice my technique in the art of "channel-hopping" (which I am sure is a secondary male characteristic). I also enjoy playing golf and playing tennis with Cristina who always beats me 6-0,6-0. She doesn't seem to understand that it is important to be able to maintain some self-esteem - the loss of which turns out to be very expensive in the hands of the psychoanalyst!

I hope to meet you all in Palm Beach in November, and thank you again for the distinction of having been accepted as a new member.

My very best regards,



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Dear David and Members of the Academy:

The brightest spots in our year are our three daughters and our six grandchildren: Jeffrey (10) and Laura (8) Coburn; Joel (9) and Claire (6) Gottsegen, and twins Paige and Connor (5 ½) Albert. We have been fortunate to have them all living very close to us in Houston. We know that this may not always be the case, and we are thankful for every day that we can be together. We are able to spend some vacation time with each family in Santa Fe hiking in the arroyo, visiting Spanish Market and Indian Market, eating wonderful New Mexican food, viewing the night sky and enjoying the sun, snow and four seasons of the Southwest.

Ellin retired as Academic Dean in the School of Human Sciences and Humanities, University of Houston-Clear Lake, two years ago. This was a good move for her. Following retirement, she has been doing research in connection with a number of interesting special projects at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, primarily in the areas of pre-Columbian art and antiquities (Greek, Roman and Egyptian collections) as well as Indonesian and African gold and textiles. She has illustrated art works for gallery labels and produced educational materials, and is currently working in the area of product development. This includes writing a children's book based on an artwork in the Museum's collection—with illustrations (photographs) by Bob. She is also secretary of Chrysalis, a contemporary dance group with innovative programming and unusual community-based projects; Bob also serves on this Board. Another of Ellin's interests is studying Japanese floral design with a master of the Ohara School and generally being involved with the Japanese community here in Houston. Bob, too, is branching out and now serves on the Alumni Council of Swarthmore College. He finds it interesting to re-connect with the college after years (although our daughter Kate is a graduate) and grapple with today's issues, of which the most controversial was President Bloom's decision to eliminate football without fully conforming to the Quaker sense of the meeting, which has provoked a storm of protest.

We had two memorable trips this year. The first was as a guest lecturer at the October meeting of the Japan Neurosurgical Society in Fukuoka, the southernmost island. Bob spoke on the Development of Neurosurgery in the US and Canada; and the structure of health care in our country including managed care and governmental regulation. Our hosts Masashi Fukui and Nobu Ikizaki and members of the department at Kyushu University were incredibly hospitable; as usual, their attention and graciousness puts all our attempts at hospitality in our own school to shame. One of the highlights was seeing the Fukuoka Seahawks play the Yamaguchi Giants in the Japanese World Series at the Fukuoka Dome.

The other memorable trip was visiting Egypt in early February. This started as an invitation to lecture which then got derailed, probably as a result of the mid-east tensions. Since we had made the arrangements we went anyhow, with two art historians from the museum, to travel from Cairo to Alexandria and then south to visit all the great and wonderful sites along almost 700 miles of the Nile River. No matter how many books we have read about Egypt, this intensive journey back in time is truly amazing. Nowhere else have we concentrated entirely on the monuments of an ancient culture and found the monuments and artworks so beautiful and awe inspiring. From the Great Pyramids to the temples at Abu Simbel—truly these works speak and overpower.

As you doubtless have read in the newspapers or seen vividly on television, Houston had major flooding from vast amounts of rainfall in a short period of time on June 8, only days after widespread but less deadly flooding a few days earlier. The June 8 flood caused unbelievable damage to the Texas Medical Center, downtown Houston and a number of residential areas. Particularly hard hit were the University of Texas-Houston Medical School, Hermann Hospital, The Methodist Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine where 30,000 animals drowned in the vivarium. Many researchers lost years of work and irreplaceable tissue and specimens. St. Luke's, Hermann and Methodist Hospitals were essentially closed for one month or more due to loss of electric power, water, air conditioning, and total loss of essential services. Pharmacy, central supply, X-ray files and much of medical records and 4 MRI scanners and all of radiotherapy and nuclear medicine were destroyed at Methodist, which is Baylor's main hospital. At Hermann Hospital, water rose above the basement level to flood the lobby. Heroic efforts by hospital staff kept patients alive in the dark hospitals with only emergency power (the most torrential rainfall was between midnight and 3 AM) until they could be transferred to outlying facilities. With the operating rooms out of service for a month, a temporary operating room and ward service was set up at the Veterans Hospital for neurosurgery and urology. At this time, the hospitals are functioning well with only a slight reduction in patient census as services are restored. On the academic side we are adding new faculty who are developing their areas very well.

We look forward to seeing you all this coming year - Ellin and Bob.

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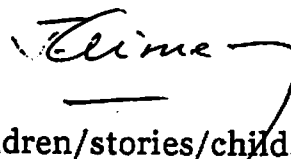
Lucy and I shed tears of compassion when we watched a CNN presentation entitled "Soldiers of Peace" *. The Children of Colombia informed the world of the atrocities of terrorists that tortured and killed their parents and teachers in front of them. We did some research and found that out of 40 Million inhabitants, 17 Million or 43% were less than 18 years of age. One fourth of them live in poverty, do not have enough to eat and don't have an opportunity to be educated.

We started an International Committee and we have been working in several fields: We have been in contact with the Pediatric Societies of the Hemisphere, asking their support to write to the Norway Committee to recommend the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize to be awarded to the Children of Colombia.

We have been looking for a Think Tank to work in a Master Plan of Development for the Children of Colombia. We are also working with a non profit foundation to organize a Girls and Boys Town similar to the one existing in Nebraska. Finally we are in a campaign to obtain one million signatures of children to ask the Government to reduce the prevailing 30% infant mortality rate. To include children programs within the \$1.6 billion "Plan Colombia" to provide shelter, education, health and behavior modification for the orphans of the civil war.

Your support and ideas will be most welcome.

With kind regards and best wishes,



* <<http://cgi.cnn.com/SPECIALS/1999/children/stories/child.soldiers/>>



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Dear David:

Surrounded by an oppressive, hot St. Louis summer day and a back hall full of beach towels, coolers, books-on-tape, jigsaw puzzles, beach books, and recipes (crab-cakes, shrimp and grits – things like that), we are preparing to depart for Pawleys Island, S.C. for the month of August – with a detour by Atlanta for Phil Wirth's wedding to Lynn Nagle.

It will be strange and slightly diminished this year at Pawleys with the absence of our daughter Mary Connell, who always brings a special sparkle and usually adds a few sparkly friends. She also provides a great tennis opponent for Bob. However, she is enjoying the summer/winter in Santiago, Chile working for an insurance company and doing research on the partially privatized Chilean social security system (perhaps she can consult with George W. when she returns??), and skiing and partying and vastly honing her already-quite-good Spanish language skills. Returning to Chicago in early September to start her 2nd year at Northwestern Law School, she will be just in time to entertain some of us neuro-ladies as part of a birthday celebration in her funky Bucktown apartment. She'll tote back Chilean wine to toast the birthday girl.

Son Robert and serious girlfriend, Dr. Jessica Rosenbaum, will join us at the beach for a week and then he will continue his chief residency in Urology here at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University. He has accepted a fellowship in cancer research at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda for next year. Six years of residency is not enough. He must add on another 2 years??

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Bob has been up and down with the NIH and the decision not to fund and then to partially fund, in spite of an excellent priority score, the multi-center trial of EC/IC arterial bypass for patients with carotid artery occlusion. Things continue to stay busy clinically under Ralph Dacey's good leadership.

Having missed last fall's Academy meeting because of our trip to Tuscany – sooo wonderful, we're looking forward to being with all of you in Palm Beach this fall.

Sincerely,

Julia Grubb

P.S. (Three weeks later) News flash! Dr. Jessica was promoted from serious girlfriend to fiancée when she found a diamond ring in the 17th hole of the Winyah Bay Golf Club near Pawleys. Neither she nor Robert had a very good score on the 18th! The wedding will return to the site – Pawleys Island, S.C., August, 2002. We are delighted. The groom's mother "wears beige and keeps her mouth shut" is the advice I've heard. I look terrible in beige and you know the problem with the last part!

August, 2001

Dear Colleagues:

We have had an eventful year with the birth of our fourth grandchild. Our son and his wife are expecting their second child, which would make five grandchildren, all of whom are living in Cleveland. This has been a source of great happiness to both of us, but in particular, Andrea who gets to babysit.

Andrea has had an opening of her artwork in Naples, Florida and sold many pieces. She continues to work and her multiple sclerosis is stable and has not progressed in the last two years. It has left her wheelchair bound but her spirits are excellent and we continue to go on trips throughout the country.

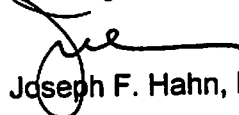
Our youngest daughter, Liliias, is in Los Angeles and had an opening of her one-woman show in photography this past June. It was very successful with a turnout of over 200 individuals, many of them celebrities and photographers. One of the celebrities in attendance was Marty Weiss who keeps tabs on our daughter while in Los Angeles.

I am closing in on 60 and continue to work as Chief of Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. This is more than a full time job in that the Clinic surgeons did over 56,000 surgeries in the year 2000. This year continues to be on track with an increase in surgical volume year-to-date of 17%.

During the past year, I took over as head of the commercial division side of the institution and this has been a source of renewed enthusiasm. It has been fun dealing with industry and something that I had no knowledge of prior to taking on this position.

I look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Best regards.


Joseph F. Hahn, M.D.



Round Robin Letter

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Dear Dave:

Since I took a position of the president of Boramae Hospital (operated by Seoul National University Hospital with 551 beds) I am losing interests in clinical neurosurgery as well as in academic activities day by day. I guess I can finish my job next year and hopefully I can spend more time in neurosurgical activities.

Within 6 years I must retire as a professor in Seoul National University and I am thinking about the life after the official retirement. I am searching the best retirement examples that attract me most.

Since the Santa Barbara meeting I couldn't attend the Academy meeting, so I will try to attend the Academy meeting next year that will be held in the West Coast.

This year I add two more members to our family. In January I had one grand son (Ji-Yong) from my only son (Il-Kyu) who is an orthopedic surgeon. In June I had another grandson (Ho-Jin) from my daughter (Sue) who is an ophthalmologist. So I have four grandchildren finally. Sung and I are very happy in taking care of them.

I think you will be in Sydney next month for the WFNS meeting.

I am looking forward to meeting you soon.

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June 15, 2001

Dear Fellow Academicians:

This is a very special year for me and, of course, the highlight is the honor that you have conferred me by allowing me to serve as your President. Debbie and I are looking forward very, very much to the meeting at The Breakers where we hope to see as many of you as can possibly make it.

The best decision that Debbie and I have made this year is to ask Mary Jean and Richard Morawetz to do our local arrangements for the upcoming meeting. They have been fantastic and have made the "job" of presiding over the next meeting very easy for Debbie and myself. It is extremely reassuring to know how much they have been on top of every detail to ensure that the meeting will be superb. I am sure you will appreciate their diligence during the meeting. Richard has gone as far as reassuring me that with the influence that he has with the weather-makers, it is a done deal that we will have perfect weather.

Professionally, the year has been a good one. In addition to my responsibilities to the Academy, which frankly are much more fun than work, I have been rewarded for my less than enviable performance as Treasurer of the AANS with the nomination as President-Elect of that organization. Fortunately, Art Day, who is succeeding me as Treasurer of the AANS, will find a leaner and more efficient organization with, finally, excellent staff support at our Chicago office which I know will make his job easier. In addition, I have ensured that the stock market will be kinder to him during his years as Treasurer. At the home front here in Miami, it is "business as usual" which I guess in the overall is good news. We are planning to recruit a new faculty member to help my colleague Jacques Morcos and myself with our neurovascular and skull base practice which has grown sufficiently to allow for at least half of a third neurosurgeon who we hope will do endovascular surgery with the rest of his time.

The biggest news on the family front is that I am finally going to become a grandfather in September. My daughter, Elsie tells me that the last ultrasound shows clear indications that the boy is going to be a neurosurgeon. Elsie has promised me that she

will bring him to the meeting of the Academy where I hope you will have the opportunity to meet him. Rob has also promised to come to the meeting; he made me very proud this year when he was selected as Chief Resident in his psychiatry program at North Carolina. Carlos will also come to The Breakers where he is looking forward to taking some scuba diving lessons in the pool for which he will qualify having reached his eighth birthday in September. He is really a wonderful little boy, but I worry about his being a bit over-ambitious in that he is planning, when he grows up, to become a doctor, karate instructor, basketball star and soccer coach all simultaneously. Debbie is too busy with her neuro-oncology practice at the University and she is hoping to find a colleague to join her in the near future. The patients love her, which is great; the problem is is that she also loves her patients and by the nature of her work, they do not frequently do well which takes great big hunks out of her emotional reserves. She is a great friend, a fantastic mother, the best neurologist I know and on top of all of that, she is beautiful!

We truly look forward to see all of you in Palm Beach in November!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roberto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

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Dear David,

It is, as usual, a pleasure to be able to contribute to the round robin. The main highlight for our family this year has been a burgeoning crop of grandchildren. My middle son, Sean, and his wife have two daughters, Abigail who is 3 and Olivia, the most recent, born in February of this year. My youngest son, Jason, and his wife have a new boy, Derek, born last week. And my oldest son, CJ, and his wife are expecting a child this winter. Needless to say, the children are a joy. It is amazing the amount of personality that is apparent at very young age and the persistence of these early traits. The boys, their wives and their children are all healthy and seem happily married and well ensconced in their respective lives and careers. Cathy who is, as you know, the mother of all neurosurgical nurse practitioners, has changed her spots somewhat. She has left the clinical service and has taken on the responsibility of interfacing with outside organizations to develop and pursue funded clinical trials. This has been a great experience for her, though she misses the immediacy of clinical medicine.

When not working, our lives are currently centered around our love for sailing and Martha's Vineyard. This winter we sailed the Virgin Islands for a week and are taking off next week to sail the New England Coast. This is really a wonderful activity. There are no incoming phone calls, managing our boat and doing the navigation require adsorption that is reminiscent of the OR (before the phone was allowed in) and when night time comes, its off to sleep after a wee bit of wine. We look forward to traveling to Japan this Autumn and especially look forward to our trip to Palm Beach for both professional and personal reasons.

We now have nine surgeons in our group. I keep thinking this is going to decrease the load, but that is not to be. Dealing with the regulations of New York State combined with a busy trauma service while attempting to grow both clinical volume and research is quite a trick. It certainly takes all my attention. It is interesting that we have already had several applicants from UK who feel that their 40 hour work week is going to truly emasculate neurosurgical training and are desperate to leave that island garden. Despite the social and political problems that we all face, the enthusiasm and talent of the residents provides reward for the effort required. Both Cathy and I look forward with anticipation to seeing you in Florida.

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Dear Dave:

The following is for the Round Robin.

Neurosurgery at the University of Michigan became an independent Department of the Medical School in July 2001. That event, long in coming, stimulated me to look back at the history of surgical subspecialty development here at Michigan and nationally. It is an interesting tale that many Academy members have been through personally.

Hugh Cabot, M.D., urologist from Harvard became Professor of Surgery at Michigan in 1920. Victor Vaughn, M.D., the Dean at that time, asked him to develop a training program focusing on subspecialization in surgery. He was attracted to Michigan because of the full-time faculty employment plan, allowing him to develop a group practice with the hospital as its focal point (we still have that plan, for better or for worse)!

Max Peet, M.D. joined the faculty in 1916, having earned his MD from Michigan in 1910. He had his surgery training at Philadelphia General Hospital from 1911 to 1915. There he came under the influence of Charles Frazier, M.D., who was interested in neurosurgery though he remained a general surgeon throughout his career. Peet headed the first Section of Neurosurgery.

Eddie Kahn, M.D., another graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School became the first neurosurgical resident in 1926. When Peet died in 1949, Kahn became Head of the Section. Dick Schneider, M.D. succeeded Kahn in 1969. He tried to convert the Section of Neurosurgery to a Department, but ran afoul of medical politics and the Dean at that time. Despite an endowment for a Schneider Professorship from a grateful patient, Schneider was unable to persuade the Dean to grant independent Departmental status. He nearly lost his job over the issue.

I joined the faculty at Michigan in 1981. Twenty years later, Schneider's dream came true. Our current Dean, Allen Lichter, M.D., a radiation oncologist, made three new Departments in one stroke: Orthopaedic Surgery, Urology and Neurosurgery. Cabot's original Department (which consisted of all the surgical specialties at one time) shrank to five. Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Urology, Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery are all now officially separated Departments.

More subspecialization will continue as time passes. Pediatric Neurosurgery already has independence of sorts, Spine Surgery is straining at the leash, and endovascular may spin off etc.

It is an interesting evolutionary time for Surgery, a process that will continue as knowledge grows and technology develops.

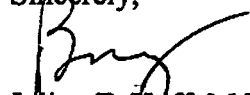
Currently, over 90% of neurosurgery units in American medical schools have training programs that are independent from the Department of Surgery. Only a few remain and only time will tell when they become independent.

Diane and I are doing well in Ann Arbor. Two of our three children, Paul and Allison live in Ann Arbor. Paul and his wife Donna have two daughters, Lauren (5) and Kierstin (2). Allison is working. Our second daughter, Julie and her husband, Mike, live in southern New Jersey and by the time of this Academy meeting, will have had their first child, a daughter.

Diane and I look forward to seeing you all in Florida in October.

Regards,

Sincerely,



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RE: ROUND ROBIN

Dear Friends,


The past year has been an interesting one for us, both academically and personally. Our practice continues to grow and the neuroendovascular fellowship program seems to have hit full stride with outstanding fellowship candidates easily teaching me as much as I am teaching them.

Although we have had some turnover in the residency, our program seems to be much stronger as a result. We are gradually working towards increasing the number of residents and completing our ACGME application for the fellowship program.

Interestingly, all three of our children have, at least temporarily, landed in the New York City area. Ironically, two of them have ended up in medically related fields, in spite of their long-standing disinterest in becoming physicians. Bob is a medical device analyst for Credit Suisse First Boston and Margie has just become the Chief Operating Officer of a small medical publishing company. Betsy continues her career as a social worker in a New York City area hospital.

We look forward to renewing acquaintances at the upcoming Academy meeting.

Sincerely,



Nick Hopkins

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Dear Dave,

Before penning this year's submission to the Round Robin I read over my letter to you just a year ago. I probably should simply change the date and submit it again as my activities still revolve around international collaborations for our medical school (this year we signed agreements with the University of Goteborg, American University of Beirut, and Fudan University in Shanghai), still supporting our Student International Health Organization which is now well established. The number of student exchanges has been growing exponentially over the past decade.

My charitable activities continue to be channeled through the fund for Armenian Relief, The Armenian National Science and Education Fund, fund raising for the 50th Anniversary Class gift to the College of Physicians and Surgeons (coming up '03).

October saw the opening of the 23rd Basic and Clinical Neurosciences Course which has sustained a large enrollment over all these years. The course is attended by young faculty and residents from other training programs in the tri-state area. We are very pleased that our new vice-president for Health Science and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Gerald Fischbach is enthusiastically supporting the course and is scheduled to lecture this year when we begin the 24th season.

In October Sander Connolly and I visited Larry Poole in West Cornwall. He is in good spirits but finding it harder to get around. We had a most enjoyable visit and lunch with him.

November found Marion and me traveling to Armenia for a meeting of the Fund for Armenia Relief Board of Directors. This was the first time the Board had met in Armenia. Meetings with the Catholicos of the Armenian Church at our Vatican (Etchmiadzin), President Robert Kotcharian of the Republic of Armenia and the United States Ambassador Michael Lemmon were quite productive. We also had an opportunity to visit ancient historical sites which date back to pre-Christian times. This year Armenia celebrates the 1700th Anniversary of the conversion of the kingdom to Christianity in 301 AD.

Following the Armenia visit I attended the inaugural meeting of the International Association for Humanitarian Medicine (IAHM) in Palermo. This organization which grew out of WHO and World Association of Disaster and Emergency Medicine is dedicated to developing

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health as a human right, abolishing torture and providing medical assistance to underserved countries.

Last year's winter vacation to Bermuda was aborted by a hurricane which tossed us to Halifax Nova Scotia; hardly beach weather. This year we escaped in the opposite direction and experienced a memorable cruise through the Islands of French Polynesia and the South Pacific. This is still a gentle and undeveloped part of the world and very worth visiting if you have an opportunity. On our return we stopped in Boulder to visit our grandson and will be returning there for a week in July. It is also time that we visit our son David who is associate professor of Radiology and Surgery at Washington University in St. Louis which we are planning to do in August. Our son Stephen is still teaching middle school in New York and playing gigs at night from time to time.

We hope we will have an opportunity to see you all this November at the Palm Beach meeting.

With warm regards,



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Department of Surgery

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June 20, 2001

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Dear Academicians:

Susan and I had a grand sendoff on our retirement last year. We were thrilled that the "Susan and Alan Hudson Chair in Neurooncology" has been established and is fully funded at the University of Toronto.

We greatly enjoyed our voyage from Toronto, down the Hudson River and eventually to Annapolis. We then flew to South Africa, leaving the boat on Tom Ducker's mooring. Following a family wedding, we had a magical visit, yet again, to the Kruger National Park. On our return we decided not to continue our trip to Miami, as previously planned, and so we trucked the boat back to Toronto.

We enjoyed February in Florida, on both coasts, during the snow season in Toronto and recently have returned from an excellent walking tour of the Cinqua Terra in North Western Italy.

Toronto was delighted to host the AANS meeting this spring. It appeared to be a great success. We took the opportunity to put the final touches on the Kline, Hudson, Kim, "Atlas of Peripheral Nerve Surgery", expected to be released at the end of this summer. Don and Anne Stewart attended the AANS as Don was being honoured by the Society. We first met them when Don was President of the Congress, and Sue and I were the local hosts. A great friendship was re-enforced at a small reception we gave for Don, Anne and some of the old gang from those distant days.

A consulting task has taken me repeatedly to Saskatoon, as well as Edmonton and Calgary. Saskatchewan is an enormous province but has a population of only one million. The challenge of running a University and Medical School on a very limited tax base is quite interesting. However, I hope that we were able to make some useful suggestion. I am currently chairing a committee for the Ontario Government, examining the integration of various cancer services at a local level. This is a very hot political potato, accompanied by a great deal of emotionalism. This summer we will probably cruise down to Kingston and beyond if I can arrange this between my various cancer assignments. Susan and I intend going to the Ukraine with friends in December and will probably spend February and March in Spain and Portugal.

Susan and I were thrilled to go to Ottawa to receive the Officer of the Order of Canada award. It was a grand day with reception, investiture, and dinner. The Governor General created the temporary (enjoyable) delusion that we were important people! The train ride home brought us back to earth but, as a long ago immigrant, we were particularly thrilled.

All 4 children now live in Toronto and Erin is due to present our 11th grandchild any day soon. Susan's main occupation is Nana, guide, friend and companion to the kids and grandchildren. I am working at about a 30% pace and choosing the issues with which I want to be involved.

With all best wishes to our friends in the Academy.

Sincerely,

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

Susan and Alan Hudson



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Dear David:

Thank you for your reminder about the Round Robin letter.

Sally and I, at this moment, plan to attend the meeting at The Breakers in November. We are hopeful that there will be no problems with this plan that might necessitate an alteration.

The Neurosurgery Department at Wake Forest University School of Medicine continues to flourish. Dr. Charles Branch has been made permanent head of the department. I am certain that he will do an outstanding job of leading the department. He is making a number of good decisions that will serve the department well for years to come. We continue to be very fortunate to have a broad spectrum of neurosurgical diseases to give the residents significant experience. Charlie has instituted a Spine Fellowship this year, which I think will be of benefit to the residents, the fellow, and the faculty.

The hospital and medical school are under excellent management. We have the same problems as everyone else but perhaps to a lesser degree. I believe one of the advantages of being in a semiurban area in North Carolina is that you can strategize and plan to meet new problems "coming down the pike" and experienced by some of the major medical centers in the metropolitan areas. The school received its second five-year renewal from the LCME without any areas of weakness being noted. This is a first time event for any medical school. The medical school curriculum has received national recognition. It is very faculty intensive, which is at times a chore, but the students think it's terrific. We are just completing our pediatric hospital which, in addition to more beds, will offer more operating suites and more rooms for other interventional techniques such as radiology.

Wake Forest University Physicians

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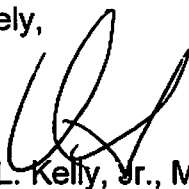
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Except for losing out (fortunately thus far) on a slow basis to Father Time, the Kellys are doing well. Our biggest event in the last several months has been a new grandchild, Charles Maund, born to Mary Brooks. This gives us two boys and five girls. This most likely will be the final line-up, but one never knows for sure. All of the grandchildren receive a lot of attention from their doting grandparents, but it's terrific fun and we enjoy them immensely, particularly teaching them to swim and to fish.

I am very much enjoying my professional life at the moment. I continue to be very active, seeing approximately a thousand new patients a year. I function a little bit more as a triage officer than I have in the past but I still operate every day except one; I am taking a day off now to play golf. I never thought I'd have so much trouble getting my handicap down, but in spite of all the new technology in golf, it still requires good balance, and more importantly, concentration. Both have suffered with age.

Sally and I send our best wishes to all of the academicians and their families, and we hope to see you in November. If any of you are in this part of the world we would be delighted to have you stop by for a visit.

Sincerely,



David L. Kelly, Sr., M.D.

DLK/ajb

Dear Academy Friends:

Why is it that the Kings are always just under or over the deadline wire? I guess Bob and I are not true letter writers. They say that the art of letter writing is dead. I do hope not. I understand the new book on John Adams could not have been written if Abigail and John had not been such diligent correspondents. The people of the past had such limited ways to communicate that the epistle was the best way to share opinions. Come to think of it, it does cut down on continuous talk at meetings. It allows each person to explore and complete an idea uninterrupted. So keep sending your letters-it gives all of us an opportunity to contemplate each other's interests and commitments.

This year, as with all of you is one of joy and sadness for Bob and me. Perhaps that is why the topography of not only our personal world but also the one we live in is one of hills and valleys. The balance of the two keeps things in perspective if you take time to step back and look closely. Our family, as do we, continue to mature. I don't want to go back, but I do wonder how all these grandchildren get to be six feet tall and planning on college at such a rapid rate.

We continue our journeys with our friends. Provence is our destination this year as the three couples celebrate once again our anniversaries; this year it is 50 for each of us. We have planned and managed to visit 8 countries together-how lucky can we all be with such different interests it really enhances what we see. Again a balance. If we do a museum and church we then have to do a bike ride or a hike. It does keep us young and active.

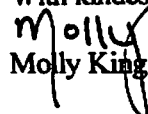
Bob continues with his outcome study and being with the students in various capacities as well as seeing a few patients. On the outside we do a book club together with 8 other couples and it has encouraged us to read books we might not otherwise have picked to explore as we each have a chance to select a book for everyone to read once during the year. You had better like the book, as the one who selects it leads the discussion!!

I still have my hand in the usual organizational activities. The two this year aside from Hospice and Meals on Wheels have been The Women's Fund, Oasis, and flying the American Flag along the main street of our town at holiday times project. We are now working on getting more people to register and vote in our community. Imagine, in the last election only 32% of our small community voted. It can not be a real democracy with that percentage.

We mourn once again the loss of our friends. Each year a few more cherished ones leave us. They live in our hearts and memories but at each meeting there will be an empty space that no one else can fill.

We know you will all have an enjoyable time in Florida. How much work goes into the planning for these get togethers. We are all indebted to the people who volunteer to do it. Each and everyone is such a special event from excellent presentations to fun social occasions. We will be sorry to miss this one, but look forward to seeing you all sometime this year.

With kindest regards,


Molly King

Dear Friends:

I let Molly have the first word, now I will have the last.

The year has gone quickly. We finished up one manuscript and are struggling with another. The bio-psycho-social outcome study is moving forward as we close in on the one hundred patients required for a satisfactory analysis. We have tried to deal with as many of the frailties of many surgical outcome studies as possible. The statistical methods (in five dimensions) should be particularly interesting.

We have just installed a new Dean of the College of Medicine from Chicago. He's a real dynamo and very exciting. We hope to launch a Neuroscience Institute before long.

I'm still in the office daily (if we're not traveling!) seeing a few patients, working with the students and residents and in community affairs as a new byline.

A few weeks ago, our four-year-old Night Blooming Cereus finally flowered-spectacular when you have never seen one. Nearly forty friends dropped in at a minutes notice to watch the show. It was of course gone again in a few hours, as is its way. It teaches us to enjoy the moment.

Have a good year,



Bob King

PS: We have been reading some interesting books with our couples book group. I am mentioning a couple below. If anyone else has a good book to share, we would love to hear about it.

"The Lost Art of Drawing the Line"	by	Philip Howard
"Burnt Water"	by	Carlos Fuyertes
"The Girl with the Pearl Earring "	by	Tracy Chevalier
"Horse Heaven"	by	Jane Smiley
"The Visionary Eye"	by	J. Bronowski



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Round Robin Letter

Dear Academicians:

Like Minny Minoso who played major league ball for six decades, I now have entered my sixth decade of practicing neurosurgery - the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's - thanks to a great wife and great associates all systems are still going strong! My role here at the Loma Linda School of Medicine is changing. I now want to take command of whatever remaining good time is available to me to: 1) spend more time with my grandchildren - more about that later, 2) take Marie-Claire on trips that we have always dreamed of, 3) learn French, 4) consolidate my research into two major aims - developing a sutureless microvascular reconstruction system to facilitate coronary and cerebral bypass and follow through with our Alzheimer's research that relates to iron metabolic perturbations. Surgery remains fun and I will continue to do it as long as my eye-hand coordination holds out. My tennis game is still improving so I think the surgery will continue for a while.

The grandchildren loom large in our future plans. David, now 14 soon to be 15, made the United States Junior Hockey Team of 15 players. He was selected to go to St. Olaf's College in Minnesota to train and play the Canadians in the group of kids born in 1986. As a freshman he led his high school hockey team to Rocky Mountain State championships, they won the title and were given a big day in Colorado by the governor. I think his future is in Sports Medicine though he would be a real draw as a Jewish Amerasian (his mother is Vietnamese) playing for the New York Rangers. I can just hear "David Kirsch, David Kirsch" ringing in the rafters at Madison Square Garden. Marie-Claire and I took some trips to watch him play in tournaments last winter and he made some of the kids look like trees he skated so fast!

Our daughter the neuroradiologist has relocated to London because of her husband's promotion. She has kept her faculty appointment at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry where she worked closely with David Hunt. She presented us with a granddaughter last April and our communication is now through cyberspace but it drives Marie-Claire and I to distraction that we are not closer. We will make up for it however. The kids will join us for Christmas and Chanukah.

Sons Jonathan and Daniel continue to make us proud. They are successful in their own right, have great girlfriends and we hope that marriage and kids are in the future for them. The most important thing is that they are happy and productive in their work - Jonathan works for an HMO in San Diego and Daniel for Enterprise Car Rental in Denver.

We have some new innovations that should be hitting the market soon. A new automated microvascular ligating clip has been approved by the FDA and has a lot of advantages over the conventional single clip applicators. U.S. Surgical is distributing this product and it is already proving itself for critical microligations - particularly for nerve sparing radical prostatectomy. We are doing a project with the Barnes Hospital Urology Department on this device. The chief of Urology at Barnes has been a great collaborator. We are working with Industry on our Alzheimer's project (a peripheral blood flow cytometric assay), and the microvascular reconstruction device (a small diameter prosthetic vessel manufacturer). Our other projects are now ready for publication. This includes a collaborative study of 19 different vascular centers comparing clip to suture for the formation of vascular access for hemodialysis. Over 1400 cases were analyzed over a 4-year period. The study is being spearheaded by surgeons at Barnes and Harvard and we are planning to report soon. The cost to the federal government to keep accesses open through the End Stage Renal Diseases Program is over 11 billion dollars annually. Clips make a significant difference in access patency. They stay open much longer without evidence of anastomotic neointimal hyperplasia at the venous limb.

The greatest thing about work right now is that it doesn't seem like work. I believe that's the secret to staying young and happy. One can gripe about the way neurosurgery isn't being compensated but lets face facts. We haven't cured malignant brain tumors, people are still paralyzed from spine injuries, aneurysms still kill people, head injuries leave people disabled and there are lots of failed backs. More importantly we still don't understand cognition and consciousness. Behavior remains unexplained. There is plenty of material to do research on but it would appear that residencies are de-emphasizing this aspect of training and it would appear that advances will come from other disciplines. Funding for research is drying up and if you depend on Industry you can't get too hypothesis driven.

This past June we spent time in Provence traveling with my daughter, her child and her husband. The reason was a family reunion in Arles and Marie-Claire's uncle's 90th birthday. We left for France from St. Louis where my undergraduate class of Washington University 1950 held a class reunion. Washington University is a great institution and we were reminded of this spending a few days there with my classmates. I can never repay this institution for all it has done in shaping my life.

Wishing all of you a great meeting. See you in 2002. Stay well.

Yours truly,



Wolff and Marie-Claire Kirsch

June 29, 2001

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Dear Academician:

The last few years have remained busy and there has been much to be thankful for. Nell, Teaches pre-school at Trinity Episcopal and also cares for 4 dogs, 3 cats, 2 ferrets, and a horse as well as the most complex primate myself. Mary has finished her first year at the University of Virginia and Mr. Mike is a sophomore at Country Day. My own children are Susan who is an officer at Entergy in New Orleans and recently remarried, Robert, is a partner in a Hotel holding company in Chicago and has 3 children and Nancy who is also a preschool teacher outside of Charleston, S.C. and has 2 children. All including Carol Blanchard and her husband returned to New Orleans this month for Susan's wedding. Nell and I have been clearing some property (more like jungle) across the lake so sometimes retreat there or onto Annie May a sailboat on Lake Ponchartrain.

In the last year or so the Medical Center and I have lost two close friends Dick Paddison, Chairman Emeritus of Neurology known to many of you, and Merv Trail our Chancellor. A community gamma knife was obtained and is housed at Touro and run by LSU and Tulane. Bryan Payne has been doing our cases as well as functional surgery using deep brain stimulation also at Touro. Mike Carey along with 2 Neurologists has an

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Epilepsy program at Baptist. Bob Tiel remains busy in the Nerve Clinic and with Nerve operations at Charity and Touro. Deepak Awashti does skull base and cerebrovascular as well as spine and Touissant LeClercq is expert at transsphenoidals as well as spine instrumentation. He will take an early semi retirement to work parttime at the Sorbonne in Paris and we will miss him greatly. We need a good spine surgeon to work downtown as do many programs and sites at this time. Rand Voorhies at Ochsner has concentrated on spine and is in charge of the Ochsner program while Ed Connolly remains the generalist doing a variety of cases. Dick Coulon has moved from Ochsner to Children's and works there with another faculty member, Joe Nadell so we will be gradually phasing in a resident rotation to that hospital.

The Charity-University (MCLNO) service remains very busy and still provides 400 to 500 major cases for the senior resident. Of course, trauma and trauma call (Trauma I) is the other side of the coin so like so much in life there is a good and not so good to the whole affair. It is just that some days you would rather have more elective and less emergent cases to deal with at MCLNO and more time for research. In this regard, Lee Happel and Roger Beuerman still manage our laboratory efforts connected with both the neurophysiology and chemistry of neuromas and these labs are productive.

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The surgical atlas Peripheral Nerve Surgery with Alan Hudson and Dan Kim is due out August 2nd and a group of 5 younger Neurosurgeons are setting to work to revise the 1st (1995) edition of Nerve Injuries.

With best wishes to all in the Academy.


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Dear David:

It is my pleasure to send you my letter for the Round Robin. Susan and I are looking forward to attending the Academy meeting this fall, and I am personally looking forward to returning as defending champion of the golf tournament. Last year I was able to send Paul Nelson home a little early to ensure a narrower field and greater chance of victory. I fear the same will not happen in 2001.

Neurosurgery at The University of Pittsburgh continues to grow from both a clinical and research standpoint. Over the last 12 months, our department has performed more than 5,000 operations which has provided a number of administrative challenges both for operating room time, resident training and scheduling. In an attempt to reduce redundancy in resident work, this year we have created three separate resident teams who will work with smaller number of faculty in more focused rotations. We hope this will enable our residents to take advantage of the tremendous number of general neurosurgical cases performed by our 21 faculty.

Personally I have remained busy with a practice in neuro-oncology, stereotactic surgery and radiosurgery, and as principal investigator for clinical trials in neurotransplantation for patients with basal ganglia stroke.

Susan and I are honored to be this year's Annual Meeting Chairs for the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Our team (Issam Awad, Rich Ellenbogen, Michael Apuzzo and myself) have worked to create what we hope will be one of the most interesting and exciting neurosurgical meetings ever. We have created a program that includes numerous speakers from other walks of life who will work to challenge neurosurgeons on issues of creativity, leadership, perseverance, courage, and innovation. We hope that all of you will be able to attend this year's meeting in San Diego.

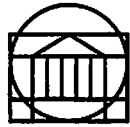
At home we have just completed the busy Spring baseball season. Our boys, Alex and Max had the distinction of playing on separate teams this year which meant that six nights out of seven we were driving to either one or two baseball games. That in combination with music lessons has insured enough "running around" to keep all our feet rooted in the important things. Finally, my dream of having a music studio in our home finally has come true. I subsequently found out that David Roberts did this years ago. We are now drafting residents, not only for their neurosurgical potential, but also for their skills in joining the department band. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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July 16, 2001

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Dear David:

Peggy and I are looking forward to the next meeting of the Academy. This is written during the summertime and we have been enjoying visits with all four of the girls and the grandchildren. They are all thriving, and they live in very interesting places that make great destinations for us when we travel.

The pituitary work goes on and somehow is still expanding, both in numbers and in scope of the clinical research associated with it. We have been very fortunate to have some residents and fellows who have developed a primary interest in pituitary surgery including John Jane, Jr., and fellows from Holland, Oxford, and Toronto. I have also tried to remain active and productive in the field of neuro-oncology, and we are all excited about the advent of a full time neuro-oncologist, David Schiff, who will be joining us in October with Mark Shaffrey taking a lead along with him for our group efforts.

My own political activities are continuing, and I will be fairly busy over the next couple of years with the Chairmanship of the RRC, some major responsibilities in the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies, and my final few years as a Regent of the American College of Surgeons, representing neurosurgery.

Peggy and the kids have provided terrific backup support for all of this work and we are surely enjoying every aspect of it. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Re: Round Robin Letter

Dear Fellow Academicians:

2001 has been an eventful year for the Long family. We opened the year with a family new year's gala featuring the case of Margaux that I put down in 1982 for the occasion. It was worth the wait. Harriett finished her chemotherapy and her slowly elevating white count has finally allowed us to resume a normal travel schedule. She just passed the second year anniversary with all studies normal.

I stepped down officially as Chair of Neurosurgery September 1, 2000. I continue in active clinical practice and actually I've increased my volume by about 25% since I don't have the administrative duties to concern me. I promised myself that I would never write another NIH grant, and yet I find myself in the process of creating three. Old habits are hard to break.

In December I went to the operating room for removal of what was thought to be a small basal cell and ended with a resection involving the left side of my face which measured 3.5 by 6.8 cm. I looked quite a bit like Jack Nicholson playing the Joker for the next few months. I enjoyed a concurrent medial meniscectomy so I could recuperate from both at the same time; and then in April I tested the capabilities of our coronary care unit so I'm now the proud owner of a 8 x 4 mm stent in my main right coronary. Fortunately there were no EKG changes and no enzyme changes. The stent went in on Saturday and I was back at work on Monday.

Harriett celebrated the end of her treatment in a characteristic fashion. She created another chapter of the never ending story of renovations to our old house, new bathroom, master

bedroom, and dressing room.

Needless to say this series of misadventures has curtailed our usual travel a bit but we do plan to attend the World Federation in Australia and extend our trip in both Australia and New Zealand.

The official retirement party sponsored by the Department will be held in late July. A majority of our old travel club members are going to be able to attend a special meeting just before the symposium.

Last month Harriett and I reversed the usual retirement plans when we hosted more than a hundred of our friends at a local club to say thank you for all of their support during our career.

The children are doing well. Kimberly is a faculty member at Johns Hopkins in the History Department; Elizabeth is Director of the Digital Library Research Center at the University of Chicago; and David is vice president for Marketing for a new company called Mind Surf. Harriett just completed her tour of duty as a member of the Board of Trustees of Saint John's College. We seem to manage to stay busy as a family.

We've had conflicts for the last two meetings, but we're planning on seeing everyone this fall.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr Pieppgras

Thanks so much for your letter of July 16. We send our regards to the few members old enough to remember us. At 88 I'm happy to report we are alive and grateful to be enjoying retirement now stretching into 32 years. Straub Clinic had obligatory retirement at 65 in those years.

I thoroughly enjoyed my 60th Medical School Reunion ~~retirement~~ in Boston a year ago among about 18 almost all robust individuals

Katy at 80 is fine running most of all our affairs not handled by our wonderful younger son. She still cares for her garden and now supervises our paid yardman. Our two sons and families here and in Denver and five grandchildren are all progressing well.

A recurrent₃ disc 6 months ago

led to an ill advised trial of injections for relief of pain. With increasing symptoms and 3 confirming MRIs I was operated on by a former partner with discouraging findings. There were disc protrusions at W4-5 + L5, ~~and~~ an epidural hematoma on the left, a broken facet at W4-5 and worst of ~~all~~ a small cyst which turned out to have ~~staphylococcus~~ staphylococcus. My colleague irrigated the wound with antibiotics and closed. Fortunately no meningitis developed. I was on I.V. antibiotics of 12 hrs for six weeks. The wound healed beautifully. My only residual is mild, improving sciatica mostly on the left and some pain on standing which disappears on lying down.

O bviously I am very grateful and looking forward to further recovery.

The Kohala Coast continues to develop hotels like Mauna Kea and Mauna Lani the most popular being The Four Seasons with golf courses everywhere and California computer tycoon buildings.

Best wishes for the meeting ^{manon}

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

The past year has required a great deal of energy directed at local health system needs, leaving less time for national participation. As of July 1, I will have concluded my two year presidency of the Medical Staff at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, an institution which now has 1,400 physicians on the medical staff. I will become President of the Council of Clinical Chairs for the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh for the next two years, but this at least gets rid of approximately six meetings per week. During my tour of duty as President of the Medical Staff, I have learned a great deal about the needs and anxieties of my fellow physicians, the whole concept of continuous process improvement in a complex academic medical center and the ability to dance with local, state and regional oversight agencies. I even survived the rigors of a newly reinvigorated JCAHO review process. I am pleased that the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, replete with its own integrated health plan, 25 merged or affiliated institutions, and representing an expanding presence, both regionally as well as even internationally (with outreach efforts in Sicily, Turkey and Prague) has been a challenging and yet rewarding place to practice.

The Department of Neurological Surgery has continued to prosper academically and financially. At the end of the 2001 fiscal year, our department will have performed more than 6,000 procedures. Our research division commands more than \$30 million in federal, corporate and foundation sponsored research. Our neurosurgical research laboratories, formally now christened "The Walter F. Copeland Laboratory for Neurosurgical Research" is funded on an annual basis through endowment funds for start up projects as well as federal, foundation and corporate grants and contracts.

Despite the challenges of academic leadership which maximize my human resource skills, I have found some time for travel with my family, and even occasionally enjoying the comforts of home. We are soon to be "partial empty nesters". Our son, Andy, graduated from our local high school, and was named "Technology Student of the Year", and received the Senior Percussion Award. He will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown which has an outstanding

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engineering technology program. I hope he is the next Bill Gates. Our daughter Stephanie has remained in Charlottesville, moved once more, and continues to work with S&L Securities, a financial data management company. I anticipate her return, at least in part, to academic studies in the future, but she will decide when she is ready for graduate school. Andy and I will travel to Iceland this summer for a combination of salmon fishing, glacier snowmobiling, and white water rafting. Julie and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary with two couples who are close friends. After discussing alternative trip plans for more than a year, we settled on a small yacht cruise of Alaska during the last week of July. Stephanie and I will travel to Australia for the World Federation Meeting. Julie is beginning her studies in appraisal of jewelry, and I believe is interested in part-time employment once we become true empty nesters. In the meantime, she pursues civic responsibilities and physical activity, including walking and tennis. Our golf skills are still to be discovered. I am now able to reach my goal of shooting my age in nine. We look forward to the Academy Meeting in Palm Beach. At that time, I will be visiting my grandmother at the PGA National where she lives at the age of 101.

With regards to all of you, I am,

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Piepgras:

This is my first Round Robin letter, having just been elected to the Academy last year. My academic year started out eventfully when Bryce phoned me one Saturday in January. He said he had had a life-changing experience that morning and I assumed the worst. He was not reversibly ill again, however; it was worse. He was stepping down as chairman of our section and becoming the Interim Dean of the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago. As a result, I was named program director and in addition to this additional academic responsibility, became even busier clinically. I, our Neurosurgery Section and the Department of Surgery will miss his leadership and advice. I have been blessed to have him as a mentor and colleague. We have a good set up now with 2 neurointensivists and generally adequate ICU beds. The search for a chairman of the section continues. Bryce and I finally saw the culmination of years of work, experiments and reading with the publication of a comprehensive book on vasospasm, "Cerebral Vasospasm".

My wife, Sheilah, started back to work this year. She lasted only 6 months at a small accounting firm in the suburbs. The commute was unbearable and a better opportunity became available in the Financial planning office of the University of Chicago. Now there is more truth to the statement that she is my boss. We have 3 kids. Iain is 12 and plays travel hockey. Their team won the state B level squirt championship this year. Robyn is 9 and enjoys ballet and running. Erin is 7 and I don't know what she is interested in. She has a natural ability at gymnastics according to her instructors.

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Dear David,

It seems hard for me to believe that it is 10 years since I stepped down as chairman at Mount Sinai, and 7 years since I retired from practice and became emeritus professor. It was all highlighted when Kalman Post, now the Leonard Malis / Corrine and Joseph Graber Professor of Neurosurgery, gave a sumptuous party at his home to celebrate his 10 years as chairman. I still hang out at Mount Sinai, having been there continuously since I came there as a resident when I got out of the army in 1947. I became chairman in 1970, which seems like a thousand years ago. Rather remarkably, seated at the table at Kal's party with my wife Ruth (who had been the administrator of my department) and me were two very special nurses. Susan Nevins was my chief nurse in charge of the neurosurgical floor, and Dorothy Kaminski was in charge of the neurosurgical operating rooms and was my virtually personal scrub nurse. They were with me through my entire tenure, and Susan and Dorothy are still in charge.

I remain remarkably busy, with several peer-reviewed publications, a book chapter as well as traveling to invited guest lectureships. I continue to read the Journal of Neurosurgery, Neurosurgery and Surgical Neurology almost religiously, a holdover from when I ran the journal club. I also do reviews for them. I read Science and The New England Journal of Medicine weekly. I continue to work on new instrumentation and generators for electrosurgery. Of course, all this comes to a halt when summer comes and Ruth and I spend most of our time on the water, either cruising on our Sunseeker, or racing around on our Cigarette. This makes the coming of October catch up time.

I have stopped going to the Senior Society meetings, since I no longer have any part in the residency programs, but we always go to the Congress and AANS and rarely miss the Academy. Neither Ruth nor I play golf, tennis or cards, which markedly limits our social contacts, except for a few very close friends and our family whom we see regularly, but this has always been of our own choosing. Our two children and their spouses as well as our three grandchildren are doing very well. We are looking forward to the Academy meeting in Palm Beach.

Sincerely,



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Dear Fellow Academicians,

Angela and myself are looking forward to the Annual Meeting of the Academy in Palm Beach this year at the Breakers Hotel. We plan to join you all there. The Heros and Morawetz program sounds great and we are sure that this will be a memorable Academy event.

Angela and I are still struggling at the University of S. Paulo Medical School, and she is today one of the main Neuroendocrinologists of our group. Last September was the anniversary of our 3000th case of transphenoidals, not counting the craniotomy cases, and the statistics is still growing. I have spent a lot of time in our emergency unit which now counts with 18 Neurosurgeons and is considered the busiest one in Brazil. We are also developing young members in our vascular group, skull base, pediatrics, tumors, functional, epilepsy and experimental neurosurgery, who are working full blast and giving us gratifying results.

Dr. Abe, one of our Academy new members, was kind enough to award us an Honorary Membership of the Japan Neurosurgical Society. Many of you know of my secret feelings on Japanese culture and language, and I was very proud to be distinguished by my dear Japanese friends.

My two sons Ricky and Rudy are both working and studying in London in the company of their respective wives, and God knows when they will be back to Brazil to join our economists. We for sure need good economists in this country to put the house in order.

It is sad to hear that we are missing some of my former teachers and Academicians like Dr. Ballantine, Dr. Sweet and a few others that were so dear to us. I guess that all of us

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that felt so young a few years ago are not getting any younger and will soon deliver our gardens to brand new gardeners that we have grown through the years.

Looking forward to see you soon in Australia, San Diego and Florida.

Angela joins me in sending you all our warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



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Dear colleagues,

Jill and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. We decided to do something a bit different and went to Lithuania...the land where all my ancestors came from a hundred years ago. Because of various wars and occupations, many records have been lost. However, through the wonders of the internet, I was able to find a coin collector in Marijampole who is a relative on my father's side. Through further information from my mother that my grandmother had told her that she lived on a farm near a lake in Leipalingis, he was able to track down a long-lost cousin of my mother's. We all had a great reunion, drank, ate, talked, and celebrated. Although previously I was never a great lover of history, it was very interesting to see and hear in an up-close-and-personal way of the events of this twentieth century. We spoke to a nun who worked as a neurosurgery nurse in Kaunas and had to meet with her sisters in secret during the Russian occupation. Even the doctors I spoke with at the medical center where I lectured and who worked with her daily did not know she was a nun. Such was the level of fear! She showed us a beautiful monastery that the Russian government had converted into an ammunition warehouse and that she and her sisters are now restoring. We saw the former KGB headquarters where many were killed and the trains where the many thousands of people were boarded to be sent to Siberia. Every family had some member sent to Siberia to die. Over the years Lithuania has been occupied at various times by Poland, Germany and, of course, most recently Russia. Yet though it all, they have survived, and despite the fact that the twentieth century has passed much of the rural areas by, we saw a great deal of happiness, heard personal stories of their peaceful resistance against Russia in the early 1990s and saw a true love of their new-found freedom and a great hope of protecting their freedom by joining the European Union and NATO.

The capital city of Vilnius is spectacular. It has the largest "old town" in all of Europe and is safe, very inexpensive, and truly beautiful. There were musicians in the streets and in the cafes and a real sense of life. We ate various mushrooms picked fresh in the forest...a divine taste virtually impossible to come by in the United States. The food and the local beers were wonderful! In all we had a great time and returned with many pictures and stories to tell the rest of our family who had never traveled there.

One of my former residents from Georgetown is doing graduate studies in London. On the way to Lithuania, we stopped there and with him saw our daughter, Kathy, and the San Francisco Ballet perform in Covent Garden, a newly renovated beautiful theater. Kathy (22) is now starting her fifth year with the SF Ballet and doing well. Robin (26) is at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and has two more years in the architecture program. Chris (23) is at the College of Santa Fe studying creative writing and film.

Both Jill and I enjoy good health and my work at the MGH is going well. I feel like I am still in the learning phase of my chairmanship but it is a wonderful institution that has weathered the various healthcare storms and allows me to work with truly great colleagues who work well together.

Jill and I look forward to seeing all of you in Palm Beach to learn, to talk, to dance, to celebrate. Until then, we wish you health and best wishes,

Bob and Jill Martuza

The past year has been busy and interesting for me and my family. Terry and the children (Matthew—age 6; Katie—age 2) are now fully integrated into Cleveland school, sports, etc. Terry enjoys her role as CEO of household management, which she feels is only moderately more difficult than academic neuroanesthesia. Cleveland is a terrific place for families and we are really enjoying this aspect of our lives.

The work part of my life is also evolving and fun. Much of the effort continues to involve recruitment, program development, grant funding, and watching over a group of talented, young neurosurgeons in the Department. That part of my time that is left for my practice is focused primarily on cerebrovascular and skull base. All in all, it's a busy and fulfilling life.

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August 20, 2001

Dear Colleagues,

The biggest event for us this year was the premature delivery of our daughter Monet Avra. Fortunately, mother and child are doing just fine. Our other 5 children continue to grow and mature at an amazing rate. For us life continues to focus and revolve around our children, and we take great pleasure in participating in their activities. Their ages are 9.5 years down to 3 months, 3 of each. Even at these young ages, it is remarkable how they are all quite individual with unique personalities, interests, and young hopes. In total their favorite activities include competitive swimming, Tae Kwon Doe, skiing, reading, computer, art, and piano.

For my part, I am reevaluating career options and alternatives. Like all of us, I want to try to insure that in the end, I look back on my life with no regrets, content in the choices and priorities made. The question I now ask myself is whether being primarily a surgeon is the endgame, or whether I should move onwards to different academic challenges.

Similarly, my wife Ini is doing the same and deciding just how long maternity leave should last. When she returns back to work she will likely continue her 50% clinical -50% research tract. Her NIH grant is currently under renewal and this will influence her decision to some degree. She is also continuing to serve on a Study Section reviewing clinical trials.

Perhaps reflecting this midlife retrospect, I foolishly went helicopter skiing in British Columbia. Everything went great on day 1. That night I had a dream in which my dad called and told me that I was "an idiot" for doing this. On day 2, while working my way down a glacier crust, my right ski busted through and caught perhaps a rock. Unfortunately the binding did not release, and I tore multiple ligaments in my right knee. It was difficult getting down the mountain from there. I have been in therapy, but I am quite worried about my potential to aggressively ski in the future.


Once again, I am indebted to Bob Ratcheson who first told me about flyfishing north of Montana. My brother and I went back for our 5th year of camping/fishing primarily for rainbows and cuts. I am proud to report that remarkably we did not fight at all this year, and that the hot fly on the river was without a doubt "Fred's Discoe Trude". For those of you who are fellow souls of the stream, I will be glad to tie you one or two for a small price, such as a fine bottle of cabernet.

On the work front, the Department is doing well under Dave's watchful eye. Last fall I had the pleasure of spending some time with Dave, Neil Martin, and our residents up in the Boundry Waters of northern Minnesota. This annual retreat has proven to be a great bonding catalyst for the resident group. I held

my own on all the portages. It was music to my ears and python arms when one wimpy resident begged "Sir, can *you* carry the canoe, I just can't handle it". As a staff participant, I knew that I was accepted into this elite group when one middle level resident shouted not "Dr. Meyer" but rather "Fred" as he threw bear scat at me! I ducked, and then upon our return to Rochester made him suffer for the next month or so! If my knee can handle the portages I plan on returning for this fall's trip.

We look forward to spending some relaxing moments with our friends at the meeting this fall.

My best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred", written in a cursive style.

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Dear David,

This was a task Bill always enjoyed. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute this year.

Many things have happened in the past 2 years since Bill's death.

In May of 2000 we established the William E. Hunt and Charlotte Curtis Neuroscience Endowment at Ohio State. The Curtis estate donated \$2,000,000 to the University. The income will be used to support the new Neuroscience Department. We recently met with Dr. Michael Beattie, the interim director of the new department, and he is using the money in very inventive ways, including luring some "world class" students into the program. The Neuroscience department ranks among the best in the nation. Quite an achievement, and exactly what Bill and Charlotte would have wanted. The University is also committed to naming the Neuroscience Institute in Bill's honor when it is established. We have been promised a new Neuroscience building in five years by the powers on campus.



Bill wearing the Neurosurgical Society of America's gold medal for lifetime achievement in Neurosurgery presented at the Château Frontenac in Quebec in May of 1998. It was quite a splendid affair, and Bill was very proud and pleased.

You probably know, Bill also has a lecture named in his honor, which will be given annually at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons meeting. The first was given this year at the meeting in Toronto in April. This is thanks to the generosity of Timir Banerjee who endowed the lecture. Buz Hoff also worked very hard to make it happen. It is actually the Hunt-Wilson Lecture. Bill and Charlie were Timir's mentors.

We had a memorial service for Bill at Ben and Sonja Walter's B&B in Prospect Harbor, Maine in July. Brad Stokes from OSU gave an excellent update on spinal cord injury research. It was quite successful. Neurosurgery was well represented. Academicians Bill Buchheit made it, as did Julia and Ernst Grote from Tübingen, Germany. Bob Hess from Columbus (Hunt-Hess Classification) was there. Bill's son David and his family were also there.

Bill was inducted into the Ohio State Sports Hall of Fame in September. He was an All-American in fencing. He led the team to a NCAA fencing championship in 1942. (He often commented about the riots that championship provoked on High Street, when the result of the event filtered back to Columbus, a week later.) We had the whole gang here. Will Hunt, Bill's older son, accepted the award for Bill, on the field in the renovated OSU stadium. David's children have become OSU football fans.

We have also established a lecture here at OSU, which will be given annually in Bill's honor. John Tew will be the lecturer this October. Bill was very proud of his achievements at OSU and the lecture is an appropriate memorial to his legacy.

I have been spending my time in Maine or Ohio, and doing some traveling. I went to the Snow Festival in February in Sapporo, Japan and was the guest of Hiroshi Abe. It was a remarkable experience. I recommend it to you.

In May I spent 10 days in Italy, in Milan and the Piedmont. It was interesting being there 10 days before their election. I have also taken up the clarinet and spent two weeks at band-camp this summer. By the second week I could at least play most of the notes. Music is good for the soul:

sometimes hurts the ears, especially when you're playing 3rd clarinet, and immediately in front of the timpani section.



If any of you make it Downeast, you have a standing invitation to visit East of Schoodic.

All the best!

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July 13, 2001

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Dear Academicians:

This year it is our privilege and pleasure to serve as Vice-President of the Academy and local hosts for the 2001 Annual Meeting. This has been a rare opportunity, as we have never had the chance to spend so much money in such a short period of time, an opportunity that is never likely to present itself again. The Breakers is one of the world's great hotels, and we thank Roberto and Debbie for allowing us to have this much fun.

Mary Jean has completed her two most recent volunteer jobs, President of the Birmingham Botanical Society and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Little Cumberland Island Homes Association. She continues to work with children, enhancing their reading skills and assisting them with their overall academic endeavors.

We continue to fly together, an activity we thoroughly enjoy. We have purchased a place in Nova Scotia, and will fly there in August of this year. Anyone who is in the area should drop by to see us.

Sincerely,

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Dear David:

The year has passed quickly. During the past year, Indiana University School of Medicine has a new Dean and Associate Deans of Clinical Affairs and Research and new practice plan leadership. Neurosurgery, however, has remained about the same. Dr. John Mealey retired, and Dr Jodi Smith and Dr. Michael Groff have completed their first year as new additions to the Pediatric and Spine Services.

Robert Campbell Professorship will be announced and celebrated at a dinner at the Congress Neurological Surgeon's Meeting in San Diego. We are also happy that Dr. Scott Shapiro will become the first Campbell Professor.

This spinal cord injury laboratory is working well. We have begun the recruitment for an endowed basic science chair to support this project.

We were pleased to find out that Indiana University over the past 5 years ranked number 3 in terms of the number of students going into Neurosurgery. We are encouraged that the quality of the students interested in Neurosurgery remains quite good.

The Nelson family has had a healthy year. Tere continues to teach piano. She has made a farm house in Pennsylvania our "second home". My son Ben has changed careers from an actuary to a wine importer. Jon continues to work for an advertising agency in New York City. Our daughter Jennifer graduated from high school and will soon start massage therapy school.

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

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Dear Academicians

We very much enjoyed seeing many of you at last year's meeting at the Broadmoor. I suspect we will enjoy this year's gathering more for not having to plan it or worry about how it comes off (or write a Presidential address). In Dr Heros' capable hands, it's likely to be great meeting; we will see you there.

For us, the year since the Broadmoor meeting has been marked especially by family events. March took us to Iowa City for the annual University of Iowa lectureship that honors George's parents. It was also one of our excuses this year to visit our St Louis son Jeff (pediatric neurosurgeon at Barnes), his wife Karen and red-headed wild Will, our "two in January" grandson. In April we were in Tucson, Arizona for the marriage of our daughter Ann-Elizabeth to Michael Rowe. It was a grand family affair, held in Tucson because Ann-Elizabeth is an emergency medicine resident there at the University of Arizona. As the wedding date and George's brother's birthday nearly coincided, it was also the occasion for a fine family roast of Bob. August took George back to his roots, for the 150th anniversary celebration of a church founded by his great-great, and great grandfathers in Bartonville, Ill (you know where that is, of course). By the time you read this, our San Francisco son Steven (Chief Neurosurgical Resident UCSF) and his wife, Liz are likely to have presented us with another grandson. So we contribute substantially to the prosperity of the phone companies with frequent calls to the children and the Boston area (where reside almost all nonchildren relatives of both of us) and most of our frequent flyer miles are acquired visiting the children, and then spent by them! We do plan on attending the World Neurosurgical and Functional and Stereotaxic Congresses in Australia in September, a trip that will also include a visit to George's most recent Epilepsy Surgery fellow, Andrew Miles of Perth and some Great Barrier Reef snorkeling.

Linda officially retired in January, but all that meant was going from 50% to 40% time, continuing her 100% commitment, acquiring a retirement chair and less hassle. So professionally things were pretty much the same this year as last. Linda continues to see epilepsy patients and pursue her surgical followup and benzodiazepine receptor imaging research projects. She is very excited over finally finding the Chinese herb that Art Ward 20 years ago told her might be useful in treating epilepsy; and finding evidence that it may really work. George (who hasn't retired) continues his epilepsy surgery and research projects centered on the neurobiology of human cognition. And to keep the stability theme going, we're still in the same house of 35 years, often with an empty guest room. Let us know if you're in the Seattle area.

We plan to have Shirley and David Newell (he's one of the senior professors at U of Washington) and Debbie and Sean Grady (chief at U of Pennsylvania) as our guests at this fall's meeting. They are wonderful people whom we hope all of you will get to meet.

Linda and George Ojemann

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Dear Friends,

Julie and I and the three children and the three grandchildren are all fine. If retirement equates to leisure, then we definitely are not retired. Julie keeps busy on the executive committee of the Visiting Nurse Service of NY, a big business, and with the School Volunteers, now reformatted as "Learning Leaders." Plus being the family bookkeeper and manager of protocol.

A neurologist and I have started a company, Co-Axia, based in Minneapolis that so far has a single product, a special intraaortic balloon that seems to be able to increase CBF without altering blood pressure. Animal studies are about over, and clinical trials in cases of stroke and SAH will start in October, we hope. My role has been relatively minor; it was early on in ideas and balloon design, then lots of talk, and now in large animal trials. The neurologist, Denise Barbut, formerly of Cornell, does the heavy lifting.

We still fly back and forth between Vermont and NYC. We both like the city, and while skiing isn't the attraction that it was a few years ago, we haven't found another spot that appeals to us.

We look forwards to seeing you all in Palm Beech.

Best regards,

Russel

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Dear Academicians:

I hope all of you have had a good year and are ready for a sunny vacation in Palm Beach this November. Lucy and I are enduring the usual agonies of the elderly growing older, living with memories of yesteryears. During the past decade, I have shifted from the role of provider to a consumer of medical/surgical services. Being a patient makes one much more aware of the many differences in physician/patient relationships.

DO YOU THINK WE HAVE A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTRY?

In my opinion, the answer is "NO", WE HAVE AN EPISODIC ILLNESS CARE SYSTEM, largely administered or triaged by the hospital emergency departments, outpatient clinics or categorized health Centers.

Before you simply turn over to other pages, think about it from a personal standpoint in light of your own experiences or of your family and friends. Have you or they had a personal physician for general screening or preventive care? A "Dr. Osler" or a "Dr. Gillespie" (for you who remember the Dr. Kildaire movies) where the doctor was genuinely interested in his patient before sudden illnesses emerged. During my years of practice, the well trained family physician or internal medicine specialist served this function. Today, these doctors rarely exist. They have been driven out of practice by the government price-fixing and associated rules that emphasize performance of procedures. During the past ten years of these rules the office practice of internal medicine has largely disappeared. The internists have become "proceduralists" in order to financially survive and a majority are now in board certified subspecialties, often hospital based. By name and purpose, HMOs had an opportunity to fill this gap but rapidly deteriorated to being gatekeepers for procedures and expensive treatments of "episodic illnesses", with reduced costs the first priority.

Today, for the Medicare patient, even the wealthy ones, finding a personal physician is a major challenge. The retired lawyer, doctor, businessman, former CEO of a Fortune-500 company or a famous sports figure who attains the age of 65 years is shackled by government fee-fixing in choosing or paying for any medical services covered by Medicare. When this same affluent individual buys a house, a boat, a car, new clothing, airline tickets, goes to a fancy restaurant, etc., the prices are a matter of free choice between supplier and consumer! Did you realize it is illegal for a participating physician to charge a patient more than the federal fee schedule allowable and the patient is prohibited from paying any additional amounts to their doctors for such services? No wonder that internists have no incentive and are fleeing their practices.

HOWEVER, OUT OF THIS SITUATION A NEW CONCEPT IS DEVELOPING IN VARIOUS METROPOLITAN CENTERS, TERMED "RETAINER MEDICINE".

This quiet revolution in medical care may have started about five years ago in Seattle when two well-known doctors formed a group named MD2 (pronounced MD squared) that now have several offices (one in Bellevue) in the area and have stimulated other groups to form. The chief of Medicine at Virginia Mason Hospital who started such a practice 18 months ago said "We developed this in response to consumer demand. Patients were hearing about these doctors who would see people promptly, who made house calls; they wanted us to provide that level of service." Although adding more physicians they now have more than 100 patients on waiting lists to join. Fees vary. Seattle Medical Associates charge \$75 per person per month but require separate health insurance. At Virginia Mason this convenience factor costs \$3,000 for a single, \$5,000 for a couple, \$6,000 for a family of four. For such fees, the patient gets the doctor's cell-phone number, among other things. MD2 provides concierge-level physicians' services to a select number of patients (50 family units per doctor) who pay a premium for the privilege, about \$10,000 per person per year. They have unprecedented access to their physicians. For example if they need to see a specialist, the MD2 physician goes with them to the appointment. In all these practices the doctors are on 24-hour call and yes, they do house calls.

To health policy analysts, the creation and the soaring growth in demand of such practices underscores the level of dissatisfaction many patients have with the current system.

I believe the future is obvious. The American people will have three tiers of medical care. At the bottom level, HMO type entities will contract with lower level employers and state/federal government agencies to provide episodic illness care (doctors and hospitals) at a price-fixed cost. Rationed access and marginal care.

At the middle level, Prepaid episodic illness care, labeled "health insurance" and financed by premiums with some co-payments but importantly providing catastrophic coverage for major expense, available to a majority of the population who can pay the premiums or have employers do so. About 30% of the 50 million Medicare eligible patients will qualify for this level with Medigap insurance.

At the upper level are appointive and elected government officials, current or retired, who are covered by the Federal Employees' Health Plans and this new entity of **RETAINER TYPE** physician contracts, where the physician has a guaranteed income for personal attention and supervision of preventive and on-going health care for a preset panel of patients, including selection and referral to episodic illness specialists when needed. The customary insurance programs for episodic illness will still be necessary.

The major obstacle at the present time for Medicare patients using these "Retainer Medicine" groups is that the Group must agree not to bill Medicare for Medicare covered services for a period of 24 months after entering into such contracts. This is solved by referring the patients to local physicians not members of the group who do participate in the Medicare program for necessary consultations, hospital admissions, diagnostic procedures and operations. Everything else they try to do in their office or by house-call. U. S. health agencies are extremely concerned about this new trend as the stated policy has always been to prohibit physicians from opting out of Medicare. As long as the new groups describe their medical services as preventive and convenience care, such is specifically not covered by Medicare.

There will be a place for neurosurgeons to do what they do best within any of these levels of care but continued referrals from a Retainer Medicine group may require more personal attention to the patient, or what MD2 calls a "extremely customer-service oriented" attitude. Are you ready to do such? In fact, a neurosurgeon with superior reputation for outcome, quality care or a specific procedure could be on retainer payments to ensure prompt attention to the group's patients.

THINK ABOUT IT. TIMES ARE CHANGING WHEN CEO's draw million dollar salaries while the company is going bankrupt and notorious sports figures sign contracts that exceed the GNP of some countries.

When this show comes to your town, get involved. See what you can do to reverse the downward spiral medicine has been in for the past few years.

With all best wishes,



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September 15, 2001

Dear Fellow Academicians:

Once again my Round Robin contribution has been pushed to the deadline, waiting for some idle hours to reflect on the highlights of the spring and summer. Now I find myself trying to travel to Australia for the WFNS, abiding delays and uncertainty in the airport, surrounded by the ongoing cacophony of TV monitors reporting the aftermath of the horrific terrorism which has struck our country. The pall of sadness and sympathy for unknown victims and families is so apparent; and it's heartwarming to see and feel the kindness, patience and concern for fellow men and women which comes forth at such a time. Undoubtedly this great tragedy has extended into the families of some of our members and Jane and I send you, even in your anonymity, our sincere condolences.

Our family had a few days of togetherness in the Minnesota lake country this summer and we especially enjoyed sharing a splendid weekend with our three sons, two daughters-in-law (each pregnant) and three wonderful grandchildren. Later this summer Jane and I spent a few days of rest, relaxation and relative solitude on the fringe of the beautiful Boundary Waters Wilderness, to Jane's delight in the relative comfort of a rustic cabin rather than a tent. Our visit was highlighted by splendid sunsets across the lake and a glimpse of a magnificent lone wolf which crossed our path one morning.

Our department remains stable, having sustained the departure of one of senior talented neurosurgeons, Mike Ebersold, to one of our affiliated practices in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and the addition of one of our finishing residents, Rob Spinner, who has a passion for peripheral nerve surgery, especially brachial plexus reconstruction. Rob brings expertise from a family legacy of peripheral nerve surgery, Duke orthopedic residency prior to his neurosurgery training, and an enfolded year long fellowship with Dave Kline. Already he has formed strong alliances with one of our orthopedic hand surgeons and our peripheral nerve neurology group towards the realization of a multi-disciplinary peripheral nerve surgery team and brachial plexus injury clinic. We are proud to have Rob's expertise in our department and delighted with the dimension it brings to resident training and clinical practice.

I must express my pride in having two of our senior residents make such an outstanding showing on their written Boards this year. While I realize it is owed to their own intellects and hard work, I believe it also reflects the atmosphere of scholarly achievement which exists among our residents. They are a great group!

Finally, I must acknowledge once again the absolutely superb job that our administrative secretary Connie has done again this year in keeping the affairs of our department and the communications of both the Academy and the SNS on track. Connie's compulsion to organization and timeliness is a blessing to one such as me. Ed Laws and Thor Sundt deserve credit for some of Connie's training but her talent is innate.

Jane and I as well as Connie look forward to seeing you at The Breakers in November.

Sincerely yours,

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Aug. 23, 2001

Greetings to The ROUND ROBIN !

Family fine. Oldest son now retired from school teaching to become immersed in public duties with his town and the local Kiwanis Club. Middle son now retired from a long and successful career of teaching in order to write books on Art. Youngest, Dan, now at work on another historical novel, braced by a handsome pre-publishing emolument while fathering a fine new baby,

Owing to a wheel chair existence one of my hobbies is riding to hounds while safely ensconced in said wheel chair. This is done by trotting or galloping when the music does so. It is a pleasant pastime to note that noted composers of classical themes dating to the 18th and 19th Centuries, like Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Vivaldi happily resort to these "horse gait" rhythms --- and of course Wagner and others too -- with gusto, whereas such rhythms fade away with the advent of the auto as one listens to more modern composers like Prokofiev.

This has been fun and takes me back to my years of drag and fox hunting, including spills !

My writing interests, you'll be delighted to hear, have ended with a little piece entitled THE GREEN CATHEDRAL - Antics of Wildlife in Suburbia.

It touches on the death scream of a rabbit, an owl's decapitation of a bunny's head with only the loss of one small drop of blood on the snow (exquisite surgical skill) and other episodes that were marvels to us transplanted city dwellers.

Terribly sorry I cannot manage to join the annual festivities of the Academy this year !

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August 8, 2001

Dear Academician:

Since the last Academy meeting, Ilona and I have become grandparents twice. Our oldest daughter, Wendy gave birth to our first granddaughter, Blake in November of 2000 and our middle daughter, Amy gave birth to Halle in January of 2001. Grandparenting is all that it has been recommended to be, as noted in these pages over the years. Wendy and her husband Pete have moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, both working in the investment world. Amy lives in Bethesda where her husband is an assistant golf professional at the Bethesda Country Club and she continues with ad hoc nursing in a sleep disorder clinic. Susan just completed her masters degree in Occupational Therapy at Columbia.

Ilona and I had a special vacation this year. We took a cruise aboard the Silversea Whisper, an elegant and brand new vessel. We traversed the Baltic Sea leaving from London, transiting the Kiel Canal and visiting Tallinn, Estonia where Ilona was born. She is fluent in the Estonian language and so it was a special occasion to visit this lovely and well-preserved medieval city, populated by friendly and enterprising people. We then went to St. Petersburg which is magnificent, somewhat the worse for wear from years of Soviet rule, but on the mend. Then on to the beautiful Scandinavian ports of Helsinki, Stockholm and Copenhagen.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Palm Beach.

Very truly yours,



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Dear Academician:

I find it hard to believe another year has gone by. Professionally, the year has been relatively uneventful. I continue my efforts in the laboratory at identifying the molecular events that lead to the development of medulloblastoma. Not much new on that front. Lab work has been particularly frustrating as we seem to be unable to put together a story that explains the generation of most medulloblastomas. Obtaining funding for the lab is a constant struggle. I think most of the stress in my life comes from the lab. All I can do is hope that next year is more productive.

Clinical work is also pretty much unchanged. The Mayo Clinic does attract interesting patients but I'm having difficulty establishing an adequate practice in Pediatric Neurosurgery. I think I'm doing enough cases to sustain the practice but would really like to see it grow in the hopes that a second pediatric neurosurgeon could be added here.

At home, my boys continue to grow at an astonishing rate. Forrest is an excellent tennis player and has been spending a great deal of time defining his tennis skills. Colin remains quite interested in skate boarding, snow boarding, and guitar playing. I think both of them spend too much time playing computer games. One of the year's highlights was a one-week trip that the boys and I took to Aspen, Colorado. We spent a couple of days backpacking in the high country. I haven't been backpacking for some time and really enjoyed getting out and away. The mountains were spectacularly beautiful! Wildflowers were in bloom and spending the time with the boys was rewarding. We returned to Aspen for a few days of fly fishing. We met Nick Barbaro from the UCSF program with his son there. Fishing was slow but overall the trip was a great experience. Kathy continues to work half-time at the Mayo Clinic. She enjoys the work and spends the rest of her time managing the boys extracurricular activities which is almost a full-time job in itself. She also plays tennis. I continue to spend what little spare time I have taking care of my marine aquarium and fly fishing locally. I have increased my exercise regimen and I'm happy to say I'm in reasonably good shape. Getting in shape was one of my New Year's resolutions for this year.

At this time, I'm not sure whether I'll be attending the meeting. If not, I wish you all well and if I do, I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Corey Raffel, M.D., Ph.D.

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August 5, 2001

Dear Fellow Academicians,

We are currently on vacation in the Bitterroot valley of Montana, where last year's horrendous fires are evident in the burned hillsides and the amount of ash and mud washed into the river this year by heavy rains. The river bottom is covered with several inches of glop that so far seems to have diminished the insect hatches instead of adding nutrients and enhancing the habitat. We intrepid fishers, however, are undeterred by the extra challenge. It is a pleasure to see mountains again, instead of smoke.

Bob had an incredibly busy year, hosting two neurosurgery meetings in Cleveland and serving as president at another, while serving as co-chairman of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurosurgery and engaging in the on-going politics of academic Neurosurgery on the home front. This spring, we welcomed Bob Maciunas and his wife, Ann Failing, into the Department. We are also looking forward to having Shekar Kurpad, who is currently in Stockholm on a Van Wagenen fellowship, and his wife, Kulpa, join the department next spring.

Peggy's year has been busy too. In October, a major exhibit she co-curated, *Of Myth and Memory: Paiute and Shoshone Baskets of Owens Valley, California* went on display at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. It is traveling to the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History in September and then on to Owens Valley. Publication of the book that was meant to accompany the exhibit, *Weaving a Legacy: Indian Baskets and the People of Owens Valley, California*, got delayed due to the tragic death of one of the co-authors, but is now on track to be out this winter. Peggy's current project is an exhibit of the works of Keisuke Serizawa, inventor of the Katakome resist-dye process and leader of the folk art movement in Japan. In conjunction with the exhibit, she has been planning a Japanese Cultural Festival, which has turned into a much larger undertaking than expected but which daughter, Abby, thinks is "cool," because it will feature a showing of the Japanese animated film "Princess Mononoke" (a cult favorite, in case you are not into anime).

Abby, now 14 and a rising high school freshman, had another sterling school year both academically and with extra-curricular activities. She was

honored as the Outstanding Science Student, was chosen to participate in the Power of the Pen writing contest, was selected co-captain and -for the second consecutive year- as MVP of the track team. She also excelled in field hockey. Abby continued her violin studies and played in the Chamber Orchestra of the Cleveland Music School Settlement as well. Her summer was split between taking a "Future Scientists" course that introduced her to archeology, mineralogy, and geology; and attending a riding camp outside Jackson Hole, WY, where she was last year. Like many kids her age, she is wedded to the computer and does "instant messaging" with friends while doing homework and into all hours of the night. We tell ourselves it is equivalent to our hanging on the phone as teenagers. The good thing she is always able to help us when we run into trouble with our computer.

Alexey is doing well and is in the process of switching from a DJ career to one in radiography. He is starting classes this fall and we are pleased that he is interested in something more practical. He lives in the Cleveland area and we see him on a regular basis.

Rachael and her husband, Carl, still live in Seattle with their two children, Loy (age 3) and Powell (age 2). Our grandchildren, of course, are bright, adorable, and energetic. We see them far too infrequently but each visit makes us marvel at what patient parents Rachael and Carl are. Rachael has taken over the bookkeeping responsibilities at the travel agency where she works. Carl is currently commuting between Seattle and Boston with a venture capital company, and will decide within six months whether to stay there (in which case, the whole family will move) or to take a different position that would keep them in Seattle.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in November in Palm Beach.

Best regards to all,



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All,

There are things that one can do part-time. I have concluded that neurosurgery is not one of them. Some of you will recall that even before finishing with my past-president year with the AANS, I had accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer for the 2002 Olympic Games and, immediately, became a rather involved member of the IOC Medical Commission. I have come to empathize with the citizens of Salt Lake, our city fathers, Intermountain Health Care (IHC), the University of Utah, Mitt Romney and everyone else who agreed to take on this seemingly borderless enterprise. I wonder whether any of the locally involved parties really understood the extensiveness of the process or all of the ramifications of the accountabilities being accepted. Have met some great people and had my share of confrontations – usually having to do with the remarkable aplomb with which some administrators feel comfortable practicing medicine without a license. Our own Shigeaki Kobayashi did this job exceptionally well for the Nagano Games. I have tried to follow his example. At any rate, the last four years have been interesting.

My son, Chuck, and I spent Tuesday together doing two instrumented necks, a cerebral tumor using the *stealth* apparatus and then two backs. Thursday I did a neck and a back and am now all through operating except for assisting my associates over the next six weeks as they request. Decided to see no new patients after July first, will spend the next two months getting a disposition accomplished regarding my remaining postoperative patients and then leave medical practice on September first. Am calling it a *leave of absence* until after the Olympics and Paralympics are completed next March, but doubt that I will return to practice. Virtually every day there are several hour preparation meetings downtown at the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) headquarters and things are noticeably ramping up. Planning has shifted to the unique situations extant at each venue site. Every week gets more hectic. Jas and I agree, it will sure be nice to get a better handle on our lives next spring.

I will give you just a brief glimpse of what is involved in this sort of undertaking – once described as equivalent to hosting seventeen consecutive Super Bowls in your city. Fortunately, IHC has provided excellent administrative help. The medical volunteerism has been astounding. Including medical administrative assistants, emergency medical technicians, certified athletic trainers, registered physical therapists, registered nurses and physicians, between nine and ten *thousand* individuals went through the entire, detailed and rigorous process of becoming credentialed as official SLOC medical volunteers – we can only use about two thousand.

Eight hundred physicians volunteered and went through the same exhaustively thorough credentialing process. We will only use about two hundred. Our competitive and non-competitive venue site physician leadership positions are occupied by terrific people. Having participated in all of the interviews, I will tell that there were about four individuals with whom I would have been comfortable for every Venue Medical Officer (VMO) we selected. At each venue there will also be another physician, Deputy Venue Medical Officer, as well as an administrator, Venue Medical Supervisor presiding over the medical personnel on duty for spectator and athlete care. Not sure why, but we ended up with a lot of emergency room physicians,

pulmonary intensivists and orthopedists – all with extensive sports medicine experience. We have a great team and had a good medical services provision experience last winter at numerous international winter sport test-events (most of them World Cup status) held at each of our competitive venue sites.

I have caused some uneasiness hereabouts by speaking out, as SLOC's designated medical spokesperson, on so-called athletic nutritional supplements and their poor regulatory oversight as a consequence of our good senior senator's legislation, the 1994 Dietary Supplement Health Education Act. SLOC, of course, has counted on Senator Hatch for support in obtaining federal funding to make this exercise financially feasible and they are not happy whenever he is unhappy. Unfortunately, however, the majority of positive tests on athletes for anabolic steroids, whether administered by the IOC during the Games or by WADA, USADA or the NCAA, come from these unlabeled, steroid precursor-containing, poorly regulated nutritional supplements which are also taken in large amounts by uninformed, but eager-to-bulk-up junior high and high school athletes – both young men and young women.

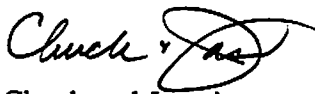
To understand why some of us get testy on this subject, one only has to read the recent book by Steven Ungerleider, PhD, *Faust's Gold*, which describes the East Germany experience during the 1970s and 1980s promoting performance enhancement, particularly in adolescent women swimmers and track athletes, via administered anabolic steroids. In the present context, these USA manufactured nutritional supplements obviously contain smaller doses, but since the metabolite which consistently turns up in the athlete's urine, nandrolone, is a banned substance, our athletes are, demonstrably, vulnerable to similar risks. I have been invited to speak on a symposium at the 6th IOC World Congress on Sport Sciences in September and the title of my presentation is: *Youth, Performance Enhancement Drugs and Health Consequences*. This will, inevitably, be covered in our local press and elicit further discomfiture.

I was proud of all of the candidates who came for interviews regarding the Professor of the Department of Neurological Surgery job here at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center. Randy Olson, MD, Chair of our Search Committee, said to me just last week at a social gathering, "Come on, are all of the academic neurosurgery guys in the country like them? That was an incredibly impressive group!" I don't think that a final decision has yet been made by our Vice President for Health Affairs, Lorris Betz. Peter Heilbrun deserves great credit for having carefully assembled an exceptional department here.

Since the last *Round Robin*, Michael, our youngest, has married well. Megan Henry attended MIT on a naval scholarship (her father is a retired naval bomber pilot), graduating in computer science and electrical engineering. Following their wedding here in early June, Jas and I went to Boston and attended both graduations: Mike's in Harvard Yard and then along the Charles River to Megan's at MIT. All of our kids then met us in Virginia for a reception at her family's residence. The newlyweds are now in San Diego and a couple of weeks ago Jas and I slipped down there to help them with some logistics. Megan took us on a tour of the destroyer to which she's been temporarily assigned. Mike won't be able to apply to medical school until he finds out where she'll be stationed for the next four years. Happily, our Chris and his little family are also there. He is in the first year of his residency in psychiatry at UC San Diego.

Jas and I will be there in November for our Academy meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Best regards,



Chuck and Jasmine



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September 6, 2001

Dear Fellow Academicians:

I hope this note finds everyone well and having had a good summer.

At Thomas Jefferson it has been an exciting year. We have continued to expand our combined endovascular and cerebrovascular training program. Our last fellow, Tom Forget, finished and returned to join Ken Smith at St. Louis University. The second fellow who finished, Ron Benitez, has stayed on staff and is now an Assistant Professor within our department and division. It continues to be an exciting time seeing more residents and fellows rotate through and become facile, not only in open cerebrovascular surgery, but endovascular techniques as well.

On a personal note, Deborah and I have had a wonderful summer and spent time in the Berkshire Mountains, hiking the Appalachian Trail. This was truly a great experience and the sites and weather were outstanding.

We look forward to seeing you all at the meeting this fall, and best wishes for the upcoming academic year.

With very best regards,

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Dear Dave:

I am pleased to provide this contribution to the Academy's 2001 Round Robin concerning the University of Toronto Program in Neurosurgery. I should like to draw everyone's attention to our newly refurbished website which can be viewed by going to: www.surg.med.utoronto.ca/NEURO/NEUROindex.html. This past year, we began a new lecture series for our residents. Each Friday, they participate in a 3 hour block of lectures in which Powerpoint presentations are becoming increasingly more educational and entertaining!

We welcomed Dr. Phil Porter, and Dr. Kamal Thapar, both graduates of the University of Toronto Neurosurgery Program as new faculty members this past year. Dr. Porter is trained in both endovascular and cerebrovascular neurosurgery. Dr. Thapar returned from a Van Waganen Fellowship and is beginning his clinical practice focusing on pituitary tumours and skull base surgery.

On a sad note, I should like to inform you and all Academy members of the passing of Academy Senior Member, Dr. E. Bruce Hendrick on August 17th, 2001. Bruce had been a member of the Academy since 1968, and was Canada's first full-time pediatric neurosurgeon. His contributions to world pediatric neurosurgery are legion, and he will be missed by all.

Dr. Alan Hudson was appointed as Officer of the Order of Canada, one of the highest awards that can be given to a citizen in our country. Dr. Hudson has also returned as Emeritus Professor teaching our residents the fundamentals of surgical neuroanatomy.

Following your lead, we enjoyed a canoe trip last September with our residents in Killarney Provincial Park. Fifteen residents and faculty members traveled into the interior of this splendid northern wilderness where we enjoyed some of the best scenery and quietude known to man.

In the last year, our faculty captured over \$4 million of research funding. Several new funding initiatives were established to aid us in our academic ventures. The Alan and Susan Hudson Chair in Neuro-oncology was established at the University Health Network where Alan had been President and CEO for seven years. A Chair holder in our Division will be determined shortly. A new Chair has also been established



for spinal cord injury research entitled the Robert Campeau Family Foundation/Charles H. Tator Chair in Brain and Spinal Cord Research. We celebrated the career of Dr. Ron Tasker at last year's 2000 E. Harry Botterell Professorship. This gala evening was crowned by the announcement of the Ron Tasker Chair in Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery at the Toronto Western Hospital. The first Chair holder is Dr. Andres Lozano.

Dr. Larry Marshall visited us in January as the 14th Annual Marshall Lecturer at the University of Toronto. His lectures on head trauma and his instruction to our residents were both captivating and motivating. We thank you, Dave, for being our 26th Annual Keith Professor. Our residents were thrilled to hear your lectures on EC-IC bypass and unruptured intracranial aneurysms. They thoroughly enjoyed their time with you, and your stimulating and honest approach to complex endovascular cases.

We were honoured and considered it a great privilege to host the 70th annual meeting of the AANS in Toronto, April 22nd - 26th. We were pleased to showcase our city to our many colleagues and guests from the United States, Canada, and around the world. Congratulations to Stewart Dunsker on his outstanding leadership as President of the AANS.

A major highlight for our program was our successful passing of the Royal College review of the Residency Program. As you all know and can appreciate, the task of preparing a program for external review is a daunting one. Our next review, barring unforeseen circumstances, will be in 6 years.

On the family front, we have enjoyed a week's vacation as part of the CNS Summer Executive Committee Meeting in Bermuda. Our family spent a week on a canoe trip in the Ontario wilderness in July. My son Daniel, now age 16, is spending the summer digitizing Harold Hoffman's slide collection. My daughter Hana, age 12, has been taking formal ballet instruction this summer as she has aspirations to become a ballerina. Marissa, age 10, has been at tennis camp. Mari and I should like to take this opportunity to send our best wishes to all Academy members, and to say how much we look forward to seeing all of you at the Academy meeting at the Breakers in November.

Sincerely,



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Dear David,

The year has been an interesting one on many fronts. I was in court for over 4 weeks for malpractice trials, in both of which I and my colleagues were found not guilty. Like everyone I know who has been through these events, however, the stresses and loss of time from work take their toll: the whole period was as difficult for me as I had heard it would be. Our Pediatric Neurosurgery Service continues to grow by leaps and bounds and I believe that by the end of this academic year we will have done more than 1,000 pediatric cases. There are four of us now practicing full time pediatric neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital, and we have a wonderful group who work well together. We have had rotators on our service this year from Syracuse, the University of Vermont, and the Mass General, and their varying surgical disciplines and training patterns have enriched the experience that all of us have had during the year. The applicants for our Pediatric Neurosurgical Fellowship continue to be first rate and I'm proud of their accomplishments since the Fellowship was established in John Shillito's honor almost ten years ago. There seem to be many academic and non-academic jobs opening up for individuals with this type of training.

For my 60th birthday, Susan and I took our entire extended family to the Caribbean for a week at the Carambola Resort in St. Croix. We had an absolutely wonderful time. It was well worth every penny that was spent and something that I'd do again in a moment. We are planning on another in celebration of Susan's birthday at the Balsams in New Hampshire, and again we're going to bring the whole family along for the trip. Our granddaughter, Taylor, will be joined by a new baby brother or sister by the time we meet for the annual meeting and the pleasure that we have had from our first grandchild has been everything that I have heard about. I've gotten to more than just a few Red Sox games over the summer, and I've played the piano regularly with my son on the Cape and where ever else I've had the chance. We continue to enjoy ~~both~~ Boston and its lively environment. We'll look forward to seeing everyone in Palm Beach in November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Michael Scott".

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2001 Round Robin

Dear Academy Colleagues and Spice*,

Greetings from the still beautiful and serene Black Hills. We have to consider every day a wonderful day since we get to look out west from our home and see the mountains and the sunsets. To be sure, we never take that view for granted. We would love to share our view with you..... are you up to this much peace and awe?

As many of you know, our beloved Shelley Chou passed away recently and he is missed greatly. Ed was able to attend his memorial service in Minneapolis at the University. It was a fitting service for Shelley— beautiful music, generous words of kindness and remembrance. There will never be another man like Shelley.

Ed is still "slowing down" but this year, he actually is working at it! Instead of stewing when a case gets cancelled, he drives the 2 miles home and works around the house or squeezes in a nap. His ankles seem to be healing from the years of self-inflicted shackling to his desk. Who ever thought this would happen? So what IS Ed planning to do? Some of you may have heard that he is contemplating some sort of political involvement, anywhere from running for Congress to an appointed governmental position. All is on the back burner while we sort out which way to go.

The local Boy Scout Council still gets a great deal of attention from Ed. However, the one person guaranteed to capture his full attention is 22-month-old granddaughter, Samantha. The other night Sammy would not walk to the car unless "Gampa" held her hand. Peg does not seem to mind this "other woman" in Ed's life. In fact, she can frequently be found on the floor just gabbing away with this precious angel. Most frequent topic? Cats and dogs, probably because we seem to be over run with them! Grandchildren Stephie, Spencer and Secily keep us hopping with their schedules of soccer, baseball, BMX racing, football games and other activities. Got some good sun going from baseball to softball games this summer!

This year is a watershed year for us. Sarah graduated from Vanderbilt University in early May and Chris graduated from high school in late May. Where DID the time go? Summer seemed to fly by. Next thing you know, Peg has put 2778.4 miles on her Yukon delivering Chris to Michigan State University and Sarah to her Minneapolis apartment so she can attend the University of Minnesota Law School. The 'empty nesters' are in fine shape. No tears or deep sadness. The phone rings less frequently (thank heavens), the washing machine is getting a well deserved break, the grocery bill is way down, we can have fish for dinner whenever we want to without complaints, no fighting over computer time.....yes, we ARE enjoying this right now.....but we are counting the days until Thanksgiving. Peg has figured out that when Sarah left for college, she lost a child; when Chris left for college, she lost a pack of teenage boys (and one girl) who frequently occupied the house and refrigerator. The sofa looks so empty...and low! Do we dare get it rebuilt now or wait for 4 years??

Peg continues with her civic activities, number one being the board of Working Against Violence, Inc., the domestic violence/sexual assault/child visitation & exchange center agency. She has chosen this as her number one activity and is ratcheting down on other demands so she can work on the capital building campaign in this coming year. Her soapbox issue is "if the same people are on multiple boards or committees, how are the younger community members going to make an impact?" A hint to those who can't say, or have a difficult time saying, "No." Say, "I think that it is important to let others have this opportunity to help." Try it, it works!

From mid-February to early March we cruised from Valparaiso, Chile, to Cape Horn and back. It was fascinating seeing the Patagonian part of Chile and southern Argentina. The phrase "stark beauty" has more meaning for us now: glaciers, fjords, rocky and scrubby land (looked like eastern Wyoming to us) and Magellan penguins (none of those in WY or SD). The coveted "double penguin" Cape Horn passport stamp, Tierra del Fuego National Park, small coastal towns (ask us about being stranded overnight!) – it was a great trip. Next year: Scandinavia and St. Petersburg, Russia. We can hardly wait.

Fondest regards,

Ed

Peg

*Remember? The plural of spouse is spice!



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Dear Fellow Academicians:

This has been a good year for the Department of Medical Surgery at Jefferson Medical College.

The central nervous system gene therapy research program of the department received the first National Institutes of Health grant ever awarded for a human trial of CNS gene therapy. Grants have been approved for Parkinson's disease and epilepsy trials, and this exciting program under Dr. Matthew During continues to spark our interest.

The clinical program has been characterized by expansion of the vascular service, during which about half of the patients with aneurysms and arteriovenous malformations were treated by endovascular techniques. Neurosurgeons perform these procedures exclusively in our department. The Department of Neurosurgery's Gamma knife and linear accelerator increased their activity.

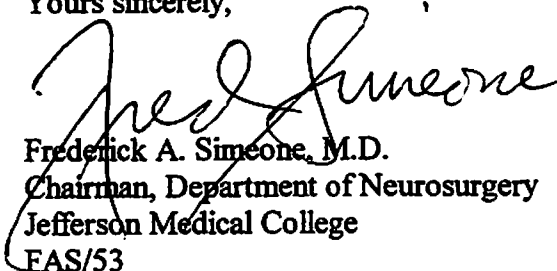
Spinal surgery continues to develop as research and technical innovations as allow us to do more things to reconstruct the vertebral column. Residents' interest in spinal disease has dramatically increased throughout the country, and we believe that there are vast areas of opportunity for improving previously untreatable disorders.

Residency training continues to be the highlight of our program. Resident experience now exceeds 4000 cases per year. The outstanding affiliation with Dr. Leslie Sutton and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia balances our program. Increasing experience in neuromodulation and epilepsy has encouraged residents to seek fellowship training and subsequent academic careers.

Philadelphia continues to be plagued with legal and reimbursement problems which are probably worse than elsewhere, but the dedication of our faculty is unwavering.

Personally, time with our family and children (12 and 24-year-olds) and continued building of the car museum and driver safety research center have become increasingly more important as a focus of long-term plans.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Academy Friends.

I must get this letter off before Tuesday when we leave on a trip to Alaska with Nancy, our fourth to turn 40, which is hard to believe. We will make a stop in Seattle, boat to Victoria and Vancouver and then on to Anchorage. We will spend four days inside Denali National Park. I sure hope the weather is good so the mountains are clear. We hope to do some good hiking and fishing and just enjoy the beauty of the place.

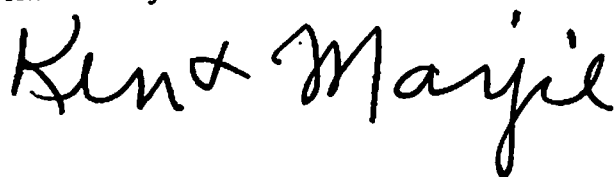
This has been a wonderful month. Ken and I used a free ticket (we were bumped) to fly to the big island of Hawaii for our 45th Anniversary. We spent four days covering the exotic sights there – the active volcano, and all its destruction and huge the crater; we drove the entire circumference seeing the tropical rain forest with lush plants, orchids, coffee, sugar cane, pineapple as well as black, green and white sand beaches, lots of lava and everywhere, wonderful flowers. We drove across the saddle between the big mountains from one coast to the other through the desert to the chilly, windy summit approach and then down to the rain forest. Finally we settled down at Kona Village and enjoyed that beautiful place for three relaxing days.

On June 21, most of the family joined us for the dedication of the KRSmith Endowed Chair in Neurosurgery at St. Louis University. Dr. Richard Bucholz was inaugurated as the first recipient of that honored chair. It was a great occasion and of course thrilling to have achieved this long awaited goal. Ken continues to be as busy as ever with his work as the department continues to grow. Our eldest daughter, Sue, is now working there also as a clinical nurse and our son, Ken is still doing micro biology on the weekends.

My life has changed since the city of St. Louis has a new Mayor. I finished my job as education liaison the end of April. I am keeping busy all summer with home, garden, family and lots of trips. Then in September we are planning another neurosurgery "mission" trip to Nairobi, Kenya. Again, it will be a joint project with Washington U with three neurosurgeons from that university and three from ours, along with nurses, anesthesiologists, and even a therapist. I'm presently collecting books and supplies to be shipped with the medical supplies the first of July. I will take them to the schools that I visited last time. There is no free education in Kenya, let alone books or supplies. We will continue on from Africa in an eastward direction to the International Congress in Sydney, then on to Washington DC where I have a national education meeting. By then it will be time for our 11th grandchild to be born in New York to Duncan and Patty so I may not get home until October.

We will look forward to seeing you all in Florida in November. Have a good summer. We send love to you dear friends.

Ken and Marjorie Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken & Marjorie". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed names.

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Dear Dave and Fellow Academicians:

Its been four years since I took over the departmental reigns from Ben Stein. Despite his predictions of the "end of the golden age" things continue to go quite well at the Neurological Institute. The clinical volume is expanding and we have added several new faculty members to the group. Sander Connolly was named a tenured associate professor, and I want to thank the many members of the Academy that participated in securing that promotion. Guy McKhann escaped from Seattle and has become a busy tumor and epilepsy surgeon with an outstanding basic research program. We just added Mike Kaiser to the spine division after his fellowship at Emory. Sean Lavine will be leaving southern California and joining the department later this year to head our endovascular neurosurgery division.

On a personal note, my wife Barbara and I have nearly completed a two year project to build a new house in New Jersey, 20 minutes from the hospital. Excessively delayed and over budget, the whole experience has been harder than running the department but has really been a lot of fun. Our daughter Reece is entering 10th grade, and anyone that has any tips on how to manage a social teenage girl in the 21st century please let me know. Hudson, our 13 year old son, has just finished his summer of tennis camp and then baseball camp. We are all looking forward to going to the beach later this month and actually being together for some family time.

Congratulations to Don Quest on being named the new president of the Academy! We look forward to joining Don and Ilona and the rest of the Academy members at the inauguration in Palm Beach.

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Dear Dave:

Thank you for reminding me to communicate to the other members of the Academy via the Round Robin. Lynne and I enjoy attending the annual meeting and as a bonus, we always enjoy reading the Round Robin before the get together.

Our family had a very active year. Alissa, our oldest, finished college at UCLA graduating Summa Cum Laude in Communications. After graduation, the whole family flew from LA to Ireland for a wonderful week of biking and traveling. What a wonderful country Ireland is. The people are great, the country is beautiful, and very, very green. It rained often while we were there. In fact, it rains so much in Ireland, that the locals have five different classifications for the rain. After our trip, Alissa started working for Bain & Company, a management consultant firm. She now lives in Los Angeles, working hard, and enjoying her new life.

Christopher finished high school last year and became a college man. He went to the University of Arizona in Tucson and finished his freshman year already. He is working this summer, before returning to school in the fall. Besides work, girls, basketball, and surfing are occupying his days.

Stephen, believe it or not, finished fourth grade this summer. He, as usual, participated in every possible event, club, and competition that is available to a 10-year-old. Soccer, basketball, baseball, cub scouts, Odyssey of the Mind (OM), band, variety shows, chess club, and, yes,,,, school, were on the agenda last year. Dad coached soccer again with Stephen playing half-back. We lost one, tied two, and won the rest of our games for a fair season.

David G. Piepgras, M.D.

June 27, 2001

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Lynne had her usual, busy, hectic schedule. Besides taking care of all of us, (especially a very busy 10-year-old), she continues to do a tremendous amount of charity and volunteer work. She is on many committees and organizations, being an officer in several of them. She and Alissa finished a sprint triathlon in Seattle in the fall of 2000.

I had my Achilles tendon repaired last July and have recovered nicely, having started jogging and walking without a limp. The year was an active one with a heavy travel schedule, organizational commitments, and work.

Our group at work continues to be growing. We are adding two more associates this summer. We are fortunate to have an excellent group of residents and fellows who work hard, are productive, and render excellent patient care. That is not to say we had a few blips on the radar screen, but these were dealt with as best as possible and we moved forward.

It was an eventful year, highlighted by Alissa's and Christopher's graduation and by our family trip to Ireland. It should be a fun meeting at the Breakers. I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,



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July 5, 2001

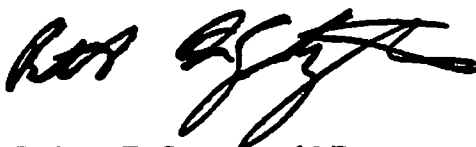
Dear Fellow Academicians:

As is true for the rest of my colleagues, time remains at a premium! I continue to rest on the laurels of our remarkably productive residents and fellow attendings. It also continues to be a thrill and pleasure to come to work, to a great extent because it allows me to be in the presence of our intelligent and enthusiastic residents and fellows. The collegiality at the BNI, cemented by Volker and my relationship, remains a great source of pride.

On a more personal note, Nancy and I continue to be active with heli skiing, crossing the Grand Canyon, and climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro this past year. That our health continues to allow us to participate in these strenuous activities is indeed a true blessing. But the family highlight for this year will be our son David's wedding to Kirsten, a delightful young woman.

Needless to say, both on a professional and personal level, things continue to go well, and we wish everyone continued health and happiness.

Sincerely,



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September 2001

Dear Academy Friends:

Joanne and I continue our good health and good fortune and we send our greetings from San Antonio.

My practice continues to develop at about the right rate and I still enjoy working. It is hard to believe that I have been downtown almost 6 years. I am very blessed with two fine pediatric neurosurgical associates, and we are privileged to be able to help the University service. Our Childrens Hospital provides very good experience for the residents and I believe they very much enjoy their rotation with us. Dennis Volmer has a full agenda at the University and is doing a very fine job with the service and the training program. We are most fortunate to have him and his faculty and I hope he will be at the University for many years to come. We are pleased with the addition of a new Surgical Tower, Cancer Treatment Center, and Childrens and Families Health Clinic Building at our Christus Santa Rosa Hospital this past year.

On the homefront, we have been busy developing our ranch along with our son. This entailed putting in all-weather roads, utilities, water wells for livestock, irrigation, and human consumption, as well as, building and furnishing a ranch house for all to enjoy. We have had a record amount of rain in this usually dry country so all the water tanks and lake are full and the bass are jumping at our hooks! With wildlife feeders placed just beyond the backyard, we are able to entice and watch the turkeys, deer, quail, and wild hogs stroll by to entertain us each morning and evening. If you're in the area, give us a call, we'd love to have you visit.....the "Welcome Sign" is out!

Our family is still growing with 12 grandchildren already and one more on the way in mid-November. This may complicate our travel plans to Florida but hopefully, we'll see you at the Breakers in Palm Beach.

Our best to all of you,

Joanne and Jim Story



August, 2001

Dear Dave and Friends,

My biggest news is that son Thor, III, became a Mayo Consultant , Rochester, in Cardio-Thoracic Surgery on July 1, 2001. It is a thrill for me to know that he will be practicing medicine where his father spent so many happy years. And of course I'll get to see many old friends when I go to visit!!! I'll spend 5 days there in September. He and Kathleen and son Hal (12 in November) have bought a home on Weatherhill, just around the corner from the home Thor and I built in 1969. We were the first home on Weatherhill. Thor now has his own five acres to plant. (We planted 2000 trees!)

Laura is happy with Northern Trust Bank in Tucson as a Vice President in the Trust Department. She and Jon had a lovely time with Linda and George Ojemann and their daughter and fiancée when Ojemanns were in town. Son John is now a Vice President with Sundt Construction in charge of Tucson projects. His wife, Kimberly, is P.R. at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort where we have had several meetings. So at the present all is well with the Sundt Family.

John and I are bottling our first release of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah under our label "Rutherford Oaks" and enjoying the new adventure. We spend the summer months (May through October) in St. Helena on our Hozhoni Vineyard site and return to Arizona for the glorious winter months. It has been a real treat to see so many medical friends when they have included us in the Board meeting and RRC meeting dinners in our areas. We opened our first bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon and were thrilled to find it a real winner. And with a few years on it, it will be magnificent. Very pleased. Haven't tasted the Syrah yet, So keep fingers crossed.

We had planned a wine and food tour to Spain and Portugal with the Chalone Wine Group, but had to cancel when John needed Mayo Scottsdale neurosurgeon to remove pieces of broken disc. Mark Lyons, who did the surgery was trained by Thor and did a great job. We will have a French Barge trip in mid August, followed by a driving tour through parts of Europe and ending in the Channel Islands with good British friends.

We continue to follow and cheer for the Diamondbacks as John is an investor. And of course we both follow University of Arizona Basketball and already have our tickets for next March in Sacramento on the road to the Final Four. John and I both attended U. of A. many years ago. (That is where we first met and dated).

That's about it for us. We had a lovely evening with the RRC committee when they met in Napa and plan on being with you all when the Academy meets in Phoenix or Tucson. I always love seeing old friends and remembering the wonderful years with Thor and all of you. So give us a call if you are in the area...480-998-8963 in Arizona and 707-963-1453 in California. Best to all,

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Dear Academy Friends,

I've been spending the weekend at the daunting task of trying to bring some order out of the accumulated chaos on my desk. I tell you true, it's an effort that's appropriately called Labor Day(s)!

In working my way down to desk top I've come upon David Piepgras's reminder that the Round Robin deadline is September 7, and Will and I have been so remiss in the recent years that I don't want to fail again. As for what to say -

First and most importantly, I want to thank you for the letters that have come from so many of you since Will's death. It's been truly heartwarming to have such kind expressions of friendship and sympathy, and I am most appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

On other scores - The legal case against Will that I suppose most of you know about continues to chug along. The U.S. Circuit Court has accepted the appeal from ^{the} jury findings and damage awards in the trial court. I expect that the appeal will be scheduled for hearing in the coming months. I must say that having a front row seat at a 6-week jury trial was an illuminating experience, and although I had never had any special wish to gain insight into the workings of the law and the courts, I am indeed better informed now.

Throughout my lengthy legal "tutorial" it's been helpful to have clear understandings both of the complexities in the attempts to bring boron neutron capture therapy to clinical fruition and also of the importance of clinical trials for testing the value of all innovative approaches. Even more helpful has been my confidence in Will's integrity in all of his efforts, and on this score it was gratifying that the jury found for the defense in the matter of fully informed consent. On the other hand, the plaintiffs carried the day in contending that a clinical trial (any clinical trial) cannot be justified if it carries any potential risk, whether known or unknown. The success of this argument led to jury findings of negligence and wrongful death. This outcome was doubly unfortunate - not only for the defense in the specific case but also for the broad issue of clinical trials in general. It remains to be seen what the appeals court will make of all of this. Time will tell. Thus far I seem to have been able to roll with the punches, and I trust I'll continue to be able to do so. Time will tell about this too.

It sounds as though the planning that Richard and Mary Jean Morawetz have done for November 14-17 in Palm Beach will make this another of the Academy's memorable gatherings. All good wishes for a wonderful few days.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth

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A warm greeting to all our Academy friends. We are truly sorry to miss the meeting which Richard and Mary Jean are organising in Palm Beach, but long distance travel becomes progressively less appealing as the years go by ! Much of the earlier part of this year was dominated by the weather, how it rained ! Pauline and Rosemary, our elder daughter in general practice, got so fed up with it that they went off for a week to the Gambia in late January, while Lindsay resolutely played golf with waterproofs and umbrella. Then a blessed two weeks in Portugal restored the balance.

The startling news is that Fraser and Mariko have emigrated - to Scotland ! Having sold their house in Old Welwyn for an indecent amount (house prices in the South are very high) they bought a beautiful house on the shores of Loch Fyne, and the advantages of working on the internet are now apparent.

We have a busy schedule this summer. We have just had a week in the Isle of Man with the Royal Archeological Institute, Victorian industrial sites and a spectrum of Crosses from Celtic and Viking times aplenty, and here and there the artefacts of long gone Neolithic man mingled with the Fortifications of stormy Medieval sieges. Soon we go to Aberdeen to the fiftieth anniversary of Lindsay's graduation class - those that are left ! Then to Budapest to see friends and join the Harveian Society's summer tour, from where we travel to the Tiber valley to the Archeology of Clusium and the Sabine hills. Then back to Scotland for the Rand A autumn medal and a visit to Cruden Bay and Royal Aberdeen before Loch Fyne. Moderate golf success, two trophies and a win in the first round of the local BMW tournament - we'll see how far LS goes. Seniors Vice Captain in the local club this year - time consuming.

Rosemary and family are camping out with us this summer while their house, damaged by flooding in the winter is repaired end extended. They are sailing in Greece at present, the peace is overwhelming; with two teenagers, a six year old and a dog the place buzzes !

Fiona and her brood are well., we expect them down when the Eddington tribe depart.

Music as always, occupies Pauline's time. Choir, Concert and Clarsach about summarises it.

The main thing is that, thankfully, we are all well. How did I ever find the time to do any work ?

Every good wish to you all.

Lindsay = *Pauline Symon*

Toronto Western Hospital
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June 25, 2001

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Dear David:

RE: Round Robin


This year has been especially hectic for the Tator family. In early March, I underwent surgery for a colon carcinoma, and I received very VIP treatment from my general surgery colleagues. The nursing care was superb, and my recovery was excellent, although I am still undergoing chemotherapy which lasts until approximately September.

It has been quite an experience to be on the "receiving end" of medical care. The importance of teamwork was driven home, and although I have always espoused the concept of teamwork in neurosurgery, I was even more impressed with the importance of teamwork when viewed from the patients' perspective. In neurosurgery, we rely on so many other healthcare givers in order to give our patients the best possible chance of recovering from their medical conditions. In the neurosurgical hospital setting we interact with a myriad of physicians, nurses, therapists, secretaries, etc. All of these individuals can make a difference to the well being of our patients. During my training, I encountered all kinds of neurosurgeons from the prima donnas to the team builders, and now I applaud even more the team builders. Of course, every team needs a captain which in our case is the neurosurgeon, but being a captain includes the responsibility of being a team builder.

In March I stopped seeing patients and stopped operating, but my illness has given me a chance to have a mini-sabbatical, and I have taken the opportunity to be in my basic research laboratory almost daily, and have increased my work for Think First Canada. I am so pleased with the progress at Think First Canada where we now deliver a brain and spinal cord injury prevention program to more than 100,000 students annually in elementary and high schools. We have created new programming and have had excellent support from the Canadian Neurosurgical Society and the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences.

I hope to return to good health in the fall and to resume practice.

Yours sincerely,



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John and Susan Tew

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September 1, 2001

Dear Dave and Academy Friends,

As I write to you I am en route to meet our daughter, Margaret for an invigorating week of Mother-Daughter fitness training at Rancho La Puerta in Tecate, Mexico. It's a fabulous 60 yr. old spa dedicated to the values of health, exercise and spiritual awareness with outstanding teachers and classes in everything from Pilates and Yoga to African Dance, Circuit Training and meditation. Mornings begin at 6:30 with a vigorous hike up the mountain and the days are consumed by as many classes and services as you wish. The prevailing atmosphere of the ranch is a kind of Zen mindfulness which contributes greatly to a deepening awareness of the beauty of the desert as well as creating an environment for renewing ones own inner spirit. I highly recommend this spot; the food is fabulous AND healthy.

My other "outside the box" adventure this summer was a week at Clown College at the U. Of Wisconsin with a friend who was also looking for a creative way to endear herself to her grandchildren. We participated in the full gambit from juggling and magic to balloon animals endless laughter. Such fun! a delightful filter to view life through children's eyes again.

Our family is growing with the birth of a second grandchild in Boulder named John McLellan Tew III. We were called off the ski slope as Matson took Nicole to the hospital. What a gift to be able to hold the warm bundle of love on my chest and assist in his transition to the spaciousness of his new world. That was my all time favorite job this year!

Margaret lives in Bolinas, CA and is engaged to be married to Chris Romero June 15, 2002. She has joined the ranks of many Californians who are jobless and in transition. Neal began Medical School at the University of Cinn last week and John gave the Keynote Address at the White Coat ceremony initiating the first year students. Needless to say we are thrilled to have one of three children living in Cinn.

John has been busy negotiating the challenges of retiring from being the Chairmanship of Neurosurgery while still maintaining an active operating schedule and a high level of community involvement. The Dean is finalizing the selection of the next chairman. Harry VanLoveren is the internal candidate and is certainly a highly deserving successor because of his many skills as a teacher, leader, surgeon and international figure in neurosurgery.

Lots of John's attention is being focused on the creation of The Neuroscience Institute; of course, this means major efforts are directed at development and infrastructure. On a personal level, he continues to thrive on fishing, hunting, working out and bicycle training. Today he is

looking for a partner to ride the Blue Ridge Parkway with him. His vision for our barn at Bonny Shore in Spring Island, SC as a family retreat has become a reality. This summer everyone, including Margaret's fiance, Chris, and Neal's girlfriend, Katie, tested and found the waters friendly and invigorating. Just what we had hoped would happen!

We look forward to being in Palm Beach in November and to seeing all of you there!

Peace and love to each of you!

Susan and John Tew



4th of July Parade at Spring Island

9/4/2001

Dear Colleagues,

I am still in the Nursery business.

Since 1997, we have added 60 additional acres of trees to the existing nursery; started a container oak production facility; and planted a test field. Our staff which now totals 30 people includes 2 horticulturists, a salesman, an office manager, and a full-time mechanic. All but one of the field workers are Hispanic.

The test field is designed both to evaluate new trees being introduced into the trade and trees that are normally not grown in the Southeast. Currently, we are evaluating a total of 180 different species of trees & shrubs. The test field is entering its 3rd year and our staff is pleased with some of the results. I would be happy to share the information gained from this project. If any of you wish to see a list of or a digital image of any of the test trees, contact me via e-mail – midgeorgia@accessunited.com
Or visit our website at: www.midgeorgiansy.com

I live on the nursery and maintain an apartment in Atlanta. Most of my time is spent at the nursery. Most tree nurseries such as mine are way out in the boonies. The nearest convenience store is miles away, so you can imagine how exciting night life must be here at the nursery. Thank goodness for satellite TV and FM reception!

My children and grandchildren are all well. Three of the grandchildren have graduated from universities. My 2 stepchildren (Wendy's daughters – Katie & Jenny) are currently in college – Jenny in pre-med at USC & Katie in Fashion Design at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

My best wishes & regards to all.

George T Tindall

August 3, 2001

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Dear Dr. Piepgras:

This has been an eventful year for me with travels to foreign ports and the recycling of my nursing expertise. And, to think I had retired! Attendance at neuroscience meetings and speaking engagements completed my roster this year. These are always educationally enlightening and an opportunity to renew old friendships. I especially enjoyed the chance to speak with Tom Brokaw, the Cushing Orator, last April. Many were not aware his daughter was a medical resident and then an attending M.D. at UNM Hospital in the emergency room department until recently. Everyone liked her and kept her identity under wraps at her request.

My travels outside the U.S. included a cruise-tour of the Far East Asian countries in November. This was a return trip to view the changes there. It was astonishing to see how fast China has transformed and accepted western influence. Thus, a country we are going to have to reckon with in the near future both politically and economically. Soviet coastal cities seem to be indifferent to the dictates of their politbureau. Xmas was spent in Las Vegas and always a great city for diversion as long as one has plastic. Over New Year's holiday, I flew to Buenos Aires, eventually boarding the Marco Polo cruise ship for The Falkland Islands and Antarctica. This was a spectacular trip and one I would highly recommend for the truly fit. (Yes, it is cold and the weather can change within minutes.) The multiplicity of penguins, whales, seals, and albatross are a visual delight as is the pristine snow covered continent. The lectures by outstanding scientists were excellent and never dull. I soon found myself defrosting in Honolulu and enjoying blue sky and white sand -- such a relief.

Between travels I had my final reconstructive surgery and am looking forward to being made new again. This did not preclude my giving a number of neuroscience nursing presentations, edited as well as made contributions to several books etc.. One obvious point: The nursing shortage is critical through^{out} the U.S. with a bleak future on the horizon unless corrective measures are taken soon. It may be physicians and other health care staff will now recognize our worth and be more collaborative and receptive to our efforts on the health care team. Economics factor in this dilemma.

In a few weeks I am headed back to Hawaii and then Sydney, Australia, for the WFNN/WFNS meetings.

Rounding out this vagabond year, a Mississippi River sojourn on the Grand American Queen is scheduled over Thanksgiving holiday -- a new steamboat experience for me.

Can't say life is boring, just not enough time to do everything that is fun. Family members are holding up well although flabbergasted trying to catch up on my whereabouts. Must get ready for a conference in Virginia Beach now. Best wishes to all Academy friends and maybe our paths will cross soon.

Cordially yours,

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June 14, 2001

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

Another eventful year has passed since my last letter. It has been much more pleasant than the previous year.

In the middle of January of this year, a week after our Dean unexpectedly departed; I was invited by the President to take over the helm.

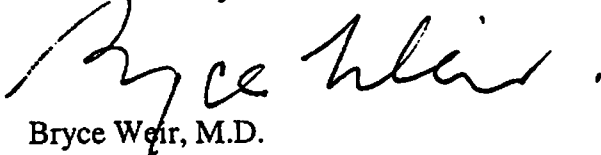
I had planned on retiring from operative Neurosurgery next summer, so I was psychologically prepared to do this. The position is much too demanding to combine with continued clinical activity. So far I've enjoyed it. When a permanent Dean is selected, I will go on terminal sabbatical. My day's activities now are reminiscent of having a very busy clinic in which every patient has a different post-operative complication. At least the problems relate to money and space, rather than life and death.

My son graduated from college this year, which was a very happy family event. Hopefully, he will shortly embark on his quest to become a captain of industry. Mary Lou has been very busy helping me with my books and papers. In addition, she is kept very busy with the social aspects of my current position.

I have started to take lessons at the Art Institute here in Chicago in preparation for my second career as an artist.

Kindest regards to all of you.

Yours sincerely,



Bryce Weir, M.D.

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September 6, 2001

Dear Fellow Academicians,

We have had a pretty exciting year including a few adventures: a cruise to Greece and Turkey capped off by a private tour of Israel, and then, just to make sure that we didn't become jaded by fine weather, we spent two weeks in February in England and Ireland. Defrosting at home in the spring, we were revved up for the birth of our fourth grandchild who arrived on April Fools Day.

Our daughter Elisabeth and son-in-law Scott welcomed Hilary Montana Roberts in the wee hours of April 1st. She is an absolute delight and bona-fide "chubster" weighing 18 pounds at five months of age. Since she's in San Francisco, we get to enjoy her frequently.

We recently celebrated our fortieth wedding anniversary by giving one another a new patio and fish pond in our backyard. To add insult to injury, I had my big sixtieth birthday two weeks later. We celebrated it quietly at our cabin in Montana where we are resuming our all too infrequent fishing excursions.

Marty is maintaining his usual insane schedule including the presidency of the Senior Society and Associate Editor of The Journal. He's not ready to retire yet but talks about stepping down from the chairmanship in three years (after 28 years at that job he talks about it a lot!). There are now 10 neurosurgeons on the full time staff in the Department, and the new Neurogenetics Institute should be completed by the end of the year. That will add sorely needed new lab space and complement our activities with the addition of thirty new tenured faculty in basic neuroscience. The University Hospital is bursting at the seams; Steve Giannotta is the Medical Director of the Hospital in addition to his job as chief of neurosurgery at UH. New construction is moving forward there for a new patient tower to include 14 additional operating rooms and a 50% increase in beds. In addition, ground has been broken for the new County Hospital facility that should be finished in time for Marty's retirement.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings.

Stay well!

Best Wishes,
Debby



Department of
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July 17, 2001

Dear Friends,

The past six months have brought some major decisions. First, I decided to have the same operation done on my left thumb that four years ago was done successfully on my right thumb, and the operation itself took place on March 5, a date very clear in my mind. This letter is being composed July 17, so I have been out of the operating room for four months with an unexpectedly long recovery since the operation required a tendon transfer, removal of a degenerated bone and a fusion requiring an IM pin. During those four months after a great deal of reflection, I decided to leave UCSF at the end of the year. I had made two promises to myself: first, that when I had done my last operation I would, in the manner of Larry Pool and Ben Stein, walk out the door with the comment, "Forward my mail;" and second, that I would leave while still at the top of my game.

I met with Mitch Berger in early June. I left open the date that I would go back to the operating room, but very soon thereafter I decided that I would not. Having been out four months, I felt I could not get back up to speed as quickly as I had in the past after much shorter periods out of the operating room, and rather than do one operation that I would have reason to regret, I made the decision to finish the remainder of the year supporting the Department and specifically directing patients to my colleagues. This was most important in the case of pituitary tumors, because in the past year I have done more transsphenoidal operations than at any time in the past. Happily, Sandeep Kunwar who trained with us will pick up my practice without losing a beat, and to the extent that I can I want to promote his taking over my referral base.

In addition to this non-surgical practice, I want to complete a review of patients operated on for Cushing's disease and begin a monograph on pituitary adenomas. In November, I will give a thank you party to my colleagues at UCSF for making UCSF the institution that it is and for helping me to become the best that I could be.

I have continued working at the Institute for the Future where my research involves emerging medical technologies, academic medical centers and the technologies specifically supported by molecular genetics. I began working at the Institute four years ago with the full approval and support of Mitch Berger, and two years ago I was promoted from a Senior Research Fellow to a Director.

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Dr. Wilson
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As of January 2, 2002, I will split my time between the Institute and a new organization, the Health Technology Center, started by Molly Coye, the CEO. I will be a Senior Advisor to the Health Technology Center with considerable overlap in content with my role in the Institute for the Future. Both organizations share the fifth floor of a downtown San Francisco building, and I have taken up commuting there by bike, which I love. The route that I like takes me through the Presidio and along the Embarcadero, and although it can be windy, there are few landscapes that are more beautiful. Francie and I purchased and remodeled a small place in the western Sonoma mountains, five mile from the edge of town. It is just over 45 minutes from our house in San Francisco, and it is incredibly quiet and relaxing. I have a fully equipped office there as well as an exercise facility, and because much of the work that I do does not require my being in the downtown office, I have great freedom to work wherever I wish.

Francie, quite literally, is a part-time student, taking classes at the University of California Extension here in San Francisco. Later this month, we will go to Jamaica where my son, Byron, is getting married. In June, we were in New York where we attended the graduation of Francie's daughter, Kathryn, and while there I visited Phil Gutin and his staff.

We look forward to being with you at the annual meeting where, of all subjects, Robert Spetzler had asked Ben Stein and me to talk about retirement. Robert extended the invitation before I decided to retire, so at the very least I hope that it will be interesting. In any event, Ben and I will enjoy exchanging stories.

Best wishes to all,



Charles B. Wilson, MD, MSHA

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Dear Dave:

The big news this year is that Lynn Nagle and I will be married on August 4th. We plan a short vacation in Europe and following that will settle down to build a new house on Skidaway Island. If this is not enough to keep us busy, we are also trying to refurbish a cabin in North Carolina at the Wade Hampton Golf Club, where I have been a member for several years.

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

Life is good! Our practice is ever expanding because of the large volume of neurosurgery. I'm enclosing our brochures for the historical files, indicating the quality of the neurosurgeons in our group. We are looking for a few good men (or women) and if you know of any younger neurosurgeons who would be interested in relocating to Columbus, Ohio, I'd be interested to hear about them.

On a personal note, the family is ever thriving. I have four grandchildren, the youngest is three and fortunately, all are in Columbus. Every Sunday evening we have a command performance, i.e., dinner with the entire family. I look forward to seeing the group at the meeting in Palm Beach in November.

Sincerely,



David Yashon, M.D.

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Enclosure

Meet Our Surgeons

DAVID YASHON, M.D.

Dr. Yashon received his medical degree from the University of Illinois as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha where he trained under Dr. Eric Oldberg who was Dr. Harvey Cushing's last resident. Dr. Yashon is listed in Who's Who in the World and Who's Who in America. He served as Professor of Neurosurgery at Ohio State University and is a Fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada. He is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery.



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Dr. Sadar received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University, graduating cum laude as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the Medical School Honorary Society. Training under Dr. John A. Jane at the University of Virginia Medical School, he also served as a Fellow under Dr. Charles Drake, renowned intracranial aneurysm surgeon. Dr. Sadar is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery.



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Dr. Hawk graduated from Bethany College, magna cum laude, and received his medical degree and completed his neurosurgical training from The Ohio State University. There he trained under Dr. William E. Hunt and presently serves as assistant clinical professor. Dr. Hawk is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery.



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Dr. Brightman completed her undergraduate studies at Duke University, magna cum laude, and graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine, magna cum laude and valedictorian. She completed her neurosurgical training at The Ohio State University where she holds a clinical faculty appointment. She is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.



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Dr. Mullin received his medical degree and completed his neurosurgical training at The Ohio State University. He has also completed an NIH research fellowship in spinal cord injury at OSU. He has special expertise in frameless stereotactic surgery, brain tumor treatment and spinal fusion. Dr. Mullin is board certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery.



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ROBERT J. GEWIRTZ, M.D.

Dr. Gewirtz graduated from Case Western Reserve University, graduating summa cum laude and elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

His medical degree is from the University of Cincinnati where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed his neurosurgical training at the Cleveland Clinic, with a year of fellowship in cerebrovascular surgery under Dr. Gary Steinberg at Stanford University. He has a special interest in aneurysms, AVMs, epilepsy surgery, and Gamma Knife radiosurgery. Dr. Gewirtz is board certified and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.



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Dr. Bonasso is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Cincinnati. He also earned his medical degree in Cincinnati and then completed his neurosurgical training at The Ohio State University with an emphasis on recurrent brain tumors and spinal fusion. Dr. Bonasso is a classically trained neurosurgeon with expertise in all aspects of intracranial and spinal neurosurgery. Dr. Bonasso is board eligible.



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