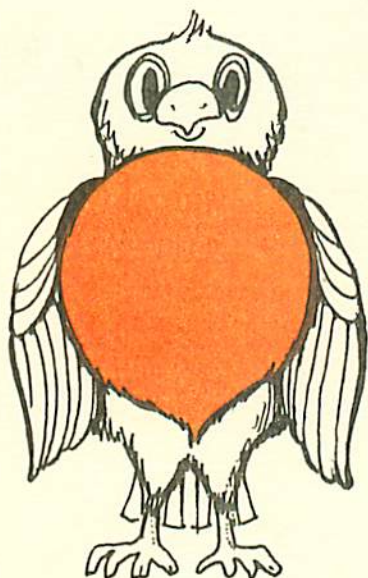
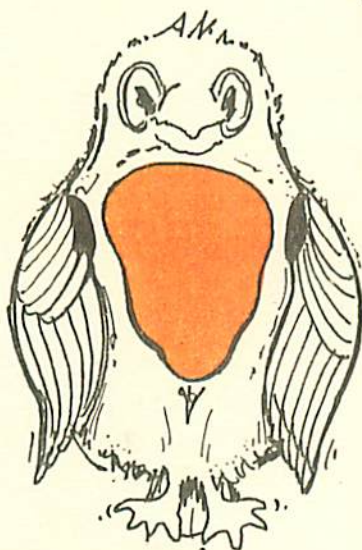
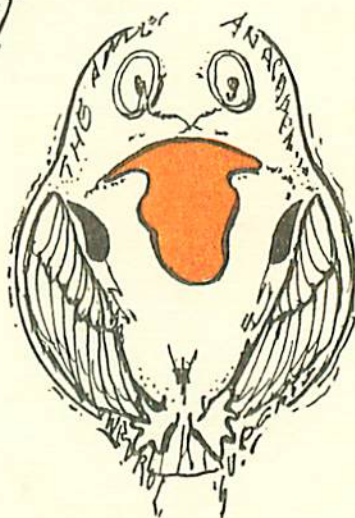


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Dear Bill:

I've been a little slower than usual in sending in my contribution to the Round Robin since I have wondered whether our members would be interested in the ruminations of an octogenarian.

I've been fortunate in my associations in Neurosurgery, but nothing has meant as much to me as The American Academy of Neurological Surgery and specifically the Round Robin letter.

In thinking about this, I wondered why this would be so, and the answer is obvious. It is the people who are elected to membership in The American Academy of Neurological Surgery, a process which on occasion has been frustrating and irritating, but has worked out as a magnificent group of people.

The Academy as I estimated is now 56 years old, and old enough to have lost a number of our most distinguished members, about 60 as I counted.

As one looks over those names and the present membership, one realizes the true strength of this organization and its appeal to its membership. I personally greatly indebted to it.

The American Surgical Association has for years had a tradition which I believe we could adopt in the Academy for the Round Robin letter. At each publication of their "TRANSACTIONS" a biography (and a photograph) is published at the end of the volume. The biography is short, but written by someone who knew the individual well, and they make for great reading and it is an important part of the association.

William Buchheit, M.D.
July 15, 1994
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Although, obviously we can't go back through the first 60 individuals who have died in the Academy, but I would suggest that we consider taking this up as an annual project hereafter.

Betty and I are well, we now have a new grandchild, a total now of three. I've been busy each day working up to January 1st as Editor of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY, and since then very busy getting the material ready for the 75th Anniversary Volume of the Society of Neurological Surgeons as its Historian to be published for its annual meeting in Boston next spring.

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April 27, 1994

Dear Academician,

It seems as though we just wrote this letter a few months ago so time keeps rolling on.

We continue to grow at the UIC Department of Neurosurgery. Our surgical volume and in-patient census have increased and we have opened an 11 bed neurosurgical intensive care unit. We seem to be attracting the complicated cases that the neurosurgeons in the community do not want to handle.

Gerard Debrun has joined us and has added an extra dimension in management of aneurysms with coils, nidus gluing for AVMs, the treatment of ischemia, carotid cavernous fistulas and a variety of other problems in which his skills are so well developed. He is a superb spinal cord angiographer and this has been an area of interest for some time for all of us here.

Carolyn is working for the hospital and dean and has her own office and staff.

Editing *Surgical Neurology* has been a real challenge and a lot of fun as we try to enhance it and improve the format that will appeal to our world wide readership.

Our children are doing well.

We look forward to seeing you all at the meeting this Fall.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill and Fellow Academicians:

As I look back over the last few months I am reminded of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring". Certainly it was a silent spring for me starting a little bit before March 2 when I entered the MGH for treatment of intractable interscapular pain. This was presumed to be due to osteoporotic vertebral body fracture. The pain was excruciating and debilitating so that it finally ended in severe respiratory problems. Then my vocal cords lost about 90% of their function and I had to have a tracheostomy. After a month in a rehab hospital I finally got home on June 23.

As this letter is dictated I still have my trach and I'm on oxygen. Nevertheless, I have gained in strength and I'm able to get around reasonably well. It is my hope that the end of this week will end my dependence upon oxygen and that I can take out the trach.

I apologize for this lengthy description of the state of my health but several of you have been inquiring. I gather that some of my friends think I'm still at death's door. I'm not!

Throughout this illness Elizabeth has been a pillar of strength and together with the home health aide is taking excellent care of me.

Other news of the family is that my son's widow, Martha, has just married again here to a fine person named William Slayman. We are quite happy for both of them. Our son Tad's children are doing extremely well. Allison, the daughter, enters Penn State Medical School in a day or two and her older brother, Tom, is entering New

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Haven to take advanced studies in environmental protection. He had previously worked for two years following graduation from Princeton with the Environmental Protection Agency of the State of New Jersey. A third grandson, James Gardner, is completing his work at Rensselaer Polytech and he has been working for General Electric during the past school year and is getting high marks.

Elizabeth and I are looking forward to the Fall meeting of the Academy and have every intention of making it if my oxygen requirements are satisfied without carrying a tank around!

Many thanks to all of you who have been so kind to remember me during my illness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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Dear Bill:

The Black family doesn't have a great deal new to report this year. Our oldest daughter Dia has just finished her first year at Smith and loves it. Our twin daughters Katie and Libby begin their college careers at Harvard in September. Our fifteen year old son Peter Thomas continues at Boston Latin School and our thirteen year old son Christopher at the Roxbury Latin School. Katharine has been teaching Greek at the Episcopal Divinity School this last year as well as doing interim positions in a number of churches.

I have continued to work at the Children's and Brigham and Women's Hospitals. The Boston medical scene was recently changed in an interesting way by the affiliation of the MGH and the Brigham; what this will mean long term remains to be seen.

We wish all the members well and look forward to seeing you in October.

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ROUND ROBIN LETTER - 1994

August 10, 1994

Dear Bill and Members of the Academy:

It's time to think about fall and meeting with you all in Georgia.

Summer has been a bit warm and dry in South Texas - last night - August 9th, we had our first rain in 30 days - 2 inches - and wow, what a gift from heaven! How grateful we are!

Our family is all back in Texas — a real celebration. Our son, Willis III, has come home after living in Milwaukee for seven years. While there he earned a degree in Business from Marquette and worked for a bank while helping his grandparents in their final illnesses. He returned in February and is now pursuing a career in banking and renewing old friendships.

Lisa, who received a BFA (Art History) and BA in Art from UT-Austin, has been living in San Antonio and teaching. She will be teaching first grade this fall and is racing against the clock to get her new classroom ready by August 15th. As a Junior League provisional, a new teacher, and a student pursuing teacher certification, she is busy, needless to say.

Our community activities are steady — church, Rotary, community Boards. My most recent project this summer was to complete a history of the Colonial Dames in San Antonio -- to be published later this year.

Willis continues a rigorous schedule at the Medical School. The new trends in health care financing are presenting some major challenges to the Division. The Academic Highlight of the year was the Visiting Professorship of Lyle French in June. He and his wife, Gene, made an extra-special effort to attend for the graduation of Jim's 15th Chief Resident. It was ever-so-nice to have three generations of neurosurgery gathered for the occasion.

We eagerly look forward to the meeting at the Cloister in November!

Most Cordially,



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Dear Friends:

The last year has been a very exciting one for Christa and I. Most importantly, our lives are settling down and we are enjoying it very much. Christa has made our home quite attractive. We have an attached greenhouse, swimming pool and a large yard which contains a fish pond and five very big goldfish. We bought a female springer spaniel three months ago and she has been a real treat for both of us. Her name is Schotzie, which is the same name that I gave to Christa. It is interesting in our house to see who responds to the name. Living with a German has been a good experience for me in terms of punctuality, organization, and details. Christa is a wonderful housekeeper, who really keeps me on my toes.

We have had two trips to Germany this year, one in November when we visited her children, and a second one in the end of February when we went skiing. Both of them were fabulous and came off without a hitch. Both Christa and I are skiing much more conservatively and actually took along a ski teacher the whole time, more as a source of rescue if necessary, than to learn new skiing techniques. Fortunately, we just had some fun with him, and we didn't need his services to get us back down the hill. We are organizing another trip to ski in Austria at our old place Obergurgl some time in March. If anyone gets an interest to go over with us we would be glad to have your company.

The biggest news for the year is my resignation as the chair at Temple, and my move to Thomas Jefferson University where I am the Chief and Program Director. After being here six weeks, I am confident it was a good move. I came with Bob Rosenwasser and David Andrews who both worked with me at Temple. The three of us joined the existing faculty at Jefferson, along with Fred Simeone who is the Chairman. His associate is Stephen Dante, as well as Warren Goldman the

former chair at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. This group joined the existing faculty at Jefferson bringing the total faculty to nine (9). This move was not met with Universal enthusiasm within the city of Philadelphia, but from my perspective it is good for Neurosurgery, the community, and good for us. At age 60 a job change is a very sobering event, but it certainly prevents the slow slide into old age, I was otherwise doomed for.

This year has also seen some good fishing with everyone's fishing guide, Ernie Mack. We went to the Rogue River Neurosurgical in the fall of last year and next week we are going back again. By the time I get to the meeting in Sea Island, we'll have had two good weeks on the river with Ernie, the Pattersons and the Rafts. On the second trip Christa's daughter and her husband are joining us so we will add a little international flavor to this episode.

Being president of the Academy for the year has been my biggest honor. It is humbling to think that I am president of the worlds most distinguished neurosurgical group. I thank you all for the opportunity and I look forward to seeing you in two months.

With very best personal regard and high esteem for everyone.

Sincerely;



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Round Robin Draft- American Academy of Neurological Surgery

Greetings to the members and friends of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery! All of us in Neurosurgery are experiencing tremendous forces of change and we certainly have our share in Oregon. The Oregon Health Plan has gone into effect and this innovative prioritization scheme of health care will dramatically effect our practice and reimbursement. This experiment in healthcare will take several years to yield results but is now being actively looked at not only by other states but also other countries. The Portland metropolitan healthcare marketplace is also very active and our university is pursuing many innovative strategies to become more user friendly, cost effective and competitive.

Much of my time has been devoted to the changes in the faculty practice at OHSU and its effect on the hospital and Medical School. The Journal of Neurosurgery and Neurosurgery now have strong competition from Health Affairs, AMA News, Modern Healthcare, OT/TOM, University Hospital Consortium materials, etc. as required reading! I have been heavily involved with the administration of faculty practice first as president of the new University Medical Group and more currently as Secretary and Director. As an aside, it is striking to me how many of our colleagues in academic neurosurgery and in private practice are filling similar roles in their own institutions.

Despite the growing pressure in our marketplace our Division continues steady growth. I would like to think this is due to the breadth and quality of what we do, but like all of you I am ever ready for the other shoe to drop. I can say that in a heavily managed care environment (approaching 70-80% of the marketplace currently) academic neurosurgery at OHSU is still a thriving enterprise. Our caseload, research activities, and academic productivity will continue to be the focus of our efforts.

The Division of Neurosurgery was pleased to host the 1994 meeting of the Research Society of Neurological Surgeons. This group is unusual since it lacks bylaws, officers, dues or any of the usual trappings of a national society. Still somehow the meeting seems to magically occur each year and is always an enjoyable and stimulating experience.

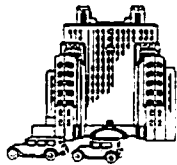
The week following the RSNS will be marked by our regular RRC site visit also we hope to be an enjoyable experience (not!).

Our family continues to be healthy and thriving. Jessica, our oldest daughter, is now entering middle school, a transition that I have no personal recollection of, but one which in 1994 seems to be a major watershed! Daughter #2, Adrienne, will enter fourth grade next year and is extremely happy in her school and social life. Our youngster, Meridith, age 2.5, is turning out to be somewhat of a clone of Debra. That is to say intellectually agile, highly verbal and sometimes downright bossy! She is a real joy in our lives. Our travels have been somewhat limited over the past year given the limitations of a toddler and so both of us have tried to devote more time to family and home, values that every year seem increasingly important.

Debra and I would like to extend our warmest personal greetings to all of you in the Academy and would hope that 1994-95 be a healthy, happy and productive time for you all.



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Dear Round Robiners,

This past year has been a particularly exciting and momentous one. Certainly, the best news to relate to you is that Dr. Jacqueline Bello and I will be married by the time you receive this letter (September 18, 1994). Many of you know "J" already. She is the Director of Neuroradiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Hospital here in New York. J and I have known each other for more than five years, and have much in common. Although she is small in stature, she has a towering knowledge of neuroradiology, is an incredibly good doc, and has a nice forehead. A wonderful light and joy has come into my life.

Another major change in my life is that I will be leaving Columbia to assume the position as Professor and Chairman of Neurosurgery at the New Jersey Medical School. The prospect of taking on this new responsibility is both exciting and challenging and I am sure will keep me quite busy.


My boys are thriving. Jonathan who graduated in June of last year, is now firmly ensconced in the "Capital Markets" section of J. P. Morgan. He is working approximately fourteen hour days, which must be good for his soul.

David is entering his senior year at Harvard and is planning a senior project and thesis on starting a foundation to fund a new educational program for disadvantaged children. These children are all graduates of the Head Start program and David has titled the project "Jump Start".

Jason is entering his last year at Stanford. His interests continues to be in Medicine and this year will be heavy with laboratory courses.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Academy meeting in November as a newly married man.

Yours truly,


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Dear Bill:

The leaves change color, fall off the tree, blow around, the tree develops new buds, the buds turn to leaves, and the tree becomes full and lush again. Almost a year has gone by since I last wrote for the *Round Robin*.

The last year went swiftly and yet painfully slow at intervals. Tremendous and unexpectedly fundamental changes have taken place in the Medical School, the Hospital and the University as a whole. The faculty in the Hospital, and to some degree the Medical School, have united to become the *University of Minnesota Health System*. Faculty practice plans have been uniformly set and shortly we will have a common billing system. The Dean's Office has reorganized by hiring more management specialists and demanding more accountability. The University has hired Dr. William Brody, currently Chair of the Radiology Department at Johns Hopkins, to act as Provost for Health Sciences. Dr. Brody will officially be on the job September 1, 1994. We are expecting much from his leadership, perhaps unrealistically in the face of the health care reform that is right now out of its orbit. Nevertheless, his arrival will terminate my job as Deputy Vice President for Medical Affairs. I will continue to be the Interim Dean. Happily, the Dean Search Committee is hard working. A new permanent Dean will, I hope, be in office before the year's end. We want to attend the next Academy Annual Meeting (Sea Island, Georgia?) completely relaxed and unattached!

Jolene has been a very supportive mate with my work schedule and all the social/ceremonial obligations. She is great. Her mother died last fall. Jolene (being a caring daughter and an excellent nurse) went to attend to her needs during the terminal weeks. Her mother's passing was a blessing.

This year our family get-together will be held in Minnesota. Tim and his clan from Salt Lake City have not been back for quite a few years. Dana will come back from Denver. Kerry and his family live here. We are trying to organize an agenda for the grandchildren and for the rest of us too. We are looking forward to everyone being together again.

My sister and her family in China seem to be doing well. We miss them and hope to visit them when my work at the University is over.

Jolene and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.....

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Dear Bill;

There is considerable truth to the comment that with each passing year time seems to move faster. It seems that I just wrote to the Round Robin but you can not be wrong, so here I go again.

This has been a very interesting year. As you know I stepped down as Chairman of the Department of Surgery last summer and after a few months as an extra wheel on the administration of the Department went on sabbatical leave. The latter is a great device and I wonder why all schools do not have it. As Department Chair I was required to budget 7% of any faculty member's income in the Department into the sabbatical fund of the University. After six years the faculty member could elect to take sabbatical leave of six months with full pay or a year at half pay. If one just does the simple arithmetic it is clear the University makes money on the six years of input of money that is invested and since a number of faculty do not stay six years or do not elect to take a sabbatical the sabbatical assessment is like a tax for the administration. In addition it is one that most faculty like since they think they are getting something for nothing. As Chair I was not so certain but I did take my leave. During it I was able to finish two studies in my laboratory that had been waiting and was able to start on a text for clinical clerks with a combined Neurology Neurosurgery clerkship.

We also took five weeks in Southern California a portion of which was to write but mainly to get out of the winter in Connecticut. It was a good year to do that since we had the coldest winter and the most snow in decades. During the visit we looked at houses and probably will buy a house in the desert just to keep warm in the winters.

I find it very relaxing not to have to rush into the Hospital in the early morning and not to have a group of sick patients to worry over. I still have a consultation clinic and make rounds each week but the responsibility is minimal. I look forward to a pleasant year as I take Emeritus status in July.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bill Allen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dear Bill,

1994 has been a good year so far. Following transfer of Concord Hospital from Federal to State ownership it has become part of the Central Sydney Health Area. After initial manoeuvring and some frank suspicions our sister teaching hospital within the area, which is also a teaching hospital of the University of Sydney, and Concord Hospital have come to accept that we will do better to work together than in direct competition. Financial restraints continue to bear upon us as with everyone but the combination has proven to be useful. With more than 250 intracranial tumours treated annually with our combined unit we now have a department which is the largest in Australia in almost every area of neurosurgery but particularly in intracranial tumours. We are gradually combining our individual research programmes into one of the few units in the country which is expanding. Our ward and operating theatre facilities have expanded and we now are able to field two skull base surgery teams within our hospital.

At a personal level I am working hard to reduce to an 11 day fortnight and spend more time in the country. Adrienne has adjusted her work at the Art Gallery of New South Wales to allow us to leave the city every second Friday afternoon for two full days acting like farmers.

Our eldest daughter, Sally, is expecting her first child in October. It is amazing how quickly one forgets about the paraphernalia of infancy only to rediscover it all over again. Sally continues her career as an independent art consultant with increasing success. Our second daughter, Lisa, has started her own business in interior architecture and graphic design. Our youngest daughter, Kerrie, has started to work in the public relations arena.

Unfortunately we shall be unable to attend the Academy meeting this year but look forward to attending the meeting in the Napa Valley in 1995.

Yours sincerely,



Adrienne and Noel Dan

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August 1, 1994

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Re: Round Robin

Dear Bill,

The year 1994 has not been a good one for the DeSaussure family. In February the city of Memphis had the worst ice storm the city has suffered in 50 years. Conditions were right for a freezing rain which started about 10 p.m. and persisted until 5 a.m. We are awakened about 1:00 a.m., thinking someone was trying to break into our house only to find that it was tree limbs breaking and crashing down on the house. Many trees in the city had major limbs broken and many were uprooted. Several streets were impassable because of the limbs and trees. Much of the city was without electricity, and ours was not restored for ten days!

We managed to survive with a Coleman lantern and Coleman stove. But as I told Phyllis I had enough of this camping out during WWII. It was three months before all the debris was cleaned from the streets. In the meantime all of the curbs were piled three and four feet high with trees and tree limbs.

After nine days in our cold and dark house, I made arrangements to procure an electrical generator – and the power came on the next morning.

During this time, Phyllis' mother fell in her apartment and broke her arm. This meant that we had to cancel a trip through the Canal that we had planned.

Later in the year Henry Schwartz was kind enough to come to the Baptist Memorial Hospital for the Memorial Service in honor of Francis Murphey. I went to the airport to meet him and drove through a terrific wind and rainstorm. His plane was delayed about 45 minutes, however the weather was so bad that the Murphey family couldn't get out of their home to drive to the Hospital which delayed the start of the ceremony. Even so, Henry arrived late, but in time to give his remarks, which were well received. It was a very nice ceremony with Henry, the Murphey family, former residents, members of the Semmes-Murphey Clinic, hospital personnel, and friends attending.

When I got home from returning Henry to the airport, I found this violent wind and rainstorm had blown shingles off the roof and it was leaking. And again we lost electricity, but only for 30 hours this time.

Then while trying to help me Phyllis fell in a small fountain we have in the garden. . No broken bones, but considerable discomfort which has persisted for three week's. I had always worried about grandchildren falling into this fountain, but didn't think I had to worry about grandmother.

Maybe things will be better for us next year. We hope that every one else has had a happy and prosperous year.

Best regards,

Richard

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Dear Bill,

I'm sorry not to have contributed to the 1993 Round Robin. Fortunately, your most recent request was forwarded to me, but not prior communications. Because of our cruising life, for a time, and our move from MS, we have had a number of different addresses. Now we've settled down, at least address wise, but I hope not travel wise.

In August 1993 we sold our Moss Point, MS home and moved to a condo in Point Clear, AL. It is on the golf course of the Grand Hotel, a place that many of our members may have visited for meetings or vacations. It's a wonderful location only three miles from Fairhope, a "Mayberry" like town that unfortunately recently was # 2 on a list of the "Best Places in America for Retirement." We would enjoy visits from any members, who come down this way, either passing through or as a destination. We have found condo living much to our liking since it rids one of the onerous tasks invariably involved in home ownership.

After retirement in July 1991, Carolyn and I enjoyed extended cruising on "Gemuetlich", our 1980 Pearson 36 Pilot House Sloop. Although our adventures were not heroic, none-the-less, we had a marvelous time. We did circumnavigate Florida, including a memorable trip to the Dry Tortugas. We are planning further extended cruises in the near future.

Retirement for me has not included the practice of medicine or related activities. It has afforded me the time to pursue the things that I was never able to do before, and I am enjoying it to the hilt! I am becoming computer literate and even learning to type. Carolyn and I are using the inter-active features of the CD-Rom part of our computer to learn foreign languages (she-Spanish and I-German). We hope that this will not only prove to be intellectually stimulating, but also serve us well for foreign travel.

Carolyn has resumed her practice of law commuting daily to Pensacola, FL. I think retirement by itself was a bit too "laid back" and not challenging enough for her, although I've read somewhere that "a retired husband is a wife's full time job." Fortunately, she can take off when we have things planned or go on trips.

Family wise, we travel frequently to Colorado for visits with my three children and their families--- now numbering nine grandchildren. We enjoy just plain grand-parenting, but also camping, hiking, biking and skiing when we are there.

To sum it up -- life after Neurosurgery has been kind to me and I hope it continues for a long time to come.

Cheers,

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

Don Dohn



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Dear Bill:

I cannot recall contributing last year after my retirement in July 1992 when I was 72. I had an extra two years so I had my time in the game, over 40 years. I miss the wards, operating room and the residents but not the grief - watching a patient waking up paretic or speechless, or the late night phone call that one had gone off. I seem to keep busy, working on the book on the 1767 V-B aneurysms with Skip which demands more effort than I had bargained for, a few papers and golf, that most difficult of all games. And then there are the pleasant interludes with flying, fishing and upland hunting with old friends.

Ruth is in charge of the Heritage Foundation here and is busier than I am, and she has just completed her Honours B.A. here at the University. She has 14 grandchildren to fuss over too.

John the Lawyer-business man is returning to London after 5 years in Dallas. Among his many interests he went to Lear school in Dallas and after a tough course is checked out in the Lear 25 he leases. I think he now looks on my Cessna 340 as a bit slow - only 185-200 knots depending on the altitude.

Jim continues at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and recently made Associate Professor. He seems to have given up on the building of his homebuilt RV6 - a light aircraft; he is too busy and finished only the tail. Jane (and her sister Ann) have been very successful in writing two books for children, most cottage and camping, which made our best seller list.

Stephen has also been returned to Canada from Detroit area by the German giant, Siemens. He got his MBA and is product manager for their several plants here in London. So Ruth has all her boys near home.

Tom, the engineer, works in Toronto with IBM. His wife, Cindy, after producing three grandchildren, has returned to newspaper column writing in North Toronto.

I am sorry I missed the meeting again last Fall.

Yours sincerely,



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P.S. - I hear you have changed medical schools.

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May 24, 1994

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Dear Charlie:

Many thanks for your letter for your contribution to the Round Robin. Skip has kept me posted about you. I am happy things are going well.

You must be very proud of your son John. I only rode in a Lear jet one time, back and forth to Maine, and it was really a tremendous thrill.

My airplane is running well. In the last year I bought a new engine, put on a GPS, a slaved HSI and a King Radio Package. I also had the interior redone and sound proofed. No question I went overboard about this and my accountant got very upset but I couldn't resist it.

I am changing medical schools. Over the past two or three years, my university has decided to deemphasized the neurosciences. This was in spite of the aggressive urging of many of the faculty in those sciences plus others. I felt disappointed and along with many other members of my department, we felt let down and sad. In the middle of all that, Thomas Jefferson University decided to re-invest in neurosurgery and the neurosciences. They were able to enlist Fred Simeone to come as the Chairman and me to come as the Chief of Neurosurgery at the hospital and Program Director of the residency. With us will be Bob Rosenwasser, whom you will remember as being with you and Skip for about three months when he was a resident and David Andrews who trained with Russel Patterson and has been working with me here at Temple for the last five years. Both of these people bring special skills. David Andrews runs the Linac and Bob Rosenwasser just returned from a sabbatical year in interventional neuroradiology. The three of us join the existing faculty at Jefferson plus the last straggler, Warren Goldman, who is a functional neurosurgeon at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. All of us together will bring the faculty up to nine people and have available Jefferson Hospital which has 750 beds, the Pennsylvania Hospital which has about 500 beds and the world famous Wills Eye Hospital which is being rebuilt as a neurological institute. We anticipate within the next year we will have a Philadelphia Neurological Institute similar to New York and, in the long haul, hopefully like Montreal. We are all very excited.

I just turned sixty and rather than have a midlife crisis, I decided to go downtown and try to develop one of the best residency training programs in the country. Just looking over the numbers, they look impressive. Just operating what is currently being done in those

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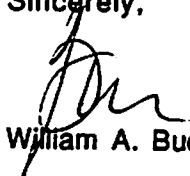
institutions, there will be 2000 cases and with what the group is bringing it could be well over 3000. We have a big research operation underway and a superb program for whomever chooses to come.

When we get this organized, it would be a great honor for us to have you come as a visitor. We will speak more about that in detail but put it in your brain.

Hope this letter finds you well.

With very best regards and the highest esteem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'WAB', is written over the printed name.

William A. Buchheit, M.D.

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RE: **ROUND ROBIN**

Dear Academicians:

The challenges in medicine are continuing to grow exponentially. Managed care has taken a firm grip on the practice of medicine in Cincinnati and it has affected all of us profoundly. We all struggle for ways to wrestle with this 800 lb. gorilla.

On a more pleasant note, earlier this year I had the opportunity to visit Kim Burchiel in Oregon. He has established a first rate Department of Neurosurgery, with an enthusiastic and talented staff.

The year 1994, saw the completion of an amazingly fast three year term on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. It continues to be an effective spokesman for neurosurgery, but the demands on its resources are being challenged more and more each year. Last year under the leadership of Buzz Hoff, the organization avoided another attempt to convert itself to a House of Delegates format, a format that might be the deathknell for it as a scientific organization. Ed Seljescog "hit the ground running" and is doing a first rate job as president.

In June, Ellen and I had the opportunity to visit Lyon, France for several days and later tour the Burgundy wine country, that postage stamp sized region that has been so influential in the history of wine. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and took every opportunity to taste the products of a number of cellars. It was a hard life, overeating at

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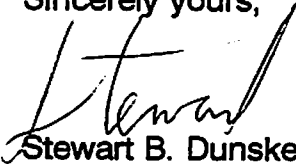
night and being awake enough the next morning to travel to another chateau.

Ellen continues to work as a librarian and always has more work. In addition she has become interested in mutual funds. Morningstar Reports have now replaced the novels at her bedside.

Shiela, our daughter, is completing her third year at the Society Bank, the last 18 months as an assistant manager. That she is making million dollar loans and talking about interest rate spreads is hard to believe. Watching her, we have made the scientific observation, that although neither of us changes, she continues to grow older and more mature.

We look forward to seeing all of the Academicians in the fall.

Sincerely yours,



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May 10, 1994

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Dear Bill:

The following information about myself and my family would be useful in the 1994 Round Robin. Please feel free to edit my ramblings.

Firstly, over the last year, there have been many changes in regards to our work situation here at the University of California. Although the most recent change had been the stepping down of our Chairman, Dr. Charles Wilson, and the appointment of Philip Gutin as the Acting Chairman and probable permanent Chairman, the most critical thing is Charlie Wilson taking up the challenge of tertiary care for the entire university. Despite all of the contracting issues within the California area, it has been interesting to watch the referrals to Pediatric Neurosurgery continue to increase and our practice continue to grow, while many of our adult colleagues are decreasing the size of their practices. The changes in medicine certainly altered the way we practice at the University of California. I suspect that we will be in a state of flux over the next two or three years, but we are optimistic that with Charlie Wilson at the direction of our facility, that the end result will be one that is positive.

In the area of research, we continue to study the molecular biology of pediatric brain tumors. A number of very interesting new concepts and ideas have been identified in the laboratory. In particular, our research into p53 indicates that this gene, which initially was felt to be exceptionally critical, is not the "medulloblastoma gene". It, however, does play a significant role in oncogenesis and further research will help elucidate its exact place in the spectrum of central nervous system cancer.

The other area of interest is in regards to the molecular biology of cryptic vascular malformations, in particular, those that have occurred following radiation therapy. There seems to be mounting evidence that a process of angiogenesis due to local brain injury may be the underlying cause for these lesions. There is now

William A. Bucheit, M.D.
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mounting molecular biologic evidence coming from our laboratories to help support and confirm that this concept may be correct. We would expect that over the next year or so, research studies will help elucidate the etiology of vascular malformations that occur following radiation therapy.

Over the last year, my daughter finished high school in December of 1993. This was planned so that she could travel with the Development Team of the United States free Style Ski Team. She did very well over the last year, having won the Female Division of the Junior Nationals and placed exceptionally high in the national competition. Her plans for the summer will be to ski in Canada and then move to Salt Lake City, Utah, where she will train at the Olympic Training Center and then start college at the University of Utah. She will continue to be a member of the United States Ski Team and will again travel with the North American Team throughout the United States and Canada and possibly make the World Cup Circuit this year. We are all very proud of her and we look forward to her accomplishments.

My son, who is now 14, has continued to have a very difficult time in regards to his skiing. Although he was at one time ranked the No. 1 Junior Skier in the United States, he has now undergone two major knee operations and reconstructions and has not been able to ski for the last year. His longevity in the area of skiing is uncertain and the restriction of activities over the last year has been exceptionally difficult for him. As a result, our family did not spend as much time skiing during the winter as we usually do. We are hoping that with continued physical therapy and activities that he may hopefully get back to his free-style skiing by August of 1994, with hopes to again compete next winter.

Lastly, our family has plans to travel to Alaska for a number of weeks. During that time, I will continue by hobby as a flight instructor and hopefully gain ratings in float planes and increase my skills in mountain flying. In addition, my son will begin to fly this summer hopefully in sail planes and in power planes.

I hope the above information is of some benefit and, as indicated, this can be edited however you feel best.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,



Michael S.B. Edwards, M.D., Director
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MSBE:vm

May 16, 1994

Dear Members of the Academy,

Since George's death in 1986, I have lost touch with most of you. Thanks to the meeting at the Wig Wam last year, I feel less isolated from the Neurosurgeons I have known. It was a great chance for me to be in touch once more; and was the highlight of 1983.

I seem to keep quite busy with my fiber art and attendant exhibits, it is an outlet for my need to create and to have goals to keep me busy.

I also travel quite a lot by cruising, by van, by air - etc. I have a couple of friends who are also free to travel and we go together often.

My family is nearby except for Brian, who lives in Nashville. Bruce is a neurosurgeon and office where George died - in partnership with two of George's trainees - Al Eldema, and Richard Harper. Four of my children live within 5 mins of me and my oldest daughter and George, Jr's widow live in Dallas. I'm proud of my children and their accomplishments, and grateful to have most of them near.

Again, thank you so much for inviting
me to the Wig Wam.

Yours,
Lari Ekne

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Nov. 11, 1993

Dear Dr. Buckheit,

I want to thank you and the Academy for including the widows at the Wig Wam. I thoroughly enjoyed being there. It was a very special pleasure to see people with whom I've been out of touch since George's death.

Suzie Lindell suggested I might write you with two more names you may not have.

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Thank you again for remembering
all of us.

yours,
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July 1, 1994

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Dear Bill:

The '93 Round Robin was excellent, sure hope '94 will be that good.

We now have a great grandson - his mother is Native American. The babe and mother are great, and we are very proud. Dave, our oldest son at the age of 42, completed engineering courses and now is preparing for his major, solar engineering. Bob, the youngest, has his own company involved in audio engineering and doing very well in LA.

Conne and I still go to Oklahoma to be near two of the three kids and grandchildren in winter. Oklahoma winters at times can be rough for about 4-6 weeks, far shorter and not as intense as New Hampshire.

Still the major joint complaints - all cartilages in both knees have disappeared, I think. I've lost 3" height - Dad during his lifetime of 86 years lost 6" height.

In the summer, enjoying work at Dartmouth with interest in the pineal gland. So much advance has been made in the last decade that any contributions to the field are most gratifying. Our team of about ten various specialties, both clinical and basic science, causes one once again to realize the great advantage of communication with each other and this breakdown of specialty languages and idioms.

Hope to see you all in November.

Best wishes,

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June 2, 1994

Dear Academician:

One of the best things we ever did was to purchase a winter home in Pauma Valley in Southern California. This not only got us out of snowy Minnesota (when we were young, we loved it), but it also resulted in our taking trips, by auto, across the country. We're certain that few people in this country really know about the beauty of the U.S.A. from the Mississippi River west, Colorado, Utah, Nebraska and the Dakotas, all have their pristine reserve.

Gene and I are both healthy except for Gene's cataract that was just successfully treated. I'll probably have bilateral hip replacement this summer. Neither of these maladies have, or are going to, place us in suspended animation. Our children (ages 52, 47, 44) are doing okay and all have children, so we have a total of five grandchildren. All of them visit us in Pauma Valley in the winter and in Minneapolis in the summer. We live on Lake Minnetonka, a very beautiful and fairly large lake (130 miles of shoreline). It has numerous islands and bays, so we can cruise in our boat and have lunch, etc. on the lake. Believe it or not, even the fishing is good!

We try not to be "couch potatoes" by being fairly active, playing golf most every day in the winter and boating during the summer. Roberto Heros still lets me come over to the departmental offices and keep abreast with what's going on in Neurosurgery. It gets harder every year to do this, but we believe it's essential not to just sit back and let the world go by. We believe this younger generation can learn from our past experiences and can integrate them into the future.

In other words--all's well and we hope to keep it that way.


Lyle and Gene French

LAF:jn

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August, 1994

Dear Round Robin,

The highlight of 1993-1994 for the Giannotta family was the completion of a construction project which added a sunroom and two bathrooms. The house is once again dust-free and noise-free and we are thoroughly enjoying our new room.

Early in 1994 USC University Hospital opened its new state-of-the-art neurosurgical ICU and named Steve as its director. He has since filled it with recovering post-op patients and beautiful nurses. In August the University Hospital acquired California's fourth Gamma Knife. In February Steve had attended a training course in Sweden in preparation for its arrival. This has added a new and exciting aspect to Steve's ever-evolving career path.

Steve fulfilled a boyhood fantasy in December by attending a beginners auto-racing course where he drove Formula Fords at Laguna Seca racetrack in Monterey. Buoyed by the adrenalin-producing nirvana-like state which resulted from that weekend, he then attended the intermediate racing class there in July with bigger and faster cars. Driving at speeds unknown to man, a tactical error caused him to spin out uncontrollably and crash into a wall, totalling his vehicle. He walked away without a bruise, but was asked not to return.

Brent, our resident seventh-grade BMOC, had a successful year playing football, basketball and baseball and playing keyboard in the school band. Playing ice hockey for Pasadena continues to be his first love, however, and he pursues it enthusiastically year-round.

Eleven-year-old Nicole has finally learned the noble virtue of sharing now that she wears the same size shoes and clothes as Mom. She flourished academically this year in her new school and is quite happy with the change.

Rockin' Robyn, at age nine, had a great year in school, having been elected to the Student Council. She found herself on winning soccer and softball teams and continues to pursue tennis.

Sharon is playing more tennis than ever and enjoying every minute of it. She continues her Think First program in Pasadena and reached 1500 students in the last school year. Room mother, team mom and other various volunteer activities at the two schools keep her running.

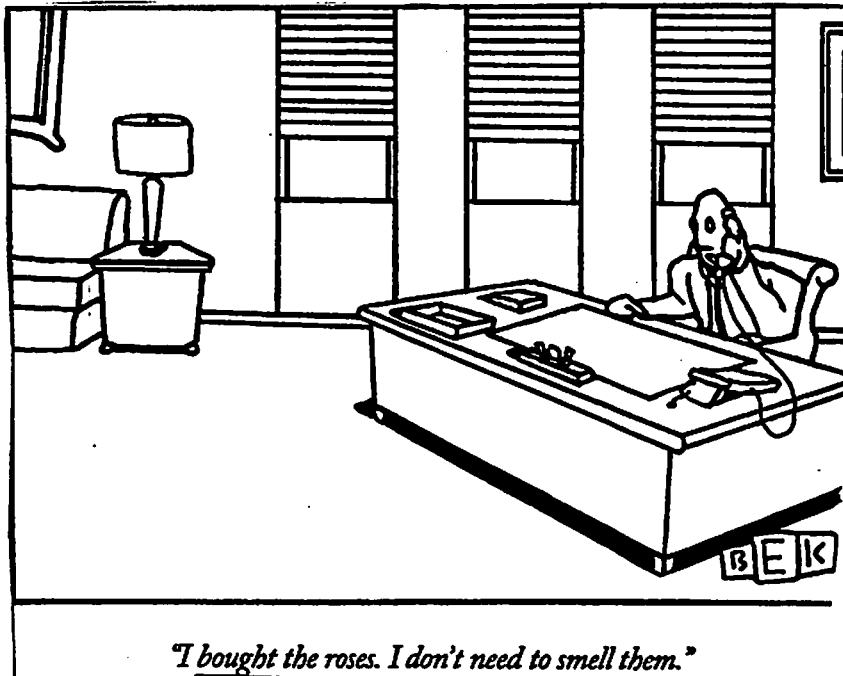
Looking forward to seeing all our friends at the next meeting...

Steve and Sharon Giannotta

July 21, 1994

Dear Bill:

The New Yorker cartoons pretty much sum up our lives this year. Bob's year as chairman of the editorial board of the Journal of Neurosurgery, added to the usual over-work schedule, provides little time to "smell the flowers". When he mentioned to Ralph Dacey that he might like to "slow down" during this year, Ralph reminded Bob that it is Ralph's year as president of the Congress. Probably, with the new BJC (Barnes, Jewish, Christian) merger-big maneuvering and positioning going on in St. Louis, -- and with all hospitals racing like crazy to be ready "come the revolution," nobody is going to slow down.



"I bought the roses. I don't need to smell them."

As for me, I continue with my volunteer stuff -- now editing the Children's Hospital Auxiliary newsletter, which is not too creative. They want articles like "A fund raiser was held. Big bucks were made. Many thanks to Mrs. Sit-on-the-Board-Give-Big-Bucks who chaired it." I cook the low fat meals -- the High Fit-Low Fat cookbook, which Diane Hoff gave us at the Senior Society in Ann Arbor, is a god-send. I work in my little garden on the continual quest for the perfect small scale English perennial border. With generous contributions of iris and hosta from master gardener Sid Goldring, it is looking good, but perfection is a long way off -- too much bee balm and no delphinium -- why won't those suckers survive in St. Louis?



Victoria Roberts

"The garden is my résumé."

Our children have enjoyed their flights from the nest so well that they alight only long enough to nuzzle the cat and tell us enough fun stories to keep us happy enough to keep the funds flowing. Robert, starting on the clinical services at Emory Medical School (3rd year) in August, has spent the summer in Seattle doing research with a cardiologist. Linda and George Ojemann were wonderful to entertain him while he was there, even sending him home with a "doggy bag" of fresh salmon. Bob Ratcheson tells me it is tacky to say "my son's going to be in town -- invite him to dinner". I prefer to call it "networking" or just "friendship". We've loved the fun of having Thor and Lois's son here as well as Linda and George's son. Now Robert has a two-week vacation -- a NOLS trip, outdoor adventure stuff, down the Green River in Utah.

Mary Connell, ecstatic over her freshman year at Princeton, studied Latin American history and Spanish art in Spain for six weeks in June and July and is now off to France, Italy, Holland, and England for fun.

Again we all -- Bob, with Journal articles Fed Exed each day, I, packing at least three novels, Robert, if he happens to get dermatology as an August rotation, and Mary Connell, filled with wild tales from the continent -- plan to touch base and recreate at Pawleys Island in August. Hope to see you all in Sea Island, and remember there is a spouse tennis tournament - so bring your racquets, women of the court.

Julia Grubb

Julia Grubb

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Dear Bill:

This is my second contribution to the Round Robin since 1993. Since I became a member of the Academy I didn't know the true meaning of being an academician. Recently I realized that being a member of the Academy means one of the most prestigious social status as well as the most responsible position in the neurosurgical community in the world. Especially I am the only one member from my country and I have a duty to represent our country to the Academy as well as to the United States.

Since last year in this Korean peninsula a lot of surprising things happened as well as in my family.

Concerning about our political problems in Korea our society established a great transition from military regime to a genuine civilian government that didn't exist in this Far East region. Now our country is very free and politically stable as well as we established a great economical success. As you know our country is divided into two parts; South Korea and North Korea which is a communist country. North Korea has been a one of the most secluded society that maintained for around 50 years. North Korean president, Kim Il Sung died suddenly last July and we are interpreting that event as a good omen to the unification of Korea that is the main theme in every Korean gathering. His son, Kim Jung Il succeeded the president position that is very unusual in such a communist regime. Anyway I hope peace will prevail in the peninsula as well as in this Far East region.

In my hospital we had installed several important medical facilities. Positron Emission Tomography will function from this Autumn and we are expecting the clinical application as well as clinical research will be facilitated. Linac radiosurgery will contribute to the treatment of inoperable lesions. We will open a new comprehensive epilepsy program in which we have four monitoring systems with six beds and we will have an international epilepsy symposium in November this year. Dr. Dong-Kyu Kim who is studying stereotactic surgery in K'oln and will organize the radiosurgery as well as brain tumor therapy.

This year I will be visiting Japan twice. Professor Takashi Yoshimoto invited me to the Japanese Congress meeting last May and I spent a good time at Sendai meeting many Japanese friends as well as invited foreign guests from all over the world. In October I will in Tokushima in Japan for the participation of Japanese Neurosurgical Association meeting(equivalent of Cushing society) and will give a talk there. I don't know if I can go to the Georgia this year but I will try my best to go there. At the same time I may be in Denmark for Eurasian Academy of Neurological Surgery .

Last year my father had three operations for parotid cancer but finally he is in good condition and works as a high school principal in the country site at the age of seventy-four. My daughter married this year just after graduation from medical school and her husband is her classmate. Both are doing internship in my hospital.

Bill ! I guess you know Dr. Sun-Ho Lee who used to be our assistant professor but just after return from Minnesota he resigned. This is a big loss to our department. I hope he will do well in Philadelphia .

I hope you will visit Seoul if you have any chance to visit the Far East and please explore another country, beautiful Korea.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Georgia in November.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dae Hee Han', written in a cursive style.

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Dear Bill,

ROUND ROBIN

Peter asked if I'd like to write the Round Robin this year. He asked me the same thing last year, and although I surely said, of course, darling, nothing came of my good intentions. So, finding fresh inspiration -- here's the news from the Great Salt Lake, where the brain surgeons are lucky, the women are smart, and the children know better.

During the last year, Peter has undertaken a whole parallel life (in addition to his already full patient and administrative schedule) with new University committees and task force assignments carried on in a sulfurous swamp where once-lucid beings are ever chasing or being chased by the phantom of health care reform, a shape-shifting, shadowy body snatcher rumored to live in the hospital sewers, two exits down from the erstwhile maligned werewolf of the physical plant. Nonetheless, although the air is foul, the food worse, and the hours obscene, Peter has apparently kept his wits in a witless world, deftly expanding Neurosurgery's space and resources while others run for cover.

So, through luck and tenacity, Utah neurosurgery is prospering. Since our last letter, Peter's hired three terrific young adult neurosurgeons -- Dick Schmidt who trained at the University of Washington and has a PhD in pharmacology, Jeff McDonald who trained at UCSF and has a PhD in molecular biology, and Greg Thompson who trained at University of Pittsburgh and just finished a vascular fellowship at BNI. On the pediatric side, Jack Walker has just hired Doug Brockmeyer who trained here and completed a fellowship with Jack.

Meanwhile, I've landed the perfect job -- working half-time for the federal courts as a clerk for the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. I do legal research and draft opinions, and I never have to bill out my hours or talk to clients or attorneys (other than my fellows in chambers). Of course, the pay is awful, but then I haven't had to ransom my soul either.

Our younger daughter, Sarah Kate, a junior at Williams College, is spending the summer at home. Having spent the year between high school and college and the summer following her freshman year in France, she is temporarily humoring us with her presence, all the while planning how to spend the rest of her life in exotic, far away places. Our first born, Marta who graduated Amherst College in 1993, is just completing a fellowship year in Guatemala where she worked on public service projects in a Mayan village. As I write, we are still rejoicing yesterday's call in which she informed us she'd be returning to the states on August 30.

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Our own travels have been exciting and fruitful. A year ago we spent a week on a family bike tour through the lake country in Switzerland and then visited Lauri and Kerstin Laitinen in Sweden. Last fall, we went to the International Neurosurgical meeting in Acapulco and the Stereotactic meeting in Ixtapa with a brief sojourn to see Marta in Guatemala, and then to the Academy meeting in Arizona. This last spring, we got a Eurail pass and traveled through France and Switzerland to Germany, where we enjoyed a beautiful few days with other Academy friends at the German Neurosurgical meeting so wonderfully hosted by Rudy and Hanna Fahlbusch, and afterwards we briefly visited the Laitinens again in Sweden.

So, that's the news from the Great Salt Lake, where every once in a while, we click our heels and find ourselves in other places with family and great friends who make anywhere we are seem like home.

Congratulations, Bill, to both you and Christa on your Presidential year.

Regards,

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



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Dear Academicians:

Last year was a very good one in our family life. We were blessed with the arrival of little Carlos, who at seven months, is truly a bundle of joy. I have never seen Debbie so happy and I do get jealous at times to see Carlos' ability to make her smile. I don't ever remember Debbie smiling when I woke her up in the mornings to go to work, and now she wakes up smiling when she hears Carlos, even if it happens to be at 4:00 a.m.! Debbie has returned to work, essentially on a full-time basis, although she has arranged a situation where she goes to work early, skips lunch, and gets out at 4:00 p.m., so as to spend a little extra time with the baby. She is very pleased with this arrangement, which is, of course, one of the advantages of working in a "clinic" with a large group practice--our strongest competitors in town!

Elsie, at 25, is back to school, getting a Master's Degree in nursing and planning to become a nurse/midwife at Yale University's program, which apparently is tops in the country in this specialty. She is elated about, first, having finally made up her mind about what she wants to do in life, and second, about the joy of doing it. Rob is a junior at St. Olaf and he is going to be applying to medical school this fall. With his grades, I believe it going to be a borderline situation, but in his favor is the fact that he is interested in rural medicine and spent this past summer working with a rural physician. Obviously, this is the hottest entry ticket into medical school at this time, and it appears that they really do not want the 4.0 students in these programs--that will be just fine for Rob!

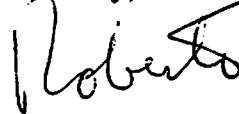
Professionally, it has been a mixed year. I recently wrote a three page "cheer-up" type of letter to the faculty summarizing all of the good things that we have accomplished at Minnesota which, I am convinced, have

placed us in a relatively advantageous position to deal with the intensely competitive managed care environment. I did finish the letter, however, with the statement, "It is still a hell of a lot of fun to be a neurosurgeon...although I must confess it has become less fun to be a Chairman of Neurosurgery". I have spent an inordinate amount of time during the past year and a half to two years working on institutional matters that really have nothing to do with being a neurosurgeon; but yet, I felt these issues were extremely important to our survival as a successful academic department. We have had to reorganize our practice structure from top to bottom, and as vice-chairman of our practice plan, I have spent a very substantial amount of time on this, including innumerable hours as the faculty representative in our managed care negotiations--just the kind of stuff I learned in medical school! Fortunately, I feel very satisfied with the result of our new structure, which has brought the physicians as a group to a relatively unique situation of equal partnership with the hospital, in what we call the "University of Minnesota Health System", that is already resulting in major improvements in our ability to contract with the managed care insurers. Shelley Chou, as Dean of the Medical School, has been up to his neck in these matters, and I hope that he feels that the accomplishments have been worthwhile.

While I think that we have positioned ourselves well to at least maintain, if not increase our neurosurgical volume, reimbursement is a different matter. That has declined, and there is no question that it will continue to decline. While during my first three years at Minnesota, I went through the exhilaration of growth, now I am going through the anxiety and uncertainty as to how to support a faculty of ten full-time neurosurgeons and three full time research scientists, which includes seven full Professors. The situation is, of course, complicated by the fact that it costs more money now to do the same volume of surgery than it did several years ago, in that we need more secretarial help, nurses, etc. to deal with the complexities of managed care. In spite of the worry, I know that we will adjust and that we will do so without sacrificing, in the foreseeable future, our academic mission. To that effect, we have been buying some lottery tickets, and have invested heavily in one of the Indian gambling casinos in northern Minnesota, since I believe that these are safer investments than counting on managed care contracts!

Well...being a member of the Academy is still a lot of fun and we are looking forward very much to seeing most of you at the next meeting.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

It is a pleasure to write a note for the Round Robin. There is a lot of family news. My middle son, Sean, graduates from medical school the 15th of this month and my youngest son, Jason, graduates from college the following week. This relief is tempered somewhat by the oldest son, CJ, going back to school for a masters degree in art. The two older boys are also heading towards marriage. Cathy and I are very fond of both potential brides, although we both are slightly jaded in our opinions about wedded bliss. Cathy remains outstanding, having put up with my very intermediate skiing this year as well as my too frequent trips out of town. She is the mastermind behind organizing the Woods Hole course on top of all her other talents.

Business in Syracuse remains relatively unchanged despite the fears that seem to permeate all aspects of medicine now. I am taking a short sabbatical to attempt to rejuvenate my research interests and abilities. The topics I hope to gain some proficiency in include functional MR scanning and functional optical imaging of the human cortex. This latter technique, I am sure, has the potential for opening new vistas in understanding the human brain. As you might imagine, really getting free of the administrative, political, and clinical obligations that have grown over the years is nigh impossible. Nonetheless, the department is being very supportive of these efforts, and, with any luck, these next few months will be productive.

We will be in Martha's Vineyard for most of August and would welcome visits by any academicians who might be around that area {(518) 627-3016}. The only requirement is to bring at least a little wine and a willingness to try windsurfing.

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Yours truly,

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Dear Bill:

A brief note for the 1994 Round Robin.

It's been a busy year for Diane and me, as well as for our family.

One of the most memorable events, of course, was the Annual Meeting of the AANS in San Diego. After nine days there going to various Committee meetings, etc., we were exhausted at the end of it. Still, it was one of those "lifetime experiences" that rarely happen and are meant to be savored. We'll not forget that experience soon, you can be sure of that.

It was good to see so many Academy members at that meeting. We particularly enjoyed the receptions and, of course, Beverly Sills as the Cushing Orator. She was simply fantastic!

The science at the meeting was first rate, and Art Day and his entire Committee ought to be commended for that.

I also learned that our Park Ridge office is really effective. They work hard and get precious little credit for it. We are lucky to have them and have the stability that they represent.

The meeting is now over, and I am an ex-President. I don't think I'll suffer from the withdrawal that has been a problem for others. I simply am glad to be back in Ann Arbor taking care of patients and working with residents. That seems to be what I do best.

I particularly enjoyed having my mother (who is 85) at the meeting, as well as my brother and his wife. Our three kids were there, of course, including my daughter-in-law, Donna. So we had a family reunion in addition to the Annual Meeting of the AANS!

After a whirlwind year in the AANS spotlight, I must confess that I'm glad to be back in Ann Arbor where "there's no place like home".

I look forward to seeing you all in Georgia in early November.

With best regards,

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The past year has truly been eventful. We moved into our new hospital which is magnificent and resembles more a Hyatt hotel than a hospital. We had a very successful Pediatric Neurosurgical Symposium coincident with the opening of our new hospital and moved into our new neurosurgical ward and operating room.

My two junior colleagues, Jim Drake and Jim Rutka, continue to pursue their research efforts in pediatric neurosurgery. Jim Drake was the honored guest of the Japan Pediatric Neurosurgical Society last year and Jim Rutka will be their guest next year.

Our daughter Katie returned with an MBA from the University of Colorado in Boulder and was fortunate enough to secure a position as a marketing executive at a large beverage company. Our grandson Mathew is adorable and will be celebrating his third birthday in August. JoAnn and I are just completing the construction of a home in Boca Raton which will allow us to escape some of the Toronto winters.

During this past year I was elected to Honorary Membership in the Japan Neurosurgical Society and the Georgia Neurosurgical Society.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

Merry Christmas! Where did the year go?

Picking up on last year's narrative, our daughter Jean was married in a lovely outdoor ceremony at the site of their future home on Eagle Ridge in Boulder, Colorado last August. Jean is a Nurse Family Practitioner at a clinic for the indigent and her husband is an attorney in Boulder. She has been offered a faculty appointment at the University of Colorado to teach family practice nursing. In September a reception was held in New York for family and friends who were unable to be at the wedding.

We were sorry to lose my mother three weeks short of her 100th birthday. She died at the Presbyterian Hospital after a brief illness.

February saw us in San Francisco visiting family and gave us an opportunity for a few rounds of golf at the Silverado Country Club.

I was deeply honored in May to receive an Ellis Island Medal. A colorful ceremony was held on Ellis Island. Among the almost one hundred other recipients was a landsman, Dr. Raymond Damadian, inventor of the MRI scanner.

I have been elected Vice Chairman of the newly formed PVO, Fund for Armenian Relief [FAR] and continue as Chairman of Medical Programs. We continue to be responsible for development of the Medical Library Information Systems networking the hospitals in the new Republic of Armenia. Much progress has been made in this regard. The ability to communicate by Internet as well as fax is an immense help. The Armenian National Medical Library has probably one of the most complete collections of current journals in any of the former Soviet Republics. Furthering support for post-graduate medical education, our Fellowship Program has hosted over sixty young graduate physicians. Six physicians will begin fellowships in anesthesiology, colorectal surgery and endocrinology at the University of Minnesota, New York University and Columbia University this September. We have helped the Armenian Health

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Ministry secure government-to-government working relations with the New York State Health Department, World Health Organization and our FDA.

It has been particularly painful for me however, that so little has been done for neurosurgery in Armenia. The hardships suffered as the result of six years of blockade resulting in an energy crisis have made all but the most basic neurosurgery virtually impossible; we will keep trying. We have however been instrumental in supporting the maintenance of the sole functioning CT scanner in the country.

Marion and I are sorry that we will be unable to attend the meeting this year. We will miss our many friends and send you our best wishes for a fruitful 1995.

Most sincerely,



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Dear Academicians:

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Susan and I send our best wishes to our friends.

The last calendar year was marked by the death of Susan's mother from breast carcinoma. She stayed in our home during the last six months of her terminal illness. Patient care in a home setting is, of course, quite different from a hospital setting but Susan, my colleagues, and a number of nurses, managed remarkably well at a very sad time. Margaret died on Christmas Eve and she will always be remembered fondly by my family, as she provided so much support during those difficult years of training when I was frequently absent for long periods of time.

In February Susan and I paid a two-week visit to South Africa. At that stage there was a great deal of apprehension but this, of course, has since turned to relief and optimism, with a relatively peaceful election and transition to majority rule. I am hopeful that, if the situation remains stable, recapitalization of the country will result. The countries to the north of South Africa are in desperate economic straits and I believe the only way that southern Africa will regain its equilibrium will be if South Africa leads the way from a reinvigorated and strong economic base. While we were in South Africa, Susan and I made a bet on the outcome of the election and I am pleased to say that we recorded this on a cocktail napkin, as I won the \$2 bet by forecasting the result within two percentage points!

As soon as I returned I moved to Boston and spent the next three months at the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School. I believe it would be difficult to pack more into a sabbatical, as we worked 16 hour days, six days a week! I can recommend the course for those with strong medical backgrounds but who are deficient in general business skills. Going back to university full-time and flat-out is an interesting experience for someone who is 56, and not 26 any more! Approximately half the class is from countries other than the United States and the education I received from my friends of diverse professional backgrounds was a very important part of the course.

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While I was trying to tune up my brain, Susan and her father undertook a tour of Bali, Indonesia, and Thailand, so that she returned to Toronto shortly before I was released from Harvard Boot Camp. Susan's Far Eastern tour was a great success and we are both now delighted to be back in Toronto under more normal circumstances.

My youngest, Roy, is working successfully as an electronics engineer. His office is in Fort Lauderdale and he is consulting for Northern Telecom in various South American countries. His wife, Lynne, is starting the second year of her MBA and he is starting an MBA part-time.

Katherine is due shortly but continues to work as a product manager for Procter & Gamble. She has escaped the world-wide staff cutbacks.

Erin enjoyed her teaching stint in Uganda. She is presently teaching in Toronto and will take off for South America this fall.

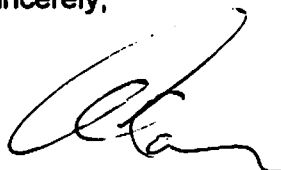
Jean has built a successful practice in Regina and has her hands full practising medicine and raising two children.

On the home business front, the situation remains extremely difficult. We have had a temporary respite, as there will be a provincial election next year. This resulted in the Hospital getting a zero change in our budget (as opposed to the minus number I thought we were going to get). Although inflation is well under control, our costs, of course, continue to go up, so that we continue to create efficiencies to keep our heads above water. My main responsibility is to maintain the academic levels. The easiest sector to cut is research and teaching, and I guard this jealously as I believe we have a particular responsibility in this regard in the Canadian healthcare system. I have an excellent relationship with the Dean (who used to be the Physician-in-Chief in the days when I was the Surgeon-in-Chief), and we work closely together to maintain academic goals. At present I am working hard on a series of relationships with neighbouring hospitals, as I believe these relationships will help promote efficiencies and at the same time make us indispensable at a time when hospital closings are just around the corner.

Susan and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

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Dear Bill,

Carole and I have stayed much closer to home this year, since she launched her own practice after Dick Retter's retirement. She has just taken on a partner and is busy clinically and in trying to stay with the rapid changes in medicine. I keep running into retired people who they can't understand how they can be so busy. One of the reasons is that most of us have been rotten spoiled by our support systems. It helps some to learn how to work a computer and to have a copy machine.

Our travel has been almost entirely to meetings and minor extensions thereof. I got a good fix on the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk. Reading their correspondence was a remarkable experience. They never even had High School diplomas, but they studied the literature, experimented in the shop and in the field, took big risks, but only as much as absolutely necessary. And they thought original thoughts and financed the whole effort themselves from the profits of their bicycle shop. Guts, brains, muscle! No grants. Astonishing.

While in the Pacific Northwest, we became interested in Indian art. Discovered that the local Hunt family was started by a Hudson's Bay Company factor and a Tsimshian woman of high rank. They had a son, George, who was adopted by the Kwakiutl. He became involved with Franz Boas and started the events that led to the preservation of an otherwise dying culture. His descendants are well-known artists. I was proud to discover that the totem pole in the Victoria, B.C. convention center, carved by a Hunt, is the Hunt totem - the Raven, the Sisiutl and the Bear. No known relation, though. We admired the way the Canadians respectfully refer to their "First People" and "First Nations". Better than "Native American", which is as inaccurate as "Indian". I am a native American, having been born here.

I'm sure that most Academicians are interested in the success of your new venture. It may be an entirely original approach to problems most of us have faced in the course of our careers. We wish you the best. Keep us all informed of your pioneering activities.

Cheers! Bill

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Dear Bill:

Our big news of this is year is that our son Jere was married in Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain February 26, 1994 to Mercedes Osborne. Jere had met Mercedes three years ago in Puerto de Santa Maria during one of the local faria. Later both began to work in Madrid and the romance blossomed. Mercedes had visited in the States two years ago, when John was married in Charleston, SC.

Jere is the last child of six to marry. All siblings, including four brothers and one sister flew to Spain for the wedding. There was a total of 23 in the contingent of family and friends to attend the wedding. It was a large Catholic ceremony done mostly in Spanish, but in part in English by a Jesuit Priest, who was a cousin of Mercedes who spoke very good English. Mercedes comes from a very large family, well known in Spain for the production of sherry, wine, brandy, and in the past years bulls. Their family logo is the large black bull seen on the highways of Spain. They are moving to Charleston, SC, this June, to go into the car business.

The wedding was a real event with us with festivities going on for several days. It was much different from the usual American type wedding.

For the rest of the children, activities are going on about as usual. John's second restaurant, J J Hooks on East Bay Street in Charleston, is well under way and doing well. The Charleston Crab House, continues to be the number one seafood restaurant in Charleston. John and Brandy have a new child, Kendall Rachel Keener, born October 28, 1993. She is a beautiful baby and thoroughly spoiled at this young age.

Barr and Jessica have moved to Budapest, Hungary where Barr has gone into the laundry mat business along with some other business deals and import and export arrangements. He is also doing some international legal work with a law firm from Miami and some law firms in Atlanta. They plan to stay in Budapest for at least a year to get his businesses going and then he plans to move to either the Boston or New York area. Their adopted baby, Samuel is doing well

with two Hungarian nurse maids to look after him. Jessica has had one of her writings accepted for publication and she is working on her second novel.

Jim and Millie are living in the Buckhead area of Atlanta and enjoying the Atlanta scene. Jim is the eastern manager for U S Armada. Millie works as a neo-natal intensive care nurse for Dekalb General Hospital.

Jane and Malcolm and the two children are busy with all types of activities in Savannah. Malcolm's law practice is flourishing.

Bill and Miriam are doing well in Chattanooga and Bill is just about to complete his second masters degree this time in special education and he is doing part time teaching. Miriam continues to do the horticultural work at the Chattanooga Nature Reserve at the base of Lookout Mountain and she has had a full page write up in the Chattanooga Times.

After the wedding trip to Spain, in February, and March we then went to The Cloister, Sea Island, GA where I presided over the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. During the meeting, my main effort was trying to do damage control for the College, regarding the single payor issue. In April we attended the AANS for ten days in San Diego and then at the end of April, we went to the Southern Neurosurgical Society's Meeting at the Greenbrier where I received the Distinguished Southern Neurosurgeon Award for 1994. Next week, we leave for London and will travel to Normandy on the Black Prince, a cruise ship, for the re-enactment of the D-Day invasion. Hopefully, we will survive this and from there we will fly to Zurich and then eventually end up in Lyon, France for the Sun Meeting and then after that will go on to Switzerland to spend two weeks with Sally and Gordon Thompson at their friend's home in Morgin in the Swiss Alps.

With best regards to you all and we look forward to seeing you in Sea Island this Fall.

Sincerely,



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25 July 1988

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Dear Sir:

Dr. Ross Fleming, in the obituary published in the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences of May 1988, has so well portrayed the truly remarkable man that Bill Keith was. Many cherish fond memories of Bill, and are indebted to Dr. Fleming for what he has written.

This letter is to tell of Bill Keith's activity outside Canada in helping the development of neurosurgical services in Jamaica. In the early 60's, the staff of the Hospital for Sick Children were specially interested in pediatrics in the island of Jamaica. At the instigation of Dr. J.S. Pritchard in 1964 Bill, accompanied by his wife Eleanor, paid the first of many visits to Jamaica to assist me in the establishment of neurosurgical services there.

During the next ten years Bill, often with John Silversides, would spend a month working at the University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston. The qualities so well recorded by Dr. Ross Fleming, endeared him to us, and a visit from Bill was always a special event. His help, reassurance, and encouragement did much to foster the development of neurosurgery in Jamaica.

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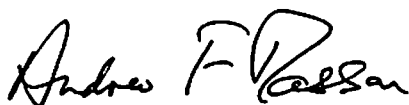
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He befriended many medical graduates of the University of the West Indies who came to Canada for further study in various specialties.

Thank you for the opportunity to place on record Bill Keith's contribution in Jamaica.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Andrew F. Masson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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cc: Dr. Ross Fleming

In Memoriam:

William Strathearn Keith
M.B., M.B.E.
(1902-1987)

On December 27, 1987 William Strathearn Keith, one of Canada's pioneer neurosurgeons, died at the age of 85, of Hodgkins disease, at his home in Toronto surrounded by his family. He had spent a happy and active summer with his wife Eleanor and his family at his beloved cottage on the Oxtongue River near Algonquin Park.

Bill Keith was born in Toronto on June 20, 1902. He attended Bedford Park and John Fisher Public Schools, and University of Toronto Schools. He completed the program in Biology and Medicine at the University of Toronto on scholarships, and graduated in 1927 as silver medalist. He interned at Toronto General Hospital, where his interest in neurological surgery was sparked by Dr. Kenneth McKenzie, Canada's first neurosurgeon.

Dr. W.E. Gallie, then Surgeon-in-Chief at the Hospital for Sick Children, persuaded him to train in neurosurgery and to develop a neurosurgical service at that hospital. In preparation for this, Dr. Keith spent a year in Chicago with Roy Grinker in neurology and Percival Bailey in neuropathology and neurosurgery. In 1930 he became Kenneth McKenzie's first full-year neurosurgical resident. He then studied neurology for a year at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Queen Square, London, England, with some of the neurological giants of the day including Adie, Holmes, Riddoch and Symonds. During that year, Eleanor Newberry, a Hospital for Sick Children nurse, joined him in London, where they were married.

Bill was appointed to the surgical staff at the Hospital for Sick Children in 1933, and performed orthopaedic and general surgery, as well as neurosurgery, until his own specialty grew to occupy

his full time. His unusually wide breadth of medical knowledge, and the versatility of surgical skills which he developed in those early years, remained with him all his life. These attributes, plus his penetrating intellectual curiosity and his stubbornness, and tempered by clear insight into his limitations, gave him dimensions possessed by few clinicians. His wide breadth of interest, knowledge and skills provided a solid basis not only for his clinical and academic life, but also for the numerous general practice locums at United Church Mission Hospitals in British Columbia and Newfoundland, which he so dearly loved, as well as the many medical visits to Northern Ontario Indian settlements long after his retirement.

At the Hospital for Sick Children he pioneered paediatric neurosurgery. He was an early proponent of lumbo-peritoneal shunting for hydrocephalus, which he introduced in 1948. He recruited Bruce Hendrick to the neurosurgical staff in 1956, and remained Chief of what is widely recognized as one of the world's outstanding paediatric neurosurgical units, until his retirement in 1964.

In 1936 he was invited to develop a neurosurgical service at the Toronto Western Hospital. In that year, he performed the first operation in Canada for ruptured lumbar disc. He attracted John Silversides to the Western to form a neurological service in 1950, and together they built a combined neuroscience unit which was a model of close cooperation between neurology and neurosurgery, and thus laid the foundation for the large multi-disciplinary neuroscience program now present at the Western. I was privileged to join Bill at the Western in 1956, and worked closely with him until his retirement from practice in 1968. One

could not have hoped for a kinder or wiser mentor, colleague and friend.

In May 1942, Bill joined the Canadian Armed Forces and was sent to England. He organized and was officer in charge of the Canadian Mobile Neurosurgical Unit which went into action following the allied invasion of Europe in 1944, beginning with the attack through the Reichswald and culminating in the sweep across the Rhine. For his service in action, he was awarded membership in the Order of the British Empire. His citation states "Major Keith's professional leadership was outstanding. He had the ability to get the best out of his helpers by his cheeriness, and even when the team was at its lowest ebb of weariness, his tactful encouragement would spur them on".

Bill was never an "organization man", and, in fact, he had no time for bureaucracy. However, he recognized the need for scientific and academic exchange amongst neurosurgeons. In 1938, while attending the 7th Annual Meeting of the Harvey Cushing Society (now the American Association of Neurological Surgeons) in Memphis, Bill Keith and 6 other colleagues, including his good friend Dr. Frank Mayfield, perceived the need for a smaller more cohesive forum for scientific and academic exchange in neurosurgery, and founded the prestigious American Academy of Neurological Surgery, which remains to this day one of the continent's leading neurosurgical organizations. Bill was also a founding member of the Canadian Neurological Society, and became its president in 1964-65.

Bill was active in the United Church, and for many years was an elder. Some years ago, perceiving the need for a church in his community, he and a group of friends raised funds for the erection of Lawrence Park Community Church, where he remained active until the time of his death. He was also active in the Toronto Medical Historical Club and, with other members, was instrumental in having a cairn erected at the site of Sir William Osler's birthplace at Bondhead, Ontario in 1961. He was an energetic member of the executive of the University of Toronto Medical Alumni Association until two years before his death. Recently, he has been an active member of the North Toronto Historical Society, and a frequent speaker at its meetings.

In his 79th and 80th summers, Bill was camp doctor at a summer camp in Northern Ontario for children with medical disabilities. Besides helping care for their medical needs, he would take the children fishing or strawberry picking, and would lead their sing-songs. At camp, he earned the affectionate title of "Dr. Bill", whom the children loved, and whom they still remember.

He had a passionate love for the out-of-doors, from the roar of the Pacific Ocean's breakers to the thrill of Newfoundland's salmon streams, and the tiny Indian villages of Northwestern Ontario. In his natural and unpretentious way, he befriended people in those settings and became one with them, in just the same way as he befriended so many people in his professional and academic life.

Bill loved life, loved his work, and loved people. His sparkling personality and enthusiasm were legendary, and his warmth, his sense of humour, and his sense of fun, which sometimes could be quite mischievous, endeared him to all who knew him. He took great delight in being unconventional and unpredictable. Who else could shatter the dignity of a formal dinner party or of an august scientific forum with a shrill and piercing moose call, and have everyone love him for it?

A humane and compassionate physician, Bill's concern for the whole person dominated his relationship with all, including patients, residents, students, nurses and colleagues. Shortly after I began working with him, he took great pains to define the work "empathy". Empathy, he explained, is projecting oneself into what others are thinking, feeling or doing. Empathy characterized his relationship with so many people. He would sometimes visit his patients in their homes to assure that they were doing well in their home setting, and on more than one occasion made tea or lit a fire in the hearth for a somewhat despondent patient on a dreary afternoon. He frequently went out of his way to befriend those whose lot in life was less fortunate. He knew many of the non-professional hospital support staff by name, and often knew of their personal or family difficulties, and would sometimes find an opportunity to do something kind for them. In no way was this a form of patronage. It was simply that Bill tried to treat all as equal. In "something beautiful for God" Mother Theresa wrote "we can do no great things, only small things with great love". Such were the ingredient of Bill's life.

Had he lived a generation later, Bill would probably have become what we now call a "clinician-scientist". He was a brilliant and innovative clinician, an excellent technical surgeon, and a creative and disarmingly independent thinker. He read widely, and had a formidable memory. He was impatient with mediocrity and intolerant of arrogance, ostentation, and dishonesty.

Bill kept active and alert intellectually throughout his later years. In 1986 he co-authored a paper on spinal cord infarction, which was published in the *Journal of Neurosurgery*. In the same year, he authored a well thought out paper on C2 nerve root entrapment, which was published in the *Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences*.

At the Annual William S. Keith Visiting Professorship, a difficult neurosurgical case is presented each year at a clinical-pathological conference. On two notable occasions, when he was close to 80 years of age, after the visiting professor had failed to reach the correct diagnosis, Bill, with no prior knowledge of the case, electrified the audience with the correct answer, a tribute to his quick mind, excellent memory and formidable reasoning powers.

Bill often remarked how fortunate he was to be able to enjoy, while he was still alive, the visiting professorship at the University of Toronto, which was named in his honour. It has been remarkable to watch him actively participate in this event each year. For the past 13 years, 13 of the world's outstanding neurosurgeons have assumed the title "William S. Keith Visiting Professor in Neurosurgery". Their scholarly presentations, together with presentations by University of Toronto Faculty and residents' case presentations and research papers, have made this event the highlight of each academic year. Bill was proud of this tribute and was truly worthy of it. It will continue to honour him for years to come.

To his wife Eleanor, his daughters Jean and Sheila, his son Ian, his daughter and sons-in-law, his nine grandchildren and his great grandchild, we extend our deepest sympathy, but with it, a message of gratitude for the life of Bill Keith.

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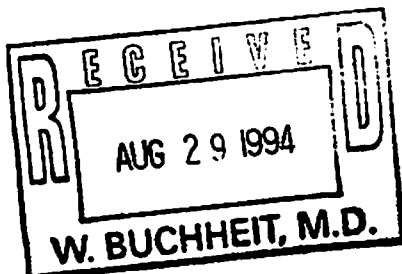
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for ensuring that the "Round Robin" lives. Also, congratulations on your new position, I am sure that you will have an outstanding residency program based on the faculty and resources that are available to you.

Firstly, from a professional standpoint, our medical center continues to work very hard, although it has major concerns regarding its future as it relates to the rapid changes in healthcare, particularly HMO's. It is very difficult to compete. Fortunately, I think in the longrun, HMO's will not survive because they have inherent problems as relates to access, ethics and other important issues. In the meanwhile, probably several years, some medical centers are going to be adversely affected in a major way.

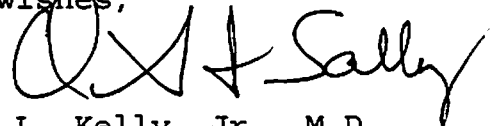
I have concerns about our residency programs and other residency programs in neurosurgery because of changes in the referral patterns which will either dramatically decrease the number of cases or change the type of cases so it will be almost impossible to train neurosurgery residents with a full spectrum of experience or cases without some major changes in our present methods of education. Neurosurgeons are very talented and adaptable so I am sure that someone will come up with some excellent ideas as to how we can make the best use of the changes being thrust upon us.



Our department is thriving, both from a clinical and an academic standpoint. We have two new faculty members each of whom are outstanding, Dr. John Wilson from Tufts by the way of Pittsburgh and Dr. Steve Glazier from Philadelphia. We have recruited a vascular interventional neuroradiologist. Our seizure surgery program is growing, and we have initiated, under the auspices of Neurosurgery, some promising research efforts. Neurosurgery has had an opportunity to participate in the growth of neurosciences at Bowman Gray in a significant way.

On a personal note, Sally and I are "hanging in there", so to speak. We recently celebrated our thirty-sixth wedding anniversary. We have the three best grandchildren in the world, (the same opinion as the rest of the grandparents in the Academy). We have experienced the usual "knocks and downers" like everyone else, but we are enjoying and appreciating many blessings. Among our blessings are many friends in the Academy whom we look forward to seeing in Sea Island.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DLK & Sally". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "DLK" being more prominent than the name "Sally".

David L. Kelly, Jr., M.D.

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For the Round Robin

**Patrick J. Kelly, MD
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I've been in New York City since the first of September 1993, having succeeded Joe Ransohoff as chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at New York University Medical Center. It's been an exciting, challenging and humbling experience. First, it has given me a new respect for the various chairman I've worked under: Paul Bucy, Bob Grossman, Jean Talairach, Gerard Guiot, John Gillingham, Thor Sundt and Dave Piepgras. It was easy for me to be critical of them from time to time. I now realize that being a chairman is a lot of work and if there are rewards, they are not yet immediately apparent. Running a Neurosurgical Department of smart, ambitious and aggressive individuals is like trying to herd cats. Thor Sundt used to say that at times he felt as if he needed a whip and a chair. I wish I could come up with the administrative equivalent of an electric can-opener.

But the job is great. The NYU program covers four hospitals: Tisch University, Bellevue, Manhattan Veterans and the Orthopedic Institute. In my opinion, they are the best neurosurgical institutions in the city. We have our operating room well equipped for computer-assisted volumetric stereotactic surgery and continue to expand the technology. There are 11 faculty members, 12 residents and four fellows (spine 1, pediatric Neurosurgery 1 and 2 general fellows). It is a spectacular group of people. My neurosurgical colleagues are world class and have been very supportive and helpful. The residents are the best I've ever worked with anywhere. They are very bright, hard working and knowledgeable. We have established exciting research collaborations with outstanding individuals from the Departments of Radiology, Biophysics, Neurophysiology, Pathology, Molecular Biology and Computer Science to name a few.

Carol, our five year old daughter Caitlin and I are living in a 1500 square foot co-op apartment on the upper East Side. This, I'm told, may have some panache. However, we used to live in a 6000 square foot house in Rochester, Minnesota and the stuff from a 6000 square foot house doesn't fit into a 1500 square foot apartment. Fortunately, our house in Northeast Harbor, Maine was able to accept most of the overflow. But, we've recently acquired the apartment next door which will almost double our space in New York, so things are looking up spacewise. Nonetheless, in weaker introspective moments, I am troubled by the fact that I've got more dough tied up in New York City real estate than in my pension fund or anywhere else.

And what a place to live! New York. Manhattan. The Big Apple. There's no place like it. No place! This is the cradle of civilization (forget about Mesopotamia, the fertile crescent, the Greek city states, the Roman Empire, etc.). This is where it's at! This is where it's happening! New York City news is national news. Our humble daily newspaper, The New York Times, is the best paper in the world. You never run out of new restaurants to try here. Or live theater, classical music, jazz, cultural events. And the museums! The Universities. The ethnic diversity-there are 86 languages spoken in New York. The shopping! Carol loves it here. We got Caitlin into a private girls school located almost across the street from where we live. That's a story in itself. In brief, let me just say that having survived the ordeal of having Caitlin selected for the Chapin school, admission to Harvard or Princeton in about 12 years will seem like a snap.

How am I (a small town kid from Lackawanna, New York) doing here? Well, as usual, I'm muddling through. We left our cars up in Maine and as I've experienced the city, I congratulate myself on the wisdom of that decision. I go to and from work in one of the ubiquitous Manhattan yellow cabs. This is efficient and convenient. It's a pleasant drive from Manhattan's upper East Side along the East River past the UN to NYU. Pleasant, if one can get beyond the thought that one is stuck in a 4 wheeled death-trap driven by a non-English speaking suicidal mad man who's major ambition is to invoke as much damage to the vehicle's drive train as possible within an eight hour shift. At work, I pass from one crisis to the next and am sometimes a little amazed that they haven't canned me yet. But as the song says: "If you can make it there, you can make it anywhere. It's up to You, New York".

August 6, 1994

Dear Bill and Round Robinites:

Bob has reminded me that it is my turn to write to all of you and that Bill's gentle "triple admonition" of the very last acceptable date is apparently in earnest. I know that both of us enjoy receiving the NEUROSURGEON and love hearing what all of you have been doing since our paths last crossed, so I will attempt to share some of our thoughts with you.

I hoped that it would be easy this time. We have just returned from four days of total humor immersion at Chautauqua, a community on the shores of a lake by the same unpronounceable name in south west New York State. For years we have said we were going to this 112 year old "Utopia by the Lake" for complete cultural enrichment. Finally, we made it. We enjoyed symphony concerts, attended The Tempest, La Traviata, two lectures by Roger Rosenblatt, and one by Christopher Cerf, and four days of instruction by William Thomas a humorist from Canada. I returned thinking I will attempt to apply what I have learned in writing this letter. Writing Funny was the topic of the week. Since this is an unscientific experiment I suggest that you prepare yourself or turn immediately to the next Academician's letter.

Lesson number one. Write about your animals. Since our dogs died, not one of life's funnier events, we have no animals. Unless you want to count the deer, the woodchucks, the rabbits and the chipmunks which are munching contentedly on all of our flowers which are valiantly attempting a survival course in spite of the attack. I could mention that a dear friend accused us of stealing their appealing poodle. How would I know that in the dark it decided to befriend us and take a ride in our car. We did apologetically return Hobo, a most appropriate name for that endearing animal. I have to admit that if I could have gotten away with it, I would have kept him, but I don't think admitting that would strengthen the bonds of friendship.

Lesson Number Two: Write about your family. Don't get me wrong. We have a wonderful and sometimes very funny family, that is if you have a somewhat distorted sense of humor. But I am not under any illusions, wonderful Erma Bombeck I'm not. My computer must be old, because it just doesn't come up with hilarious bits on the Thesaurus. We could mention the escapades of five grandsons and one granddaughter but it isn't too difficult to imagine the retaliation that crew would conceive during the next visitation.

Lesson Number Three: Write about an event. Perhaps I should write about the future. We are attending an Elderhostel. Of course, we have not reached the eligible age, but friends have agreed to take us along. We are going to Sedona. It seemed like a ingenious way to return to that beautiful spot. We will be learning about archeology of the area, the Native American, and golf. Bob is anticipating the first two topics. For forty years he has resisted the last with remarkable success. We did manage the putting green at the Wigwam last year. If any of you tried it, you will know that it looked exactly like a nine hole golf course complete with trees and sand traps in miniature. He did so well there. A friend even told him that if he could putt that well, he could beat almost anyone at real golf. So far he has resisted testing that hypothesis.

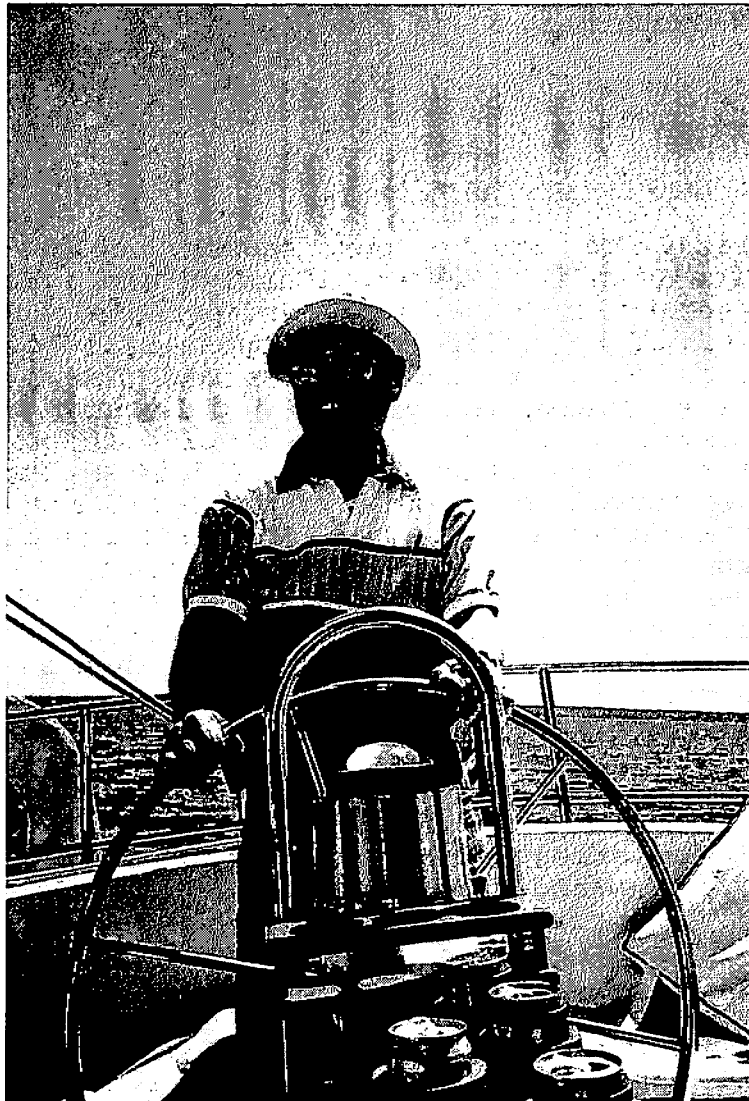
Lesson Number Four: Poke fun at yourself not someone else. Lest you think our life is all play and no work, I hasten to protest. Bob is busy and looks aghast at the calendar or the mail as I gleefully select a trip to Tibet or a weekend to Tortolla. He has made a tape that he plays under my pillow at night-"I am still working, remember." I tell him that as I get older I get forgetful. It is especially dangerous in the summer, since I am not gainfully employed during those months and have time to be subversive.

Lesson Number Five-Be concise, use short phrases and don't bore your listener. I am going back for a refresher. Meanwhile we will anticipate seeing you all at the Cloisters. I will resist all temptation at commenting on how appropriate that name is for the neurosurgeon. Lucky for you and unfortunately for us we will probably have recovered from our summer experience. We promise to spare you any jokes or stories that we consider hilarious.

Until then and with affection,

Bob & Melly

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Dear Bill:

I am pleased to update our Academy colleagues on the activities of the Langfitt family. Carolyn and I continue to be involved in a variety of professional and personal activities. By way of explanation of my professional responsibilities for the past eight years, The Pew Charitable Trusts and The Glenmede Trust Company are, respectively, the grantmaking foundation and the for profit asset management and trust business of a parent organization called The Glenmede Corporation. Since I joined Glenmede and The Pew Trusts I have served as Chairman of the Board and President and CEO of all three entities. As part of the transition toward my retirement in three years time, I passed on the title of President and CEO of The Pew Trusts to Rebecca Rimel at the beginning of this year, and sometime next year we will appoint a President and CEO of The Glenmede Trust Company. I will then continue as Chairman and CEO of the Corporation until retirement at the age of 70. Nevertheless, I am and will continue to be deeply involved with our foundation activities.

I am sure many of our colleagues know that a sea change is underway in the investment strategies employed by asset managers for both individuals and institutions. So called alternative investments in the form of international equities, emerging markets, venture capital funds, real estate funds, and so on are beginning to occupy larger and larger portions of investment portfolios. They are designed for people and institutions who want higher returns on their investments and are willing to take somewhat greater risk to try to get higher returns. Derivative investments such as hedge funds are in the same general category. Dealing with these issues within Glenmede, which now has a dozen alternative investment portfolios, now occupies a substantial portion of my time. Grappling with health care reform also continues to occupy a fair amount of time and effort.

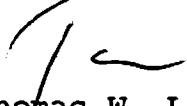
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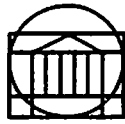
Carolyn serves on a number of non profit boards within the Episcopal Diocese, the University of Pennsylvania, and several cultural and human service organizations in Philadelphia. Our oldest son David practices law in Philadelphia and last year married Margaret Bellamy who is both a lawyer and financial analyst. Second son John is a neuropsychologist and an assistant professor of neurology at the University of Rochester Medical School, and youngest son Frank is a journalist with the Baltimore Sun. We have three grandchildren and a fourth on the way. The best news is that everyone is in good health.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas W. Langfitt, M.D.
Chairman &
Chief Executive Officer

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Until July 1st came around, the faculty at the University of Virginia consisted entirely of grandfathers. Our daughter Victoria presented us with Max Edward on May 11th so that I joined John Jane, Neal Kassell and Ladislau Steiner as a proud grandfather and Peggy of course was thrilled. We are taking on a finishing resident as of July 1st so he has a way to go to match his colleagues, at least from the standpoint of producing off-spring.

We are continuing to enjoy life and work in Charlottesville and, professionally, I am extraordinarily pleased with the development of the Neuroendocrinology Program and have enjoyed the responsibility of taking over epilepsy surgery and the peripheral nerve work. With the advent of a new head of the Cancer Center, we are beefing up neuro-oncology to be a primary part of the activity here and have extraordinarily good laboratory back-up both with the neuroendocrine group and with molecular neuropathology under the leadership of Scott VandenBerg. Neal Kassell can be counted upon to keep things interesting and we are about to start building the Virginia Neurological Institute, where much of our basic and clinical research will be coordinated.

We all enjoyed the opportunity of hosting the meeting of the Society of Neurological Surgeons here in April. We were blessed with great weather and wonderful facilities along with an excellent performance by the people who made up the program.

Peggy has enjoyed her work here and we continue with editorial activities in a less formal fashion awaiting the publication of an *Encyclopedia of Brain Tumors*, which should be out toward the end of 1994. Peggy has done a marvelous job in helping to edit the book and make it ready for publication.

Our four girls are moving along nicely. Elizabeth is married and is now a Board certified Equine Surgeon practicing in Bedford, New York. Margaret got a Master's in Public Policy from the Kennedy School at Harvard and is working as a Consultant in Boston. Victoria is the mother of Max and continues to work as a Model and Eleanor just graduated from Law School at the University of North Carolina and is studying for the Bar.

Our international political activities continue to grow along with the domestic ones. It remains a bit of a scramble to keep up with the neurosurgical work and do the other jobs as well, but we still enjoy it and always look forward to getting to the Academy meeting and seeing friends and colleagues.

With best wishes


Peggy and Ed Laws

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May 13, 1994

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Dear Bill:

The biggest news in the Loftus household for 1994, was the birth last October 22 of our daughter Mary Catherine Loftus. She has been a source of constant joy and pleasure and is adored by our three sons aged 10, 8, and 7. On the professional level, October, 1993 saw the publication by McGraw-Hill of my book with Vince Traynelis entitled *Intraoperative Monitoring Techniques in Neurosurgery*. It is still a bit premature to ascertain the success of this book but we hope for a good reception in the neurosurgery community. In April, 1994, my book *Neurosurgical Emergencies, Volume 1* was published as part of the AANS Topic Series and Volume 2 of the same work should be published in June, 1994. In collaboration with Hunt Batjer we have also started a new journal with Raven Press entitled *Techniques in Neurosurgery* which is aimed at providing a graphic and technique oriented format with theme issues each devoted to a specific neurosurgical sub discipline.

My wife Sara continues an active and too busy invasive cardiology practice at Mercy Hospital here in Iowa City and we look forward to joining our colleagues in the Academy at the 1994 meeting.

Best regards,

Chris

Christopher M. Loftus, MD, FACS
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Dear Mr. Buckheit,

It is a pleasure to write to you as
a way to affirm my friendship
and our children and
grandchildren are alive and well
and enjoying life. We have our home
for sale and plan to move to Tokyo
for their home about 15 miles away
of 3500 sq. ft. My father died at 99
last fall after a prolonged illness
which none of us would choose.

I am still involved closely with
the Foreign program as a Board
member. The North Hawaii Community
Hospital will be opened later
this month after a decade of
work. It will be the only new
State Hospital on the island and

we feel will fill a great need. Physicians
and nurses are already applying for
positions. We hope to draw on appropriate
care givers from our multicultural
population to make this hospital
a special caring and healing
environment. Time will tell.

A special Aloha to all my
friends

Sincerely,

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RE: Round Robin Letter 1994
American Academy of
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Dear Fellow and Academicians:

The past year has been a unique year, not only because it begins my second year in the academy, but also because it has been associated with serious decision-making and extensive soul-searching. As sometimes happens during the male mid-life, the various pathways for the future require extensive exploration. My wife and family have patiently waited while I have waded through the possibility of a number of choices. The appropriate blend of the academic or scholarly pursuits, clinical practice, geographic locale, financial needs, decision-making responsibilities, and a number of other factors blended with the maelstrom of today's health care initiative, all have led to a number of 2:00 to 3:00 a.m. sessions in the dark. I am hopeful that this will all be resolved over the next one or two months, so that when my wife and I participate in the November Academy Meeting this year, my life again will have achieved some personal and productive order.

Beyond my activities revolving around my academic practice, my family continues to take center stage. My 16-year-old daughter has been a tremendous student in the past two years, and seems destined for one of those higher priced schools that I thought surely I would never have to face in the next several years. She is a 16-year-old daughter whose head is truly well screwed on, and for that we are tremendously grateful. She just completed a nine day trip to Japan with me for the Japanese Congress of Neurological Surgeons Meeting which was of great personal, cultural, and historical interest. My 12-year-old finishes his grade school and moves on to the middle school now, a parting that we feel some loss because of our warm

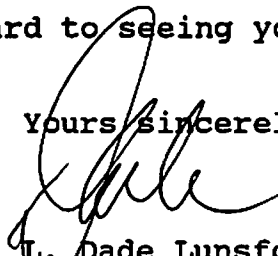
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reflections and recollections of the last seven years he has spent there. New challenges await. Perhaps the greatest challenge of all is his insistence that I learn to play the game of golf, a sport at which he appears to be rather talented, and one that he finds most amusing to play with me. My estimation is that like many sports golf must either be inherited or acquired at an early age, before the synapses are too old to learn the appropriate technique. Nonetheless, I am just beginning to get a handle on a few shots, and when I out-drive my 12-year-old, he is both amused and a little anxious at the same time. In any case, I may have reached that point in life where I am at last "old enough to play golf". Actually, I find tennis to be a more useful game, although my tennis coach continues to plan to put all of his four children through school based on my incredibly slow progress.

My wife continues to be patient at my peregrinations, an incredibly supportive wife and mother, and actively involved in a number of community affairs including our favorite charity, The Children's Home of Pittsburgh, which is actively involved in infant adoption programs and rehabilitation of infants with high medical needs.

My wife and I look forward to seeing you at the Academy Meeting in the Cloisters.

Yours sincerely,



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April 26, 1994

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Dear Bill:

I have just returned from the AANS meeting in San Diego, where I had a marvelous time. I particularly enjoyed sharing accommodations with you and Crista. I am most grateful to you and to Phanor for the lovely dinner party you gave for me as an 80th birthday present, even tho it was a little late due to my unfortunate illness last year.

This year has been rather momentous since approximately one and a half months ago I suddenly developed a bleeding duodenal ulcer which bled rather severely and I had to be hospitalized and managed by scoping. I made an uneventful recovery but it did knock me down some and led me to make a final decision about closing my office. Accordingly on the first of April I formerly closed my practice down after fifty some years of practice. I managed to dispose of a great deal of accouterment which had accumulated during those many years. Since most of the records were over 7 years of age I did not have many records to store. I kept the few that were necessary and these I have stored in my home. I managed to make a semblance of an office at home from which I can do some work. I am gradually getting this into reasonable order so I have some hope of finding things, many of which seem to have been lost during this transfer.

I enjoyed last year's Academy meeting in Phoenix very much and the best part was seeing old friends which I see only once at year at that meeting.

Things at home are relatively unchanged. Bobbie remains pretty much an invalid and proceeds with great courage despite the obstacles which confront her. My granddaughters are now in college or recent graduates so that hurdle has been met and surmounted.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that I am being presented an award by the Medical School as one of the outstanding members of the faculty which is most gratifying to me.

At this time I have every intent of attending the meeting at Sea Island and am looking forward to it with the usual great expectations.

Bobbie joins me in sending our love and best wishes to all our many old friends.

Sincerely yours,



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April 20, 1994

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Dear Ernie,

I am pleased that you will allow us to honor you at the Academic Hooding Ceremony for the class of 1994 by presenting you with the "*Praeceptor Carissimus Award*" on Friday, May 13.

Praeceptor carissimus is a Latin term we've adopted to call attention to physicians who are genuine and empathetic role models for our students. This is a distinction well deserved by you, as you have devoted your life to the science and art of medicine and to sharing your knowledge and style with the next generation of physicians.

The Hooding Ceremony starts at 6:30 pm; you will need to be at the Pioneer Theatre by 6:00 pm. Please go to the front of the bottom floor of the auditorium, where one of the ushers will direct you to our VIP seating. (There is plenty of room for any family and friends you would like to invite!) During the ceremony, you will be called to the stage to receive your award. You are welcome to make brief comments; this is optional.

After the hooding, we have a reception for families and friends at the Pioneer. Following that, we would like you to join our speaker, Judge Procter Hug, and his wife, Barbara, and our other awardees, Mariam Salvadorini and Jim Johnson, for dinner at Harrah's Steak House. We can provide whatever transportation you need.

Please call Barbara in my office (784-6003) if you have questions or need further information. I am looking forward to seeing you honored in this way. It is a privilege for me to participate.

Warmest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Daugherty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and last name "Daugherty" clearly distinguishable.

Robert M. Daugherty, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.
Dean

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Tonight you have graduated and therefore are all fine Doctors.

Some of you because of continued study and effort will become outstanding.

There may be among you one or two who will do what others cannot do and you will be called genius.

Dr. William Osler



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

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Robert L. Martuza, MD
Professor and Chairman

August 11, 1994

Dear Academicians:

Jill and I are now preparing for a week at the beach ... something that health care delivery no longer is! Like most of you, I find myself spending an inordinate amount of time dealing with issues of health delivery systems, HMOs, PPOs, IPAs and the other components of the current health care alphabet soup. With cut-backs in current re-imbursement rates occurring at times of tightening NIH funding, I have serious concerns for academic neurosurgery in the near future.

Enough pessimism! Work in the lab is going well. We are reasonably well funded. Our work on viral vectors for tumor therapy continues to be exciting. We recently filed a patent on a new vector that is very appealing for possible human studies. I'll hopefully be speaking about this at the meeting. Also, our work on modulation of tumor vasculature has now entered into human study for treating glioblastoma and neurofibrosarcoma and looks very promising. We are now extending our molecular therapies to other areas; perhaps I'll speak about these at another time if the studies progress a bit further.

On the clinical front, things are growing nicely. Our residency was approved and we have added one new person to our staff. Fraser Henderson was at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and recently joined us to focus on complex spine surgery. Gladly, we are doing more cases than ever. Sadly we are also getting paid less than ever.

On the homefront, things are reasonably stable - or, I should say metastable - with teenagers things could fall apart at any time! Robin finished her first year at Georgetown as a Fine Arts major. She's also studying Italian and hopes to spend part of her Junior year in Florence (I'll have to look for any meetings coming up in Italy in the spring of '96). Kris will be a junior in high school and is interested in painting, Beavis and Butthead, and girls. He is spending this weekend in Boston studying oil technique with a portrait artist. Kris is quite a unique and risk-taking, fun-loving individual ... never a dull moment! Kathi, in training for a professional dance career, spent the summer at the Houston Ballet Academy. It was her first time away from home. We missed her very much, and (nice to say) she missed us. Visions of the empty nest are clearly within viewing range; I know it is bothering Jill already. Perhaps all of you who have been through this stage of life can help her (and me) through this.

That's all for now. We look forward to seeing all of you this fall.

Stay healthy until we meet,

Bob and Jill Martuza

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Dear Bill:

I find that occupational retirement requires a change in daily motivation. Instead of preparing for cranial surgery I now have the important decisions to make as to having the lawn mowed this week or wait until new week!

Alice and I are trying to decide about ridding ourselves of a large house and three acres or yard and then relaxing in a retirement apartment.

I am still doing some clinical work usually seeing a few patients for consultation two days per week and then conducting a clinic at our city hospital for the indigent - a task I have assumed for at least 40 years.

Please accept my congratulations as assuming the presidency of this great society. It is an honor well deserved.

We will make a brief trip to the Cloister at Sea Island this summer and in July we are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours most sincerely,



William F. Meacham, M.D.

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July 7, 1994

Dear Academy Friends,

July 1994 finds us a little older and grayer, but still enjoying good health and fine wines (when we can buy them).

Our Birmingham professional life keeps us busy, but not too busy. About every six weeks, we are drawn to our swamp house on Little Cumberland Island off the coast of Jekyll Island, GA. There we can enjoy a world of ocean and marsh activities, or just sit and rock on the front porch as the breeze blows by.

This summer I am trying to build my landscaping clientele and am having great fun in the process. Every project brings with it something new like concrete pads, fences, wood patios, etc. I thought landscaping was only with green things, little did I know.

Richard is still building his faculty with great people and their families. And on the side, he has the honor of being the President of the Southern Neurosurgical Society and the Neurosurgical Society of Alabama.

Both of us look forward to being able to spend time with you again.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Jean".

Richard and Mary Jean Morawetz



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John Harper Seeley Professor

May 1 1994.

Dear Bill,

One of the personal pleasures of the year was the opening, in Nov '93, of the "Mullan " conference room complete with portrait, courtesy of my former residents, under the inspiration of Bryce. A few days later the Fall bulletin of the A.A.N.S. appeared, containing a brief reference to having obtained a portrait of Dr.Bucy, together with a commitment to seek something of it's history from the archivist of Northwestern University. Since some of my remarks on the occasion of the opening related to this portrait of Dr.Bucy, and since the archivist might not have all of the details, or might not wish to include them, I thought that my fellow Academicians might be interested in the true story of what came to be known as the "Unhanging" or "Demuralisation" of Dr.Bucy. Some additional remarks will be included, in order to provide the framework against which the authenticity and veracity of the account might be evaluated.

I remarked that in most of us, there is some small corner of some gene somewhere, exclusively dedicated to the pursuit of personal immortality. In this immortal, hereinafter life we tend to think of ourselves as occupying a more elevated plane, sublime, privileged and enjoying an admiration and respect that had sometimes proved illusory to our more recently mortal self. I added that I could think of nothing which would give me more pleasure, than to be immortalised in oil to this elevated position, from which I could continue to enjoy those neurosurgical conferences, which had been so much a part of my life for close to forty years. But there are always problems, even with occasions of much gladness and great joy. A few nights earlier I could not sleep, thinking about it. I was up wandering around.

Vivian awoke too and queried : "Why are you up?"

" Because I cannot sleep". I said.

"Are you clipping giant aneurysms again"

"No, not that." I replied. "Bryce is doing a fabulous job."

"Are you worried because you are not clipping giant aneurysms again?"

"No, I don't believe I ever want to clip another giant aneuysm again, though I do admit they had a fascination.

It's the portrait." I ventured.

"The portrait? Bob Bentley did you more than justice!" she exclaimed.

"I know that. It's a fine portrait." I admitted. I was careful not to use the word "beautiful" though the thought did occur to me. "In fact it's a work of art."

"Well how could the portrait keep you from sleeping?"

"Look Vivian, there's a downside to everything ---even immortality --- You know that not everyone believes that everything in general, and life in particular, is going to get better. That's entropy --- the second law of thermodynamics and all that sort of thing. Neurosurgeons, by training, always look out for the downside. You come home after taking out a three and a half inch accoustic, with both seventh and eighth nerves intact, and instead of breaking out the champagne, as a lawyer or junk bond dealer might do after a similar victory, you begin worrying that the patient might fall out of bed and break a leg , or get a pulmonary emblism and die."

"But how does that relate to the portrait? — I think you should go back to bed."

"You remember Paul Bucy's portrait?" I questioned. "The 'Unhanging' or 'Demuralisation' of Dr. Bucy. — You cannot forget that?"

"Vaguely, very vaguely," she said. "Tell me about it in the morning. No. Tell me about it now, since I am awake at this unearthly hour."

"Well" I said, "Paul was presented with his portrait at Wesley on the occasion of his retirement. There was a great ceremony, tea with petit-fours, a string quartette and eloquent speeches. The cord was pulled, the drapes fell away and there — there was displayed an absolutely splendid full length portrait of Paul, reaching from the ceiling to the floor. Paul was a short man and he was very, very pleased.

Very soon he retired to Tyron, North Carolina, but frequently came back to Chicago and admired the portrait, if time and circumstance permitted. He was very pleased. But then one day it was not there. He called up the Dean of the Medical School, the President of the Hospital and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, all old and trusted friends. A diligent search was instituted. The portrait was located in perfect condition. A profound apology was made. There was a new ceremony with all the trimmings, tea and petit-fours and the string quartette. The portrait was again unveiled. This time the speeches were shorter but no less laudatory. Paul was again very pleased.

He continued to visit Chicago with an occasional glance at the portrait. Then one day he could hardly believe his eyes. The portrait wasn't there! It had disappeared! The wall was blank! He called his old friends. There were of course inevitable changes in office. There was some delay in reply but eventually the President called back.

"Hello Paul! How are the spring azelias in your paradise in the woods? ——— No nothing like that here. ——— An occasional snowfall still around. ——— By the way Paul we found your portrait again. ——— No! we're not sure, but we have our suspicions. ——— A neurosurgeon you suspect? ——— It could be, it could be. ——— No Paul. I don't think you need come. ——— Too far. ——— Not a good time of the year. We will see that it is securely hanged—hung. ——— No I don't think so Paul. The leader of the string quartette just died. It's just a trio now, and not very good. ——— Right Paul, right. We will just hang it up ——— Same old place ——— Good-bye Paul. Best regards to Evelyn."

He continued to visit Chicago, though less frequently now, as the years advanced. What happens must happen. On one of these trips the inevitable and predictable happened. The wall was blank once more. There were now further changes in the University and in the hospital administration. The returning voice enquired: "Bucy? You said the name was Bucy? ——— Ah yes! ——— A portrait? ——— What portrait?" Paul was no exception to the general rule that the shadow cast by a chairman of Neurological surgery fades at a rate proportional to the cube of the time since separation. By this time the identity of the perpetrator was on file. The portrait was quickly located, packed, crated and sent off to grace Paul's beautiful home in the N. Carolina hill country and that's the last I heard of it until the A.A.N.S. announced its acquisition.

"That was not all bad" said Vivian. "Our art collection is neither so extensive nor so expensive that we couldn't find space for your likeness at home."

"But it could be worse than that." I said.

"How come?" she queried.

"That's the Northwestern way," I said. "It's still fully intact. Isn't it? It still exists! The University of Chicago's way would be by slow imperceptible attrition. You remember The Home for Destitute and crippled Children? About 1910 it was a large home and a large farm and a large endowment and a large billboard size sign. Then it became a wall plaque as it was incorporated in the McIlwee-Hicks wing where the Department of Surgery looked after polio and hydrocephalus and meningoceles by virtue of its resources. Then the endowment somehow went to Pediatrics and became first a major paragraph in the annual report, but now just a line item to gladden the heart of some administrator, trying each year to balance the Pediatric books."

"The name and title still exist," said Vivian. "Not bad as Immortality goes!"

"But it could be even worse than that" I said.

"Did you notice the blank space on the wall below the portrait. Some enemy could come along and write an epitaph. You remember what happened to Chesterfield?"

"Lord Chesterfield or was it Castlereagh?" Vivian enquired. "Not on Chesterfield's Gainsborough I hope?"

"It was the suggestion for an epitaph, volunteered by one of the romantics ---- Shelley or Byron, I think. Charlie Drake should know. It was he who introduced me to Chesterfield"

"How did it go?"

"Something like this.

"No weary traveller e'er has spied,
A scene more grave than this,
Here lie the bones of Castlereagh.
Stop! passerby,
And hiss"

except that the last word was more bawdy than "hiss."

"That was indeed terrible!" said Vivian "That was awful!"

"But it could be much worse than that, much, much, worse." I told her.

"How could anything be worse than that"

"I will tell you. The real reason I could not sleep was the nightmare I had. I dreamt that there came out from Washington, from T.C.P.C., that is the office of Thought Control and Political Correctness, an edict, that in every Hospital and Medical School, throughout the land, such portraits should be taken down and be replaced by a portrait, or preferably by a bust of --- You guessed it --- Hilary Rodham Clinton.

"Go to sleep". said Vivian.

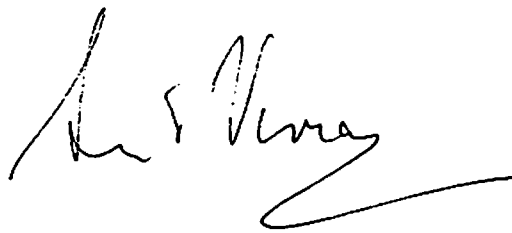
Paul's great friend and mentor, Percival Bailey, held that it was a poor story that could not be embellished and Paul certainly shared this view. "Piece out the imperfections with your thoughts, and make imaginary puissance". said the Great Bard. Both Percival and Paul understood and appreciated the art and license of the storyteller and Paul will forgive the woof of art that may have entwined the isolated warp of fact. I have not yet seen the official account of the archivist. If it contradicts anything written above, believe the archivist.

While Bryce's new team continues to accelerate the pace of clinical productivity and laboratory investigation, I find myself passing quiet hours, pouring over old case records and problems, that have perplexed me. I just might be able to assemble some papers from the effort. In February, Bill Sweet and Elizabeth, Don Long and Harriet, Ron Sengupta and a neuroradiologist named Gopal and their wives from Newcastle, England, joined me in a W. F. N. S. lecture tour of Thailand and India. Bangkok remains one of the world centres of hospitality, despite a growing and monumental traffic problem. If Chicago drivers had to contend, they would annihilate one another. We have a few things to learn about the eastern concept of the role of harmony. For those who were disappointed in New Delhi in 1989, there is a very different and energetic and beautiful and hospitable India, to be seen in places such as Jaipur and Hyderabad.

Vivian did not accompany me. She was busy acquiring some new grandmotherly skills, courtesy of our Internal Medicine daughter. Our older son finishes his Neurosurgical residency in Minneapolis this summer and will practice in that city. Our younger son is in the middle of his Radiology apprenticeship.

Vivian says that a more leisurely pace permits me to write letters that are longer than necessary. If you get this far don't blame her. We both look forward to meeting you again in the fall.

Sincerely yours



16 May 1994

Dear Bill:

Last November I officially retired from Duke and am now an Emeritus. Bob and Gloria Wilkins had a wonderful retirement party with many of the Duke residents returning which pleased Irene and I very much. The weekend celebration was highlighted by a lecture given by Bill Sweet and as usual it was a blockbuster. The residents under Bob's suggestion set up a permanent lectureship in my name which was very touching. Irene and I both enjoyed the whole event since all our children and grandchildren were there to celebrate with us. All in all a good time was had by all.

Bob has given me office space to continue on with current projects. We were fortunate to recruit Dr. John Gorecki who trained with Ron Tasker and then went to University of Mississippi. John has an interest in pain which pleases me.

Irene is always busy, involved in the Salvation Army, Episcopal Church and her garden. We have two grandchildren close by. Jim is in the middle of his neurosurgery residency here at Duke, this last year has been spent at the University of Cambridge where he is working the anatomy department on a problem of brain transplantation on a very basic level. I think he is ready to get back to clinical neurosurgery.

At present our plan are to stay around Durham, we will go to the Japanese Neurosurgical meeting in the fall. I am keeping up my interest in Aston Martins and was appointed the American rep for the South. All in all retirement seems like a busy time and we hope to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Blaine Wilkins".



Material for the Round Robin

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July 22, 1994

Dear Academicians:

I am afraid the Pacific Northwest Branch of the Ojemann family has not been very good about providing communications for previous "Round Robins"; we hope to do better in the future. Many things are presently the same as they would have been in previous communications if those had occurred: We still live in the same house, as we have throughout our 27 years of marriage, although this year the house underwent another remodeling (#8). Both of us are still active on the University of Washington Faculty, Linda taking care of patients with intractable epilepsy from the medical standpoint, and George from the surgical standpoint. However, there are a few changes: our oldest son, Jeff, is progressing through his Neurosurgical Residency with Ralph Dacey at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Our second son, Steve, is into the third year of UCLA Medical School. Our daughter, Ann-Elizabeth, just graduated from Dartmouth. We are in that phase of family life that oscillates from great quiet (only the two of us with children all pursuing their careers elsewhere) to great chaos (the children at home!).

The children keep encountering other neurosurgeons' children: a bit over a year ago, Jeff as an intern had Thor Sundt's son as the Chief Resident on the Cardiovascular service at Barnes Hospital. Both of us have been very busy clinically. If managed care is reducing specialty referrals, you wouldn't know it from the referrals for epilepsy surgery, only from the reimbursement. George was particularly fortunate in having two excellent Epilepsy Surgery fellows this year, Mark Smith from Charlie Hodge's faculty at Syracuse, and Peter Weber, a product of Howard Eisenberg's training who is joining the faculty at UC Irvine.

Our Research activities have also been thriving this past year: Linda evaluating the usefulness of modern imaging studies in selecting epilepsy surgery, and George using the surgical opportunities to continue his investigations of mechanisms of human higher functions, most recently looking at some of the cellular correlates of learning in human temporal lobe. George remains active in the national neurosurgical scene. Although he completed his term as a Director of the American Board of Neurological Surgery last spring and has graduated to the "Advisory Board", he is now on the Residency Review Committee and continues as a Director of the AANS. A new element this year is a foray into the world of book publishing for the general public. With William Calvin, George has written a book trying to explain human brain functions for the general public, "Conversations with Neil's Brain". Published in May, by July, it had joined Dr. Seuss and "In the Kitchen with Rosie" on the Pacific Northwest hard cover non-fiction bestseller's list. Book signings are a new experience.

Linda and I are both looking forward to seeing all of you at Sea Island this fall.

Sincerely yours,

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March 22, 1994

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Dear Bill:

Thanks very much for asking for a contribution to the American Academy's Academician one more year. It is like all of the monumental holidays every year, I would feel cheated if I hadn't written with regard to where I have been last year and where am I going this coming year.

I am planning to retire from Neurosurgery at the Mayo Clinic as of February 1, 1995, and coincident with that retirement, Judy will be having a one-woman show in St. Louis of her sculpture and a traveling show both in Japan and in Germany. My daughter, Jennifer, is teaching in her fourth year at the University of Minnesota in Morris. She's in the Art Department teaching sculpture and is a chip-off-the-old-block following in Judy's footsteps. Gregg is working for a stock brokerage firm in New York City and Scott, my oldest, along with his wife, Grace, has three children and is living in Boise, Idaho. Back to Judy, she has received the National Endowment for the Arts Award this year and along with her sculpture, she is now doing beaded jewelry and hopefully will be spending some time with me in the motherland of glass beads; namely, Czechoslovakia, doing workshops.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Academy meeting this fall.

Sincerely,



Burton M. Onofrio, M.D.

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strike -
Is this a
first or what?

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July 28, 1994

Dear Fellow Members:

I suppose my major preoccupation during this year has been trying to extract the Neurosurgical Service from the jaws of the Department of Surgery. At the present time we are a Division of Surgery and a great deal of money, perhaps \$800,000. a year or more, goes to General Surgery. General Surgery is very reluctant to let us free since they are a money-losing Department. The Medical School also extracts a substantial tax.

So far, none of them will deal seriously with us, so we are considering moving the 20 people in our laboratory and a good number of attendings out into outside offices. This should get their attention, and perhaps then we will be able to work out a satisfactory arrangement.

My own plan is try and retire some time soon, but I would like to leave behind a Neurosurgical Service with independent status and control of its own monies. If this doesn't happen, I am sure you will agree, there won't be many takers for the job.

Otherwise, Julie and I have had a good year. We have been to a number of neurosurgical meetings in other countries, and this is always most stimulating. Our recent trip to Iceland was less productive; the salmon fishing business has fallen off substantially this year in most of the Northern rivers.

Best wishes to all.



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August 1, 1994

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Dear Bill,

It has been an exciting and eventful year and ever so appropriate that I record for you and my friends in the Academy the changes in our lives.

After three interesting at times unbelievable years at Jackson Memorial Hospital, the primary teaching hospital of the University of Miami, I have moved my clinical base to Mercy Hospital as Director of the new Neuroscience Institute. While maintaining my Professorship at the University and my interest and concern for the Residents and Students, I have distanced myself from the curious politics and practices of the Department of Neurosurgery and have found a safe haven to practice quality Neurosurgery in a medium-sized, delightful hospital on the shores of Biscayne Bay. It is particularly pleasant to have stripped away the layer of bureaucracy and inefficiency of the University and its overwhelming concern about finances and concentrate on what is best for the patient. My introduction to Miami's version of American academic Neurosurgery astonished, concerned and finally embarrassed me. But no longer do I feel driven to change the world to meet my standards, as many appeared to be content with the illusion of excellence in the Department I can only say God Bless!

Here at Mercy we have an enthusiastic, talented, capable team interested in quality, personal and humane care. Moreover, the Hospital management are moving quickly and effectively to adjust to the shifting sands of the current medical economic chaos and are determined to make the care affordable.

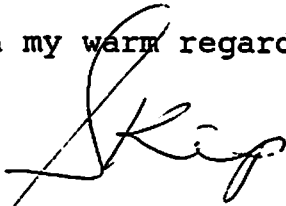
This new professional opportunity made it possible to attract Heather Carter back after a year away from Miami. Her intelligence, experience, enthusiasm, good humor and many years of keeping my life in order will insure success.

Ann is very well and continues to work hard at her recovery. Michael, our eldest, is practicing law in London and his wife, April, is expecting our first grandchild in November. Drew, our free spirited second son has rebuilt a classic wooden ketch and is planning an extended cruise- perhaps a circumnavigation and with a female friend in every port. Thomas graduated this year from the University of Victoria and plans a year off teaching English in Japan and then on to Law or Business school. We are very proud of them all.

This passionate and mercurial city is incredible. Everything is exaggerated - the clouds, the colors too bright to be real, the heat, the poverty and the violence. Ugly is far uglier in Miami, but beautiful is breathtaking; it is addicting. !Mira! What a place! Life here is a passion.

Bill, good luck and much happiness in your new job and thank you for all your support this past year. We look forward to seeing you and Krista at the meeting.

With my warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. J. Peerless', written over a diagonal line.

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August 20, 1994

Dear Academicians:

Our Editor and Honorable President has asked for paragraphs "about family, vacation, and work" so I'll proceed in that order.

Our three sons are each in exciting phases of their lives. Our oldest son, Jeff, a Vice-President for investments with Smith Barney Shearson in Dallas and wife Lynda, are expecting their first child in October. It will be our first grandchild and Jane's excitement and anticipation is beginning to affect me.

Number 2 son, Andrew, is going through a career change from his postgraduate beginnings in business and is now in the applications process for medical school. We're finding out how competitive it is. It's both interesting and heartwarming that in spite of the great uneasiness that we feel about changes in medicine and health delivery, our bright young people are still so strongly drawn to this career. I hope it never changes.

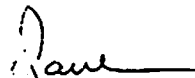
Our third son, Colin, is pursuing an advanced degree in art at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, with a specific interest in "sculpture that works". He is also a machinist and works part-time in the Robotics Department at CMU which he finds intellectually stimulating and applicable to his goals as a sculptor. We marvel at his creative energies. Can this be our son?

Vacation and work seem to have a way of merging these days. Jane and I have enjoyed some leisure and recreational days around several of the neurosurgical meetings, most recently along the Maine Coast before the RRC meeting at Bar Harbor. We envy those of you with sailboats and residences there.

Our department has been strengthened by the return of Bill Krauss from six months of spinal fellowship with Sandy Larson; also one of our recent graduates, John Atkinson, returned after four years of Navy duty spent in the Middle East and Oakland Naval Hospital. Each of these fine young men bring special talents as well as a vital infusion of new perspectives and energy. We are all delighted to have them back.

Jane and I are looking forward to seeing you in November at Sea Island.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Members of the Academy:

It was ever so comforting to know we have the entire Academy membership as friends. We miss those contemporaries who are no longer with us but the kindness of more recent members is a joy.

Last Christmas we got bogged down and didn't get out our usual Christmas cards -- the first time we missed in fifty-five years -- but we have bounced back and neither one of us has had to use a cane, a crutch, a walker or a wheelchair tho' Lorene at times welcomes someone's arm.

We are glad we seldom missed an Academy meeting in earlier years because we have so many happy memories. We urge all of you to travel while you are physically and mentally able. John has no trouble playing squash and we like to think we are still quite sharp pushing ninety -- give us a year or two. However we seldom get out of Portland farther than the Rogue River tho' John has yet to miss an Encampment at the Bohemian Grove.

Do give us notice when you can visit Oregon; we welcome visitors, particularly at the Rogue.

Our best love to all,

Lorene and John
Lorene and John Raaf

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Dear Bill

It is a pleasure to write to Round Robin again.

This summer as usual was spent in the beautiful hill station of Kodaikanal, with the whole family including children and grand-children playing golf. Apart from this, most of the time was spent in preparing the Second Edition of the Text Book of Neurosurgery. Prakash Tandon and I are planning to publish the Second Edition by the end of this year. The first edition was quite a success in many developing countries. It is hard work but exciting when you record all the new knowledge and advances that have taken place in the last few years in our wonderful speciality of Neurosurgery.

As President of the Indian Sleep Research Society of India, I was in Japan two weeks ago. Being a guest of the Japanese is exciting. Their hospitality is often overwhelming. The amount of Sleep Research going on in countries like Thailand, India, Japan, Korea and China is impressive. Our work is mainly based on States of Meditation and their Neurophysiological equivalence.

I am continuing to work at the Voluntary Health Services Hospital, a charitable organisation, heading a Neurosurgical Department of 45 beds and operating three to four times a week. Microsurgery is so precise and beneficial - what a change from 44 years ago when I started Neurosurgery in India. The Department is recognised by the Indian National Board of Examinations for postgraduate training in Neurosurgery. The clinical and operative load is quite heavy even though we do not undertake to treat many head injuries. Our MRI Company is planning to put a few more MRIs in different parts of South India, a more that will benefit the public.

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Through this letter, I would like to invite Fellow Academicians to visit Madras whenever they happen to come to India. It will be nice to have them here and show them round.

Indira still continues to deliver babies normally avoiding caesarian section where possible. A strange attitude in these modern days, but the patients are so grateful. She also diagnosis pituitary microadenomas for us.

The Journalist son Vijay has started a new Business Newspaper which is keeping in tune with the rapid and far reaching economic changes taking place in India. The second son Ravi the Neurosurgeon is taking off on his own with special interest in pituitary adenomas, acoustics and deep cerebral lesions apart from routine neurosurgery.

I have sent you by sepearte post a copy of my latest curriculam-vitae and publications. You may like to read it.

As against what I wrote a few years ago, the road is not as uphill or winding as in the earlier decades and every step forward adds joy and gratification.

With regards

Yours sincerely


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August 1, 1994

Dear Members:

I enjoy so much your contributions to the Round Robin that I want to do my part for the next edition and offer these comments on the topics Bill has suggested.

As many of you know, Mary passed away almost three years ago. I am retired except for occasional consultations, but manage to keep busy with other activities. With six children, spouses of three, and eleven grandchildren, it is almost a full-time job remembering each of their birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations and having frequent visits with them. This is convenient, because all of them live in California.

Aidan, my oldest son, an M.D., does cardiac and thoracic surgery and heart transplants in Newport Beach. He and his family were forced to evacuate their home in Laguna Beach in the devastating fire several months ago, and expected their house to be destroyed momentarily, but luckily it wasn't.

Brendan, M.D. and M.B.A., in La Canada, keeps busy in Internal Medicine and Business Administration, but still has time to be concerned about interplanetary catastrophes, as I discovered when I ran across his recent letter to the editors of *TIME* magazine (6/13/94).

Daniel, our youngest son, in El Toro, is busy doing research on diamond production and "breeding" them for commercial uses.

Nancy, our youngest daughter, is an attorney in Newport Beach. She has so many varied interests that I don't know how she finds much time for lawyering.

Michele, another M.D., spent a year at the South Pole with the National Science Foundation -- the first woman to "winter over" on the "ice" -- and continues to be active in the Antarctic Research Program. She is a member of the Explorers Club and also active in Interplast, Inc. She completed studies in business management at the University of North Carolina Kenon-Flagler School of Business. She had a residency at Stanford University in Anesthesiology and is now on the faculty in that department at U.C.L.A.

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Kathleen, our oldest daughter, didn't become a doctor or attorney nor does she make diamonds. She enjoys politics, when she can break away from the needs of her family in Saratoga. She has a fine husband who has an auto dealership in San Jose. They are blessed with three delightful children.

I wonder if any children or grandchildren of members are in college at Stanford, U.C.L.A., U.C. Berkeley, University of Seattle, or Notre Dame where they might be acquainted with any of our grandchildren.

I think it would be interesting to have a crystal-ball view of neurosurgery as it will be 50 years from now, when MRI scans and the gamma knife will be up on a dusty shelf with other dodo birds, such as Lipiodol myelography, cut down carotid angiography without serial films, and ventriculography which were common procedures when I began my residency in neurosurgery 55 years ago.

The lumbar disc syndrome has always been of great interest to me. My crystal eyeball has a cataract, but it seems to indicate that the disc syndrome will still require the neurosurgeon's attention 50 years from now, unless it is prevented from occurring by not allowing humans to assume the erect posture and requiring quadrupedal locomotion.

Postoperative recurrences are often labeled "failed backs." I prefer the term "failed surgeon" because recurrences are not due to the patient's back, but are due to the surgeon failing to do an adequate disc removal. When I entered private practice after WW II, I was the "failed surgeon" in 20% of my first 35 patients, who had such poor results that reoperation was necessary. I was using a variety of technics, including interbody bone chips, wedges, and dowels, but not removing the disc adequately. My results improved substantially when I abandoned these technics and concentrated on more thorough disc removal. For example, in 1956-60, I was the "failed surgeon" in 7% of 143 patients. In 1966-70, I failed in 1.7% (4 of 227 patients). None of my disc removals have required reoperation since 1969. These statistics are from a report I prepared on 797 cases in 1971, but I never published because I wanted a little longer follow up on the more recent cases.

Until I retired in 1989, I continued to be active in disc surgery, doing fewer fresh cases and more other surgeon's failed cases. I never took time to tally up the numbers in

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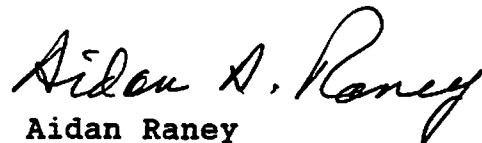
the new series, mainly because no further recurrences occurred.

I did explore an L3 disc I had operated three years earlier. This man had excellent results for 2½ years. When pain returned, some of the features suggested a recurrent lumbar disc syndrome and others did not fit. A myelogram disclosed a small defect at L3, which the radiologist insisted was a retained fragment, but I thought it was asymptomatic scar. Reluctantly, I explored the defect and found a small mass of scar, but no disc fragment, and the disc joint was solidly immobile. The patient's condition was unchanged by the operation. Studies and observation continued and, three months later, the true cause for the problem was discovered -- a sarcoma in the iliac fossa.

In April 1968 (The American Journal of Surgery), I reported newly-designed lumbar disc curettes. These curettes and a spinous process spreader make possible easy, thorough, and safe removal of the disc for a successful result, with no risk of damage to the retroperitoneal structures. I have never had such a complication, mainly because I had designed the curettes before I recognized that thorough removal of the disc was essentially for a good and lasting result.

I had not intended to write such a long letter, but my Energizer battery just kept going and going and going.

Best wishes to all,


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Dear Bill:

Certainly, last year's *Round Robin* was indeed, as you indicated, one of the best and under your general guidance I think this year should also be very good, from my point of view. It has been almost two years since Lori, Jake, and I have moved to Tampa. Actually, I started to work at the V.A. in August and at the Moffitt Cancer Hospital across the street in October. Developments here have been very exciting indeed, and particularly, as many of you know, Dave Cahill has finally landed our residency training program and we have been swamped with requests for positions at various levels; not only at the starting level, but in terms of some very good people who have found themselves in programs which have been disapproved. Certainly the presence of residents has always made a major difference in the academic atmosphere of a medical center and we already see a major change in the additive outlook of our attending staff, nurses, and everyone at the medical center.

In terms of further developments, we are now in the process of looking to recruit a younger neurosurgeon with good research background and potential to help develop the brain tumor program at both the Moffitt Cancer Center and the V.A., as well, of course at the Tampa General Hospital. Although the former two are on the so-called "North Campus" and across the street from each other, whereas Tampa General is some twenty minutes away. It is a great research potential and Moffitt has an extensive program for expansion over the next several years; expansion, not only of clinical, but of basic science laboratory space.

Lori is developing an excellent maxillofacial and prosthodontic service at the V.A. and is beginning to develop significant relationships with Department of Plastic Surgery, all of which is very stimulating, particularly in terms of the newer techniques of extra-oral implants. In terms of Jake, he has just turned five. He is really developing extremely well from an intellectual point of view and has just taken second place in a karate tournament, having lost to a blue belt young man several years his senior, whereas Jake is still only an orange belt, so to speak. Our house, which is on the water, with a swimming pool and a boat out back is finally just about completed and is a great pleasure in terms of daily living. When I get home in the early evening, take a run, and then swim with Jake and often we eat dinner on the terrace, watching the sunset.

All in all, life in Tampa is really better than we had hoped, but of course we still miss the Big Apple.

Regards to all my friends,


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July 9, 1994

Dear Fellow Academicians,

It's summer and we have become avid baseball fans. Our usually sluggish Indians have turned into sluggers, drawn capacity crowds to our new stadium, and raised hopes of a pennant for the first time in years. Now, if only the strike doesn't ruin everything...!

For possibly the last summer, our whole family is in Cleveland. Pursuing his D.J. career, Alexey (24) spins records at several local bars in the entertainment area of town, and spends his time and money keeping up with the latest music. He's living in Little Italy, an area right by the university where many art galleries are located, and is enjoying his new environs. Rachael (20) will be a senior at Denison University in the fall. She is majoring in art history, working this summer at a contemporary gallery, and hostessing at one of the local restaurants. She will visit us out west before returning to school. Abby (7) starts second grade in September, having mastered the requisite reading and almost-legible writing skills. She enjoys science, math, and art, and has been involved with skating, gymnastics, Brownies, and Suzuki violin .

In February/March, Bob and I went trout fishing in Chile, splitting our time between a luxurious ranch filled with grasshoppers that the fish gulped down with relish, and a tent camp where we had some very bizarre experiences but good company. We also celebrated Bob's mother's 80th birthday in Florida and my dad's 85th in St. Louis.

A brand new University Hospitals of Cleveland opened several months ago with deserved fanfare. It is architecturally spectacular and Bob is quite proud of the state-of-the-art neurosurgery operating rooms which he designed. Joining the faculty as of July 1st is Alan Cohen, a pediatric neurosurgeon formerly at Tufts. We are pleased to welcome him and his family.

After summer off, I look forward to teaching Cultural Anthropology again at Cleveland State University in the fall . I am leaving next week with Abby for Montana, where I will be joined in August by Bob, the Weiss's, and assorted visitors. Hope the floods have receded in Georgia by November!

Sincerely,


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Dear Bill:

Thank you for the reminder about the *1994 Round Robin*. Everything continues to go well with our neurosurgical group. The architects are currently working on the plans for the University of Florida Brain Institute. Ground breaking is planned for 1995, and completion in 1997. We now have a pledge for the 10th endowed professorship in neurosurgery. Academic neurosurgery continues to be challenging and exciting as ever.

We are just getting ready to go to North Carolina for a week where our children and eight grandchildren will converge on us for a few days. Eric and Albert, our sons, are now practicing with groups in North Carolina. Our oldest daughter, Alice, has just left for a two year fellowship at Mayo in reproductive endocrinology. Her husband will be a fellow in orthopaedic oncology. Our youngest daughter who works at the University of Florida Hospital has moved into our neighborhood and so we see Laurel, husband and both grandchildren often. Joyce is staying busy on the babysitting front. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall. With best regards.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill,

It was very nice to see you and many other fellow members at the recent meeting of the Senior Society in Charlottesville.

I'm still seeing patients at George Washington Medical Center, two days a week. As you know Ed Laws left G. W. for Charlottesville in July 92 and we miss him a great deal. His move resulted in my return to administrative duties, as Interim Chairman, shuffling papers and residents etc. for 9 months. Fortunately, the Search Committee acted with lightening speed. Dr. Laligam Sekhar came aboard as our new Chairman with a running start on 1 April 93. He brought Don Wright back to Washington from Pittsburgh. He is an excellent successor to Laws and he has rapidly built a large and very active Neurosurgical Service with difficult lesions from all over the world.

My family and I seem to be getting along fairly well. However, I don't seem to find time to smell the roses. There's always tomorrow!

Sincerely,


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Dear Bill:

Please don't have a mild stroke due to the fact that I am getting together a note for the Round Robin. I would say in advance, though not a frequent contributor, I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the issues of the Round Robin and laud your heroic efforts in completing the editions.

Since moving from the the University of Utah to the University of Washington, Department of Neurological Surgery, in 1985 I have shifted over to one of my former area of interest in neurological surgery, namely pediatric neurosurgery. Our department Chairman, Dick Winn, has asked me to take on the job of Chief of the Division of Pediatric Neurological Surgery at Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Seattle. This has been a very enjoyable change and I would add that it has been a considerable pleasure working with Dick Winn in our department and believe that he has done an excellent job in further developing the teaching and research aspects of this large department of neurologic surgery.

My research activity is in stereotactic surgery principally in the area of frameless stereotactic surgery and the numerous possibilities therein. A rather laborious effort here at Children's Hospital and Medical Center has been that of establishing our pediatric surgical epilepsy program, I believe we now have all the essential personnel and equipment in place and will shortly be more actively underway with that.

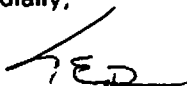
One doesn't leave a institution such as the University of Utah, where I worked for a number of years without many fond memories of that medical center and my associates there. It is a great pleasure to know that Peter Heilbrun has been able to formally establish a Department of Neurological Surgery which was previously a division in the Department of Surgery.

Living in the Northwest is very pleasurable with the great boating and all the other outdoor sporting activities. Additionally, I find that I am able to keep an accumulated number of hours, To maintain my instrument "ticket" with flying between here, Friday Harbor, Washington plus visiting children in the Oakland, San Francisco area, and Boise, Idaho.

Well, that about sums it up and I would say that I am enjoying very much continuing in the university practice of neurological surgery and hope my smarts will hold up long enough to contribute further to the literature and possibly some worthwhile research.

With all best regards to you Bill, and all mutual good friends in the American Academy.

Cordially,



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May 5, 1994

Dear Dr. Buckheit: Thank you for
sending me the "Round Robin" of
the Neurological Surgeons.

Unfortunately there were not
many of my husband's contemporaries
listed. We are all getting so old!
I was pleased to see a letter from
Dr. Pool, also Dr. Jess Hermann, Dr.
Lyle French and Dr. Francis Murphy.

I shall give this to Mary
Robertson, the widow of Dr. Joseph
Robertson.

I thank you again for your
thoughtfulness of sending this to me.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Bill:

It is a pleasure to respond to your request to a contribution to the 1994 Academy Round Robin. Our year was a very eventful one, mainly because of family events. Susan's daughter, Heather, graduates from nursing school this month, and will be looking for a job. It is astounding to us both to see how the job market for health care professionals has contracted, and there actually appear to be no openings at all in the Boston or New England area for hospital nurses. She is an excellent student, and if any Academicians know of nursing opportunities in their own institution, give me a call!

My daughter, Elizabeth is at Yale finishing her nurse mid-wife training. Elsie Heros, who Elizabeth knew when they were both children growing up in the Boston area, is a year behind Elizabeth at Yale also, and I find this a delightful coincidence, since Roberto and I were house officers together at the Mass General and Boston City Hospital many years ago. Both of my sons, who are identical twins, were hospitalized with frightening brushes with psychiatric illness, and the baffling nature of these disorders and the inability of our most trained specialists to make sense out of them, made the year a very difficult and trying one for all of us in the family. Both the boys are fine now, and we are hoping that their lives will continue to be happy and productive. Susan continues to work in the neurosurgical operating rooms at New England Medical Center. She works there three days a week now and has been taking courses at Northeastern University in Boston to complete her degree requirements. Her courses have ranged from the most thought provoking of courses (a discussion of the Vietnam era and the history of our involvement in the conflict) to the most arcane formalization of nursing theory. Some of her nights are later even than mine, and I envy her her dedication and stamina. Our department at Children's Hospital continues to flourish, and I have been pleased by our increasing share in the New England area's pediatric neurosurgical patient population, and at the quality and

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expertise of my colleagues, both at the Children's and the Brigham. Peter Black has done a spectacular job over the past six years, and it has been fun being along for the ride.

Finally, Susan and I bought a summer house in Mattapoisett, MA, a very small town directly south of Boston on Buzzard's Bay. It's only an hours drive from our home and means that we have been able to get down there on weekends to relax and get away from it all. We won't be able to make the upcoming Academy meeting because of Susan's obligations, but I anticipate a steady attendance record thereafter. We'll miss seeing everyone and we'll look forward to reading everyone's contribution in the Round Robin.

Regards,



R. Michael Scott, M.D.

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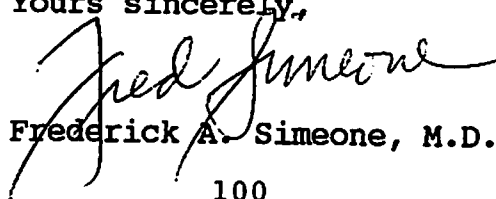
September 21, 1994

Dear Academicians,

This has been an exciting year, vocationally, avocationally, and personally. Seventeen-year-old Christina is looking at colleges, but frankly much of her year has been spent traveling up and down the East Coast becoming a nationally ranked equestrian. She has competed well at all of the major horse shows, but she recognizes that college will probably replace her sport for a while. Avocationally, my interest in sports cars and sports car history has had two great additions, long sought after and finally extracted by trade from their previous owners. One is an Aston Martin DBR1 which won the World Championship of Makes in 1959, and the other a Ferrari 375MM race car previously owned by William Holden. These two gems along with some interesting automotive memorabilia have mollified the trials of modern American neurosurgery.

Profesionally, I couldn't be happier. Wills Eye Hospital, the Nation's oldest specialty institution was convinced to convert to a neurosurgical center as well, allowing us to purchase the latest stereotactic and interventional radiosurgical equipment. About that time the Neurosurgical Search Committee of Jefferson Medical College chose me, and we were able to work out an arrangement whereby Jefferson, Wills, and Pennsylvania Hospital (where I have been for the past two decades), all joined together. These three closely-neighboring institutions, along with Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania now form a broad-based composite residency program. I was happily overwhelmed when Bill Buchheit agreed to join me in this venture and we added five mature neurosurgeons to the project, all with subspecialty interests. Clinical activities are in place and already bristling. Hopefully, next year's letter will reflect progress in the research program.

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Friends,

The summer of 1994 We will remember it well. It began with a good sign as Ken became President-Elect of the Society of Neurological Surgeons in May. In June we joined about 50 other neurosurgeons and spouses for a fabulous meeting of the Society of University Neurosurgeons in Lyon, France. We followed that with a little vacation which included a night in a turret (made into a bedroom) of an old castle, a visit to "our" vinyard (~~pictured~~) and Domaine, and a few days in Paris (shared with Ken's microbiologist brother Gerry, who just happened to also be in France for a conference).

July was a time for family. On July 10 Ken's father died suddenly at the age of 83 from a massive stroke. We feel comfort from the knowledge that he did not suffer, had lived a wonderful life and left a great heritage of family and love. But we will all miss him greatly.

It was also wonderful to come together as a family and share our love for him and each other. All our children and grandchildren were home together for the first time since our Jody died. There was much joy to mix with the pain.

Our son-in-law Eric and four soloists finished out July with a performance of "Pioneer Songs", a musical drama of the westward movement composed by Eric for four voices and piano. Needless to say, we were very thrilled to share this great event with many friends and family.

Now here it is August and this month too will be memorable. Ken will be hosting Dr. Satava from the Defense Department who will be here to look at the computer-guided frameless stereotactic surgery and Practical Anatomical Workshop of St. Louis. Margie will be continuing her efforts to find funding and collaboration with other educators for Adventures in Science and Medicine. These "projects" are new frontiers in medicine and education. We feel a sense of the pioneer spirit and the excitement and energy of the couple in Eric's musical - "Come my love and we'll go a travelin, Come with

me and we'll make a new life." One never knows what's around life's corners! We're thankful to be part of so much of the greatest of life's blessings - family and work.

Ken + Marjorie Smith

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Dear Bill,

Sorry to be late or last minute regarding the Round Robin for the American Academy of Neurological Surgery.

In spite of all of the bureaucratic nightmares that we face now in the practice of medicine, the Department of Neurological Surgery at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center has continued to expand and flourish. How much longer we'll be able to keep that up with the increased cost-cutting and entrenchment of the HMOs is difficult to say. In any event, we remain optimistic. We have added a pediatric neurosurgeon to our group this past July and this promises to be another growth area.

Dr. Robert Solomon has reviewed the state's statistics on aneurysm surgery in New York State and the number of aneurysms that he does, the length of stay and the quality of the surgery surpasses any of the other hospitals in New York State. This is something that has become available to practitioners in New York State, first through the intervention of cardiac surgeons to have the statistics published in terms of coronary artery bypass surgery and now Bob has been able to obtain them for neurosurgery. As you might expect, we are going to use this as a marketing tool.

The AVM group here which comprises a number of individuals, including radiotherapists, interventionalists, myself as a surgeon, and Dr. J.P. Mohr who is a neurologist, continues to increase the number of AVMs being treated at this institution. We are using radiosurgery in a very selective fashion, still being of the notion that microsurgery when possible is the best alternative. Likewise, we have expanded our neurosurgical spine surgery into areas traditionally the province of orthopedists while continuing to work in a

congenial professional fashion with the orthopedic department here at the medical center. Other areas in tumor stereotactic and functional neurosurgery are also continuing to grow as I have placed individuals within my group into certain specializing categories and having them focus for the most part in those areas. Our department now numbers 11 individuals, 8 of whom are in my professional corporation.

One interesting journey was to Korea for meetings in Pusan and Seoul, generated by an individual who came and observed here for a year. I had not been to Korea before and we took our five-year-old son, Charlie. While there, he had a chance to meet Korean children and see the joys of the countryside in a wonderful tour that we took between Pusan and Seoul, also visiting one of their major industrial complexes, the auto manufacturing center. At the end of August, we are planning to attend the Society of Neurological Surgery of Brazil, of which I am an honorary member, and one of my colleagues and friends there is planning to take myself and family to the hinterlands to the headwaters of the Amazon basin. This should be a very exciting voyage. Having been in Manaus, we are told that we will be in an even more remote area.

Charlie will be five years old this week and had splendid opportunity to visit Philadelphia, especially Fred Simeone's car collection. I had seen the collection some years ago but was astonished to see how it has grown with some of the most important Italian collectibles in the world. Fred is an amazing guy in that he manages to accomplish all of these things within the framework of a 24-hour day. I have a very modest collection compared to what Fred has, but Charlie has been able to cut his teeth being a mechanic's helper to me and thoroughly enjoyed seeing some of Fred's beauties.

We take Charlie almost every place, to Korea, Italy, Portugal, South America, Philippines, and now to Brazil and also throughout the United States. He has become quite an avid skier and last winter at the Snowbird meeting, managed to garner two gold medals in the NASTAR race, one in the children's and one in the adult. We also had a family get-together in Steamboat Springs where Charlie had a chance to workout on the ski slopes with his niece (my granddaughter) and my sons-in-law, one of whom goes helicopter skiing with me. Skiing has become a very important part of the Stein family, it's a great family venture but it also gives me an opportunity to get away almost every

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other year to helicopter skiing ventures where I bring my son-in-law, one of my neurosurgical colleagues from New York City and our neuroanesthesiologist.

On a personal note, health is holding up terrifically well. I find that I'm able to do almost anything and this was abetted by Bob Ojemann at the Mass General who "roto rootered" one of my carotid arteries. I picked up the narrowing by a bruit, it was asymptomatic, but I threw all the information in the literature about leaving asymptomatic carotids to the wind and decided, being a surgeon, I was going to take the surgical route and have it fixed. It was fixed very well - I don't feel any more intelligent - but it was virtually a painless procedure having been in the hospital a day-and-a-half and my blood pressure which had been running above normal levels is now quite on the low systolic side. I find it was an educational and illuminating experience to be a neurosurgical patient for a change and all those little things that we pass off which our patients complain of in the ICU, such as the EKG wires, the Foley catheter, the venodine boots on the legs and various other tubes and scratchy sheets become major concerns when one doesn't have anything else to think about. So, not only did I get excellent medical attention but I also learned some medical lessons.

On the debit side, Larry Pool was transferred to our institution recently after fracturing and having his hip pinned in the wilds of Connecticut. He is in his late 80's and just completed his 13th book. What a mind!

We are looking forward to the Academy meeting at which time I'll probably be able to renew family relationships with my daughter who is living in Macon, Georgia.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



Bennett M. Stein, M.D.

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Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to renewing friendships at Sea Island and catching up on everyone's news. I have such happy news to share and it's best shared with good friends.

Daughter Laura will be married in September to Jon Eberly, a Federal Express pilot, at the Ritz Carlton in Laguna Niguel. She plans a small, family and special friends service on the bluff overlooking the ocean at sunset. For so many years Thor and I shared such a scene at St. Martin with Patsy and Frank Haws and it will be a special time. I know he would love it. Jon has a home in the foothills in Tucson and Laura and her two German Shepherds will move out there and lease her home in the Country Club Estates near mine. Eventually they will build a home on her lot or enlarge her existing house. He is a fine young man and his thoughtfulness has already endeared him to all our family. Her Uncle Wilson Sundt will "give her away".

Son Thor is still at Harefield, England doing heart transplants with Dr. Yacoub. Dr. Yacoub talked him into staying an extra six months, so he will return and join the staff at Washington U., St. Louis, in December. Consequently I have not seen almost-five-year-old Grandson Harald since June, 1993. But we do talk frequently.

Son John has just made the trip to Boone, North Carolina to ask for Kimberly Badders' hand in marriage and they will be married in Tucson on March 25. Kimberly is a very lovely, poised young woman who will be an asset to John. She traveled with Up With People as a singer-performer, then worked in their offices until their move to Denver. She is now Director of Fund Raising (not the proper term, but you get the idea) for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. We have all loved her and feel so fortunate to be adding such congenial and loving young people to our family. Thor had the opportunity to know Kimberly, but never met Laura's Jon. However, all of us think he may have had a hand in all this happy planning.

I sold the Rochester home in December and made the final move to Tucson just as Thor and I had planned so long ago. I fortunately waited long enough to leave our home of 26 years that it was not too difficult. And the many friends I will see each six months as I return for check-ups at Mayo. I had wonderful visits with Piepgras' and many other special friends in March this year. I know Thor would be very proud of the job David is doing.

I hope many of you will be able to come by the house during the Academy meeting at Ventana Canyon in 1995 and I look forward to helping in any way I can to once again share our beloved Tucson with all of you. My love to you all.

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Dear Dr. Buckleit,

A helper has just
finished reading "The Neuro-
surgeon" for me. It was
so wonderful to hear
from old and young friends.
Thank you for sending it
to me.

Sincerely,

La Myra Swanson

CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROSURGERY FOR 1994
FROM PAULINE AND LINDSAY SYMON

Dear Academicians,

The Symons rather hoped that after the Acapulco Meeting we would have more time at home, but this has scarcely been so. The most memorable event at the end of 1993 of course was the World Federation Meeting in Acapulco. Those of you who were there will recall that it was extremely hot but the organisation by our Mexican hosts was superb and we certainly enjoyed our Penthouse flat on top of the Hyatt! Lindsay was glad to hand over the torch of Presidency to Armando Basso and to note that, particularly, the educational plans of the Federation go on apace. It's also pleasant to record that the Central Office seems to be a great success and has given the Federation a home for the first time in its 40 year history.

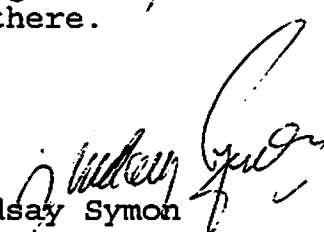
Lindsay taught on the World Federation Course in Antalya in February and was privileged to give the Willis Lecture to the Stroke Meeting of the American Heart Association in San Diego also in February. From there we went on to a splendid meeting which Al Rhoton arranged on skull base matters in Orlando. This was memorable as far as Lindsay was concerned for the opportunity to play Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer's Course). He and Russel Patterson made a determined effort to prove that professional golf was not all it was cracked up to be, and came away suitably humiliated. Our usual trip to Portugal in the spring was followed by a wonderful meeting of the Senior Society in Charlottesville. John and Louella Jane did a marvellous job and the weather was truly magnificent. We were able to exchange concerns about the organisation of neurosurgery and neurosurgical training which is clearly under threat both in the United States and in England.

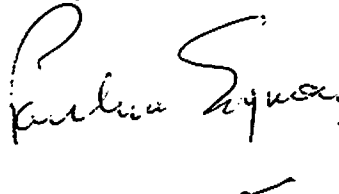
We paid further visits in June to Rumania and Hungary (where we visited Lindsay's old trainees in Pécs) and to Austria. In July we made a trip organised by the Burdenko in Moscow, taking the form of 5 days on a cruise ship from St. Petersburg through Lakes Ladoga and Onega to Kizhi Island visiting monasteries and thrashing out the problems of whether or not to remove the condyle in lateral approaches to the foramen magnum! Lindsay suggested that one of the more enthusiastic condylectomists adopt a modified version of Cato's instruction regarding Carthage - 'Condyla-delenda est'. Two wonderful evenings in the Marinsky Theatre in Petersburg completed the trip.

When at home Pauline remains busy with harp, choral singing, tapestry restoration and grand-children, the number remaining the same, but particularly notable progress being recorded by number two grand-child, Jonathan - now 7, who turns out to be a runner of some promise and promises his grandfather that next year he's going to take up golf!

The only other piece of news was the award of the CBE (Commander of the British Empire) in the Birthday Honours List in June, so we are both looking forward to a visit to the Palace to pick up the "gong".

After a suitable pilgrimage to St. Andrew's, and a postgraduate teaching course in Isfahan, we will be going to Chicago where the American College of Surgeons have most generously decided to accord an Honorary Fellowship to Lindsay, and then we will all meet, God willing, in Sea Island, Georgia. We look forward to seeing you all there.


Pauline and Lindsay Symon


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Dear Bill:

Re: 1994 Round Robin

We are attempting to get a response in time for the August 15th deadline of the Round Robin.

Mary and I again regret being unable to attend the Academy this year because it comes too close to the Japanese Meeting. We wish everybody well and hope to be with you next year.

Everybody seems to be keeping out of mischief by one means or another. Mary is the President of the Toronto Heliconian Club this year which is a ladies' club whose members are professionals in the arts. As an outside observer I would say that this is at least as onerous a job as running a Neurosurgical Division, at least when I did it.

Our eldest daughter, Moira, is a busy stockbroker; the last year has been much more active for her than the past. Our elder son, James, is living in Edmonton working as a biochemical engineer with one of the pharmaceutical companies there. Our younger son, Ron, who is currently in Norway, has set up his own computer software business and our youngest daughter, Alison, is finishing up her Master's degree in philosophy.

Yours sincerely,

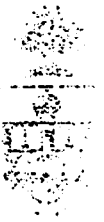
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Dear Bill:

RE: AANS ROUND ROBIN - 1994

I sense the great frustration of my U.S. neurosurgical colleagues with respect to the impending changes in medical practice in the U.S.. You are quite right to be very concerned about the prospect of greater involvement of government in the practice of medicine. Can you imagine how well government would do if it were responsible for the distribution of Coca-Cola in the United States? Would it be able to respond in an efficient and timely fashion to an order from the 7-11 Store in Grand Junction, Colorado? That is what we face in Canada with the omnipresence of government in the day-to-day practice of medicine. To be sure, individual greed and self-interest are minimized in socialized medicine, but there are major shortcomings including inefficiency and inability to respond to medical advances such as CT and MR. These difficulties are confronting Canadian practitioners along with long waiting lists, less money for research, and increased time acting as the government's gatekeeper for rationing health care. Governments are quick to shift the responsibility for prioritization to physicians and to throw the first stone in the event of a problem arising from juggling the dying on the waiting list. Yes, everybody should be "covered", and medical care should be a "right", but when governments offer this to the people and fail to deliver, they should be held accountable. When was the last time a patient successfully sued a government for lack of medical resources? In Canada, never for a breach of its promise to deliver high quality health care to everyone in a timely fashion.

I don't think I'm being idealistic to expect that governments which desire to take over health care should be made to provide high quality care and not second best, affordable, mediocre care. In Canada, everyone received high quality care until the recent recession which still grips the country, and since then mediocre care has been acceptable to the government. Unfortunately, most recipients of free health care will not complain until they or someone they know is dying or has died because of mediocre or second best care or rationing.

Dr. William A. Buchheit
RE: AANS ROUND ROBIN - 1994

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In the past few years, Canadians have proven that health care is too important to be left solely to the government. Hopefully, this message will be received clearly by my American friends. Good luck!

Carol and I will not be with you in Georgia because I have been invited to speak at the Japanese Neurosurgical Society meeting the week before and we plan to extend our visit to that part of the world. See you next year.

Yours sincerely,

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

Charles H. Tator, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.S.(C)
Professor and Chairman

CHT/sa

July 25, 1994

Dear Friends,

This has been a watershed year for me in several ways. As most of you know by now, Suzie and I divorced at the end of 1993. I am proud to say we have achieved a cordial working relationship—which at times during our split seemed an unlikely event!

I have acquired two beautiful dogs. Beau is a black lab, male, large, and wonderfully loyal. Sam—short for Samantha—is a small yellow lab. I call her Leapin' Lena at times because she is so joyous and energetic. They are my companions and soulmates and I love them dearly. They also have destroyed nearly every orchid in my collection, so you know how deep my affection goes for them.

I have learned some survival skills and some social skills this past year. After a period of postdivorce blues, I began to meet new friends, both male and female, and have begun to enjoy myself. This time last year, I couldn't boil water. This summer I am making Belgium waffles, shrimp du George, and leaving the kitchen spotless!

Last October, several of my golfing buddies and I took the 3-day Nicklaus/Flick golf instructional course in Scottsdale. It was an outstanding course and has probably taken at least 4 to 5 strokes off my game.

Earlier this summer I met my four children, their various significant others, and my 10 grandchildren in Florida for a family reunion. They are all extremely beautiful, well-adjusted kids. It has been good to get reconnected with them all. My son George is building a house near Sweet Home, Oregon, where he teaches in the local elementary school. My eldest daughter, Catherine, is up in Minnesota, busy raising her family of four. She is married to a physician, a hematologist who is the Director of Hennepin County hospitals. She is an excellent horsewoman. My other two daughters live in Texas. Suzanne, who has three children, runs a nursing agency in Galveston. Annelle, the youngest, is an x-ray technician in Smithville, near Austin. She has two children.

Things in the department are continuing to grow in fits and starts. My clinical practice revolves around pituitary surgery. I am savoring my last years as chairman and am well-aware that it is an uncertain time to practice medicine and to build a career. I feel fortunate to have been practicing neurosurgery during a period that it really turned around from a bleak specialty to a very rewarding one.

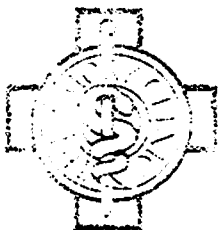
Paul Cooper, Dan Barrow, and I are editing a major textbook and this project has driven many weekends and evenings of solid manuscript reading. I am still cranking out *Contemporary Neurosurgery* every two weeks, and really love that process.

The tree farm continues to improve. We were spared the devastation of the recent floods. In fact, the tree growth has been remarkable. The oaks, magnolias, and crepe myrtles have achieved phenomenal new growth this rainy month, and this may well be my first profitable year in the tree farm business.

My feeling these days is that life indeed can get better and better. I look forward to seeing my Academy friends next fall.

My best to you all until then.

George Tindall



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August 15, 1994

Dear Bill and members of the American Academy:

I am looking forward to the upcoming meeting of the American Academy at Sea Island. The Cloister is one of my favorite places, and I know that all of you will enjoy your meeting there. Plans are now being made to make it a good time for everyone.

As most of you know, there have been some major changes in my life during the past year. George and I separated in September and divorced in December. As with all happenings of this sort, there are multiple contributing factors. I have bought a new home close to Emory and am enjoying the challenge of whipping a new home into shape.

I continue to be very busy clinically with cases, patient care, resident and student teaching. Various appointments to Dean's committees and the management committee of the Emory Clinic occupy a good bit of my professional time.

With my 50th birthday approaching next month, I have been putting aside a little more personal time. In addition to working on my home and doing some gardening, I am playing golf once or twice per week. I have joined a group of women - the Atlanta Women's Golf Association - and each week during the summer season we play at a different country club here in Atlanta. This has given me an opportunity to meet a number of new people and to enjoy golf in many settings throughout the city. I recently returned from a week in Scotland playing golf which was a remarkably good vacation.

I am hopeful that all of you are planning to attend the upcoming meeting in Sea Island, Georgia, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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Sept 9, 1994

Dear Bill -

This may be too late for the Round Robin but we just got back on dry land after spending a month on our boat up in the wilds of northern British Columbia. Went back up to Princess Louisa Inlet - lies up a 40 mile long fjord that goes from the sea back up into the mountains. Spectacular scenery - 6000 ft mountains line the fjords which are 1-2 miles wide but 2000 ft deep. Makes anchoring a bit difficult ! At the top of the inlet is a spectacular waterfall coming down a 3000 ft cliff from melting glacier - we put down the anchor on the delta at the foot of the falls in about 40 ft of water and let the current of the falls keep us tethered so we don't swing and pull the anchor into deeper water. We're miles from the nearest road or habitation - in fact being hemmed in deep in the mountains the only radio news we could get was the BBC and Voice of America on the shortwave !

Since supplies are infrequent, we try and live off the water as much as possible. Lots of prawns - pulled up our shrimp trap one morning and got 140 of 'em ! In Desolation Sound where the water is warm, lots of oysters. Just pick them up off the beach at low tide and shuck a quart in a half an hour. Dungeness crabs fairly plentiful in spots - they're the big guys - had to be a minimum of 6 in. across the back of the shell in order to be a keeper.

Spent the month of June in So. Africa. We didn't plan it, but we arrived in Cape Town 4 days after the election there - so we had a ring side seat for a major historical event when apartheid was abolished and a new gov'n't went in. It was really thrilling to see the exuberance of everybody - both whites and blacks. After 10 days driving around the beautiful country, up to Zimbabwe. Then 2 weeks in Botswana on safari - lived in tents and chased the animals and they chased us ! No roads so we flew from camp to camp. Animals came into camp almost every night - somewhat disconcerting at first to hear a hippo grazing 6 feet from your head ! Had elephant, lions and hyenas mostly identified the next morning by their footprints often right next to our tent. On game drives - usually in land rovers but once on foot (guide with a 500 express rifle !) Saw lots of game - even saw a lion kill an impala gazelle less than 100 yds from us. A neat trip.

Now we're trying to catch up - try and retrieve our golf games and get ready for Sea Island. Be great to see everybody again.

Yours,





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May 10, 1994

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Dear Bill:

For the first time since I began contributing to the Round Robin, I have enough news to fill the space.

Within the last two months, a number of decisions have led to my resigning as Chairman, assuming a one-half time job as Director of Tertiary Care Services at UCSF and returning to school to obtain the equivalent of an MBA in Health Care Administration. The reasons for my decisions are interrelated but began with my concern about UCSF's position in an increasingly competitive environment. As Chairman of a Task Force, I obtained an overnight education that led to a restructuring of our Clinical Practice Organization and my being selected to direct Tertiary Care Services. These changes have put me in a position to influence major decisions concerning a range of health care initiatives, and I must say that I find the field fascinating.

I will begin classes in July. The particular course that I have selected at the University of Colorado will require limited time on campus there with the great majority of the work being done by computer conferencing. I will graduate (in all probability) in July of 1996.

Last fall, Francie Petrocelli and I decided to buy a house together, and this we have done. It is being remodeled now to accommodate a large exercise room for me as well as a longer, narrower pool. Our new home is in Belvedere, and I hope that in the next year that some of you will get to see it.

All and all, it has been a wonderful and exciting year. I am still carrying a full surgery schedule, but with the chairmanship now in Phil Gutin's hands, I can find the time to study and have a role in developing an integrated strategy at UCSF for the delivery of specialty care.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

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June 14, 1994

Dear Academicians,

Life remains good for Lily and myself both personally and professionally. Lily continues volunteer work for the Swedish Hospital Foundation and the Epilepsy Association of Western Washington. She just completed an outstanding job doing the display for the annual fund raiser.

My practice continues to grow but has been leveling off now that it has been almost two years since returning to Seattle. The Epilepsy Center is doing quite well.

I continue as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Epilepsy* and it is growing nicely after almost fatal problems with DEMOS, the original publisher. The Journal was bailed out by Butterworth-Heinemann who was subsequently bought by Reed and then merged with Elsevier. The way the publishing business is changing at warp speed, one of these days I expect to discover we are owned by the Murdock or the National Enquirer.

This year I made it to the semifinals in the Seattle Open squash tournament, but ran out of gas. Since starting to look over my shoulder at age 50, it seems harder and harder to play against twenty-year olds. Guess I'll have to consider playing in the 40+Vets category in the future.

The only down side to life is my fiction writing career. I have now finished two novels but my agent has not been able to sell my first, which is discouraging. I'll keep at it, though, because it's something I really enjoy.

Lily and I will miss the meeting this year, and we regret not seeing our friends. We wish you good luck and a good meeting.

Allen and Lily Wyler

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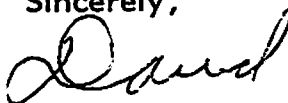
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Dear Bill:

Greetings to yourself and The Academy members. I received a "dose of my own medicine" in that I had an L4-5 laminotomy for an extremely large free fragment in March of 1994. The pain was excruciating but immediately post operatively it was gone and I did not require any pain medicine from that time on. I went back to work after approximately sixteen days and the last six months, including the operative period, have been the busiest surgically of my professional life. In fact, our entire practice is getting busier and busier as to surgical cases. We have added two Ohio State University residents to our group, Bradford Mullin joined us July 1, 1994 and Dr. Bill Zerick is going to be joining us at the completion of his residency on January 1, 1995. We are fortunate in being able to recruit such high quality and well trained men. In the first month that Brad has been with us, he has developed a full and busy practice. There must have been quite a hiatus and this surprised all of us.

We look forward to seeing the members of The Academy at the Sea Island, Georgia meeting.

Sincerely,



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April 25, 1994

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Dear Bill:

Please accept this as a contribution to the Academy Round Robin for 1994. I am just now completing my first year out of academic neurosurgery. I must admit I am enjoying the reduced demands from an administrative standpoint. I found that after making it my goal for my entire career to become a department chairman that the increasing demands of such positions combined with increasing psychosocial and medicolegal demands on neurosurgery were more than I enjoyed to continue to deal with. The reduced demands, especially of an administrative type of private practice are agreeing with me very well. We are completing also the first year of operation of the Gamma Knife in Seattle and it's has been a pleasure working with so many fine patients in the Northwestern part of the United States. It's a pleasure to be able to offer this wonderful form of therapy to patients avoiding in many instances the need for craniotomy. Radiosurgery has been something difficult for many neurosurgeons to accept but for me it combines elegance and safety in a way that cannot be ignored. It certainly is not a panacea and is a long way from solving all neurosurgical problems. On the other hand, to be able to offer safe and noninvasive treatment for a variety of conditions for which only craniotomy was formerly available has been very rewarding.

My family and I have enjoyed our first year or so in the Northwest. My wife Chris is working as the Clinical Administrator of the Gamma Knife Center and this is the first time I have ever worked closely with my wife in a professional relationship of this type and I must say it has worked out very well. She has wonderful insight into many personal and many clinical issues which I do not. She has also spent a great deal of time developing a detailed computer database for patient tracking. As we all know, the business of documenting our outcomes is of increasing importance and Chris' computer database I think will do this for us in an excellent way. We are working on sharing this with a number of the Gamma Knife Centers in the United States and abroad.

It's been a busy year for us with foreign travel to Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Sweden, and France. We've had some time to visit our favorite vacation sites in Vermont and North Carolina but the time has been limited. Even though I am in a private practice setting, I am continuing my academic pursuits. I have as many papers and chapters in preparation as I ever did and I hope

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to be able to continue to contribute to knowledge in our field. I enjoyed the 1993 meeting in Arizona very much but with all these international travel demands, I'm afraid I'll be missing the 1994 meeting in Sea Island.

Best wishes to all academicians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ron', written in a cursive style.

Ronald F. Young, M.D.

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Zervas succeeds Kidder as BSO president

By Richard Dyer
GLOBE STAFF

Dr. Nicholas T. Zervas, 64, the prominent neurological surgeon, was elected president of the Boston Symphony Orchestra yesterday, taking over the largest volunteer job in Boston's arts community and ultimate responsibility for one of the most prestigious institutions in the musical world — and the world's largest orchestral operation, and budget.

The decision came at a meeting of the BSO's board of trustees yesterday morning when Zervas was elected to a three-year renewable term to succeed George H. Kidder, starting Sept. 1. He becomes the ninth president in the BSO's history.

Kidder, a trustee since 1977 and president since 1987, has been the central figure in many decisions affecting the long-term future of the orchestra, including the stabilization of its real-estate position for the future. Not the least of his concerns was the search for his own successor.

In an interview, Kidder said, "I believe that one of the most important jobs in any organization is to plan for succession, and I am pleased at the choice of Nick Zervas. He's a person who is absolutely devoted to this orchestra and to the music this orchestra makes. He will bring his own style to the job, and he certainly has a more educated love of music than I do. And in his professional life as a surgeon, he has learned to deal with crisis, so the kinds of problems that show up in Symphony Hall are not the kind that will throw him off his stride. BSO, Page 70



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Dr. Nicholas Zervas will have "the best volunteer job in the city."



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George H. Kidder is stepping down as BSO president.

Dr. Nicholas Zervas named BSO president

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My principal hope for him is that he will enjoy the job as much as I have."

Zervas, named vice chairman of the board of trustees in 1992 in anticipation of this development, became a member of the board in 1988 after serving for several years as an overseer. Chief of the neurosurgical service at Massachusetts General Hospital and a professor at Harvard Medical School, Zervas has also been active in volunteer work throughout his career. He was chairman of the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities from 1984 to 1991 and has served on the board of the New England Conservatory.

In an interview, Zervas paid tribute to his predecessor. "These are impossible shoes to fill. George Kidder has been a great leader, and when he attacks a problem, he has been like a bulldog. He will decide, 'We're going to do this,' and people will try to tell him, 'It can't be done,' and then George will get it done. He has been very supportive of the entire orchestra and its individual members, and he has been a true friend to Seiji Ozawa. Not to take any credit away from anyone else, there is a real sense in which George

buildings and grounds committee, where he was involved in planning the new backstage area for the Tanglewood Shed, the acquisition of the nearby Seranak and Highwood estates for Tanglewood, the purchase of what became the Cohen Wing at Symphony Hall and the planning for the new concert hall at Tanglewood. He was responsible for the search that resulted in the appointment of Kenneth Haas as general manager ("I feel we have the best management of any orchestra in the world," he states firmly), and he has been prominent in the movement of the orchestra toward fuller commitment to the cause of cultural diversity. He has also been involved in the day-to-day operations of the orchestra and in the development of Seiji Ozawa's presence here. "I want very much for Seiji's final years here to be his glory years," Kidder says. "He has matured in all kinds of ways over the time he has been with us here, and now he is in a position to cap all of his previous achievements."

Zervas has a long history of involvement in the arts. "I blame Serge Koussevitzky for that!" he said. "When I was a kid we used to go to concerts every Tuesday night.

has been Mr. Orchestra."

When he steps down in September, Kidder will close out 23 years of service to the orchestra in various volunteer capacities. A partner at the law firm Hemenway & Barnes specializing in trusts and estates, Kidder is also currently chairman of the board of Children's Hospital and chancellor for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

Speaking of his decades at the BSO, Kidder said, "23 years - that's one third of my life! The job as president I have held for the last seven years is the best volunteer job in the city of Boston, but it does take a toll, and I will be 69 in June."

The great American orchestras have a triple structure. The music director enjoys the highest public profile because he is responsible for the artistic direction and the concerts; management and management style also sometimes become subjects of public discussion. The work of the board, on the other hand, remains mysterious to most concertgoers, although it is very time-consuming work entailing large responsibilities. During his years as president Kidder has never missed a board meeting; he estimates he spends more than 1,000 hours a year on BSO matters.

Kidder's responsibilities have included the chairmanship of the

sitting in row D, seats 27 and 28. For a kid back in the 1930s, that was quite an experience, and as a result, I have always been more interested in orchestral music than in any other kind."

He says he thinks that the largest problem the orchestra faces is financial, but he is confident the problem can be solved. "All organizations have been feeling the stress of severe economic times. I think that as the economy improves, support for the arts will also improve. It is in the nature of people to worry about the future, and where the audience and support are going to come from, but in actuality the challenges will be met. Ultimately what is going to provide the audience is the composers who will write things that the public wants to hear an orchestra play, and in Boston we have an orchestra as good as any in the world. The problem is to span the gap between the income it can produce from the sale of tickets and what it needs to live on, and the BSO is already pretty good at that - financially speaking it is the biggest orchestra in the world, because of the Pops and Tanglewood. Of course the BSO doesn't receive any significant federal support any more, but that is a challenge, not a problem. I believe there is enough support out there; we just need to get to it."