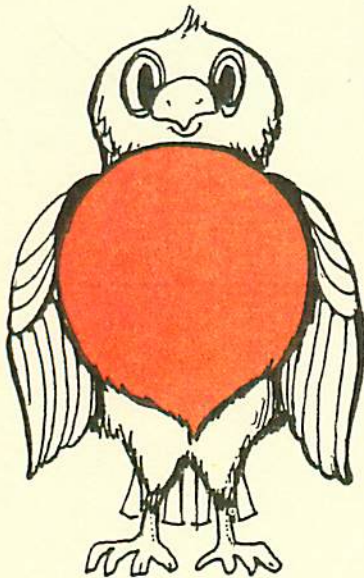
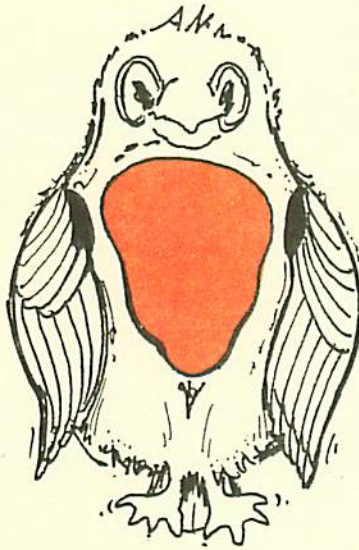
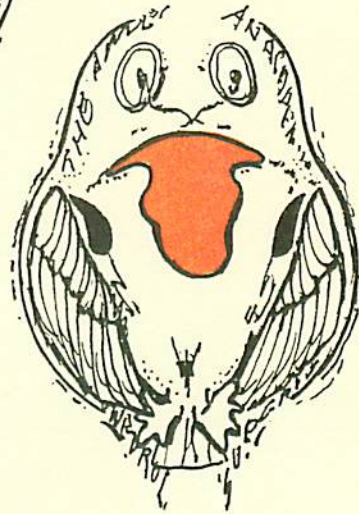
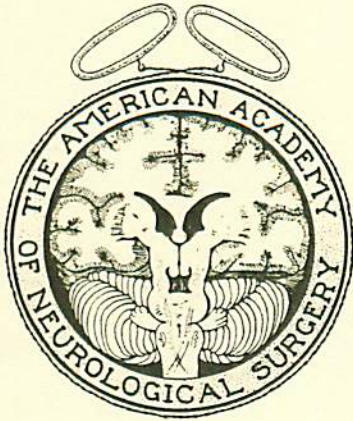


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Dear Academician:

I want to thank all the contributors to the **ROUND ROBIN**. This is the biggest and best issue ever published! Seventy-nine members submitted contributions for 1993. Hopefully the other one-hundred seven members will contribute next year.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Buchheit'.

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Dear Bill:

Everytime I subtract 13 (the year I was born) from 93, I get 80 no matter how I try to subtract it. I have been very fortunate in being continually active now to this 80th year. The publishers of SURGICAL NEUROLOGY (Elsevier), not wanting to buy any green bananas, have selected a new editor beginning January 1 and that will be a man very much to my liking and to yours, Jim Ausman. He will do a super job! In the meantime, I am looking for another job.

Betty and I have had a happy and eventful year. We went to the Western Neurosurgical Society meeting at Whistler, British Columbia, in September, and it was a fine occasion and I enjoyed the group very much. This was not my first meeting with that group since I have been lucky enough to be one of their honorary members, and I hope to go back to as many of their meetings as I can.

In December, Betty and I took a TWA tour to Israel for 2 weeks with an Israeli guide, and although we visited a lot of religious sites, it was not fundamentally a religious tour and we had a wonderful experience. It did snow on Christmas day in Jerusalem which seemed a little inappropriate, but Betty and I felt it was probably the best trip we had ever been on.

Recently, I have become an expert in reading stress tests and thallium scans since Betty had a little oppressive feeling in her chest, and under my pressure of going to a cardiologist she ended up with a stress test, a positive Thallium study,

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an angiogram, a balloon dilatation of a stenosis in one vessel, the left anterior descending branch of the heart. About a month later, she was having a little pain, so she went through another stress test which was difficult to read and thought to be positive but the angiogram just 2 or 3 days ago showed the vessel to be wide open, and now we are very much relieved. She is doing very well, and I have never been so glad to have her back home again.


We have 2 grandchildren now, one living with our daughter, Phyllis, in Dedham, Massachusetts and another with our son, Eben Alexander, III, in Needham, Massachusetts. Obviously, that is a source of pleasure to us and a nice place for us to visit.

I am looking forward to the AANS meeting in the last of April wherein I am going to be privileged to give the Matson address before the pediatric neurosurgical section of the AANS.

My work with the Senior Society as historian continues, since it will have its 75th anniversary in 1995 in Boston, and there is a good deal of preparation for that meeting. Since it was the first neurosurgical society in the world, and since it was formed in Boston, this will be a very appropriate occasion.

Thank you for all your continued efforts not only as secretary to the Academy but as editor of the ROUND ROBIN LETTER which I believe is one of the unique features of that unique group.

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Dear Academician:

It is now 18 months since we came to The University of Illinois at Chicago. Many changes have occurred in that interval. We have more than doubled the number of operations, tripled the number of patients on the in-patient service, tripled the revenues, increased the out-patient visits and become the major occupier in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. We have developed courses for ICU and floor nurses and we believe we now have the best nursing in the hospital. We receive referrals from a wide area. Eighty percent of the residents and 100% of the professional staff are new, as are most of the office personnel. We have renovated two floors of the Institute with new offices and new research laboratories, installed a state of the art eight scope microsurgical laboratory and are looking for a geneticist and molecular biologist. Five more floors of The Neuropsychiatric Institute will undergo renovation, including the entire basement laboratory research space which will all be dedicated to the Department of Neurosurgery. The number of resident applications have climbed from 3 to 76. The candidates applying are excellent. The hospital has been generous in installing new angiographic suites, modern magnetic resonance facilities, radiosurgical equipment, stereotactic suites and computerized rooms for data analysis. We have developed interdisciplinary relationships with basic and other clinical neuroscientists in advanced areas such as magnetic resonance spectroscopy, image enhancement and data coordination.

We have dropped our affiliation with Cook County Hospital because we felt its educational and neurosurgical programs did not meet our standards. We are concentrating our efforts at The University of Illinois Hospital.

The medical school is undergoing a renaissance. Fifteen department heads have been recruited in the last three years, major changes in its strategic planning in both basic and clinical sciences and research are underway and there are major efforts being made to develop this as a leading health center.

As Chairman of the Neuroscience Strategic Planning Committee for the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, a program emphasizing areas of interest in the next five years has been developed. The neurosciences include not only the clinical areas of ophthalmology, otolaryngology, neurology, psychiatry and neurosurgery but

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all of the basic neurosciences working together and incentivized by an appropriate reward system.

This, plus our trips around the world for The World Federation with teaching courses in Latin American, Argentina, Pakistan and others in the planning stages, has not left much time for other things.

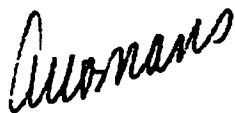
In June of 1995 the 4th International Workshop on Cerebrovascular Disease, initiated by the Japanese, will be held in Chicago. We expect cerebral vascular surgeons from all over the world to attend this conference on aneurysms, ischemia and arteriovenous malformations. In May of 1996 The Senior Society will hold its meeting in Chicago to be hosted by The University of Illinois at Chicago.

Through the good graces of Eben Alexander, I will assume the Editorship of **Surgical Neurology** in January of 1994. In the changing information age we look upon this as a challenge to shape this publication so that it is most valuable to the widest base of readers.

Our daughters are grown. Elizabeth is Vice President in charge of Marketing and Strategic Planning of a major, state of the art video-production company and Susan passed the Michigan Bar last summer and has completed her first year in the Master of Business program at The University of Michigan. Carolyn will have a full-time job and I guess that about uses up all of our time.

We look forward to having many of you visit us during the coming years. We will see you at the Academy meeting and at the WFNS meeting in Acapulco.

Sincerely,



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Dear Academy Friends:

Greetings from dry-as-the-Sahara Boston. This has been a great summer in New England for vacationers but tough on people who are trying to grow roses or corn!

Last year I wrote I was planning to go into semi-retirement in the very near future. Well, this is what has happened: In July '92 I gave up my position as Director of the Clinic for Neurosurgical Disorders of the Spine and in September the Neurosurgical Service gave me a great retirement party. A week later my office was demolished to make more space for our Ambulatory Surgery Unit. Then a few days after that Nick Zervas "volunteered" me to become Chair of the Service's Quality Assessment Program! This has provided me with a comfortable office and space for my secretary but no examining room. The office is in the old research building and I am in Edwards 410 just across the hall from the Mixter Library. Being the only clinician among this group of Ph.D. neuroscientists gives one a strange and wonderful feeling.

The Quality Assessment Program is a service-wide endeavor on the part of the hospital to fend off criticism concerning the quality of patient care. It has a coterie of nurses running around recording "incidents" and "occurrences". I still do not quite understand the difference between the two and am not totally convinced that it is needed by services which hold weekly M&M conferences such as we do here.

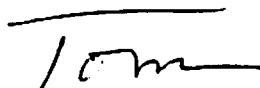
Health-wise a few interesting things have happened. Last year in March I developed a DVT in my left leg which hospitalized me for a little over a week. This year in May the same thing occurred in the right leg and this time it was accompanied by a moderate PE. I hope this business doesn't continue! The yeast infection that complicated Elizabeth's corneal transplant was finally eradicated after several months of treatment and her vision in the operated eye is now quite good.

Our granddaughter, Allison, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Mount Holyoke in May and plans to enter medical school in 1994. She is currently part of the crew of the "Harvey Gamage" a 60-foot schooner that caters to vacationers. The boat is currently around Boston but will go to the Caribbean in the Fall. We have had a wonderful few

weeks with her brother, Tom, who took leave of absence from his employment by the New Jersey EPA to take a course in inorganic chemistry at Harvard. The only problem is that he is such a great young man that Liz and I have had to act as his social secretary and fend off all the females that keep calling. Our other grandson, James Gardner, had an excellent sophomore year at Rensselaer Polytech where he will major in automotive engineering.

We are making plans for the forthcoming Academy meeting in October and will hope to see most of the Academicians there.

Until then (and afterward), all of the best to all of you.

A handwritten signature that appears to be "Tom" with a horizontal line above it.

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Dear Bill:

Greetings from Boston. This has been an unusual year for our family. Katharine is the interim rector at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket, a position we thought would last only 2-3 months. Thus far it has been a year, perhaps with an end in sight this fall, so she commutes regularly between Nantucket and Boston.

Dia, our 18 year old daughter, is off to Smith next year; Katy and Libby, 17 year old twins, are working through junior year at Boston Latin and wondering where they should go next. Peter Thomas, age 15, spends a good deal of time on Chinese, also at Boston Latin. Christopher will go to Roxbury Latin next year, a private boy's school with an emphasis on character development and basic instruction.

As for me, the department is busy. We hosted the Children's and Brigham alumnus party during the AANS this year which was fun and are currently developing a plan to try to get us through the next uncertain years in American medicine.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Doctor Buchheit,

After my long separation from neurosurgery, the birth of a great-grandson has served to galvanize my pen, so long inactive. I do enjoy and appreciate the Round Robin with news of old friends. I am grateful to "Henry Payne".

Margaret and I live on the North Shore of Lake Ontario at Kingston, a small city. We enjoy the changes of the seasons, and life on the fringe of Queens University, timbered by a winter visit to the south: Florida.

My major post-retirement activity in the nineteen seventies and eighties centered on Health Services in the prisons of the Ontario Correctional Service, as a one man inquiry, and later as chairman of a Federal Committee to advise on health services in Canadian penitentiaries - the whole was a shattering experience. We did get registered nurses - male, but mostly female, onto the staff of sick bays - a humanizing influence I am sure. I maintain my interest through the John Howard Society.

All a far way from Neurosurgery and from the retirement activities I had looked forward to.

My wife Margaret and I send our warm greetings to our friends, old and new.

Sincerely,

Harry Botterall

P.S. I think it was about 1947 or 1948 I served as President of the Academy - the most prestigious chair I ever occupied.



THE MACK SOCIETY

September 14, 1993

Dear Academician:

ROUND ROBIN

The last year has been a very interesting and happy one for Bill Buchheit. Christa and I were married on January 22, 1993 in my hometown of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The judge who married us was a childhood friend and most of the people I grew up with came to the wedding. That event was followed by a dinner party at the Rolling Rock Club in Ligonire, Pennsylvania, in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. Russel and Julie Patterson came from New York for the wedding. Peter and Diana Jannetta were also there and the Jannetta's, in fact, gave us a wonderful dinner party the night before our wedding. After our life settled down, Christa and I bought a house in Flourtown, Pennsylvania, which is just outside the city limits of Philadelphia. Our house is surrounded by a beautiful farm and we are more than satisfied.

In June, we had a dinner dance at Sugarloaf, which is the Conference Center of Temple University. It is about a mile from our house. Christa's children and their husbands came from Europe. Most of my step-children came and a host of people, neurosurgeons and old friends. I suppose the most conspicuous guest was Ross and Margot Perot. Margot and I grew up together and have been friends since third grade. They flew up from Dallas for the party on their way to Bermuda and, if behavior is any barometer, they had a very good time. It was a great occasion for us in celebration of our many friends who have been so helpful and important to us over the recent and past years.

In June, the Buchheit's and Ernie Mack went trout fishing in Northern California on Hat Creek near Mt. Lerson. This was the 15th fishing trip I have had with Ernie and it was a great one. There were a lot of fish, some spectacular scenery, excellent food and good drinks. We missed some of our old friends from previous fishing trips but this was something put together quickly without the benefit of a long lead time.

As you can see, Bill Buchheit and Christa are very happy and look forward to our meeting in Phoenix.

With very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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RE: Round Robin

Dear Bill,

It is my distinct pleasure to be a new member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons and to participate in the fellowship of that organization. Life for all of us in Neurosurgery is becoming increasingly hectic with the onslaught of the managed care environment, particularly so for those of us in academics. It seems that every discussion, whether it be in the lunch room or at a national meeting, is dominated by this topic. Portland is literally on the leading edge of this wave front, a challenging and potentially dangerous place to be! I have tried to make my contribution to this in organizing our faculty under one practice umbrella, The University Medical Group. I served as President of that organization last year and continue on the Executive Committee this year. I would say that if there was one area that dominates my time outside of neurosurgery it is this. Whether we like it or not, change is coming and it is exciting to be so much a part of the process.

Our Division continues to expand. When I started here almost five years ago, we had a hand-full of people in the Division. That has now grown to well over 30 faculty, staff and employees. I anticipate that the major challenge over the next few years will be how to sustain this activity and whether we can continue to grow. We recently had a major psychological boost in that we moved our offices to a new suite, tripling our space. The esprit de corps amongst the faculty and staff is high and we all feel that we can continue to gather momentum.

As with all of us, work definitely dominates my life. Finding a balance for the family is difficult. Debra and I are having a wonderful time with our eighteen month old daughter, Meredith, truly a delight to both of us. Our older daughters, Jessica (10) and Adrienne (8), are old enough to help out with her and the love between the three of them is inspiring.

Time away from work in Portland is becoming increasingly important for

Debra and I given the pressures of work and family. We are planning a trip to France late in August for several weeks, a combination of both business and pleasure. We are both looking forward to that and I am particularly interested in seeing how my rusty French will work on the local natives.

We are looking forward to seeing to seeing you at the meeting in Tucson this Fall. We would like to send all of you our best wishes for a safe and productive year.

Sincerely,



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Dear Fellow Academicians:

1993 has been an enjoyable and productive year for the Chandler family. Our oldest son, Scott, graduated from high school this June and was one of the speakers at the commencement ceremony. He is looking forward to attending Colby College in Maine this Fall. Our younger son, Jesse, finished his Freshman year in high school and has spent part of this Summer at camp and the rest working here at the University Hospital.

Susie continues working several days a week at Brighton Hospital with children of parents with drug and alcohol related problems. She has enjoyed having slightly fewer travel commitments than last year as the "first lady" of the Congress.

I have enjoyed my continued involvement in the Congress as the immediate past president and have been pleased to see the close cooperation this year between the Congress and the AANS. I have become involved in the Scientific Program Committee of the AANS and continue working on the Washington Committee. I have been filling in as the acting section chief here in Ann Arbor during Buz Hoff's busy year as President of the AANS.

All in all, it has been another year blessed with good health, good friends and challenging work.

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Dear Academician:

After I retired in July of 1992, Jolene and I spent two months in Kao Hsiung, which is close to the southern tip of the island of Taiwan. I served as a visiting professor at the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital where the neurosurgery service has a substantial clinical base/average daily census of 140 patients. I spent several hours a day with the residents and staff, trying to introduce them to present cases without using CT's or MRI's. I think I succeeded partially as the residents gradually felt that it was fun doing case analysis this way.

While in Kao Hsiung, we stayed in a flat on campus. We found our accommodations to be comfortable and convenient. Jolene made many new friends among the faculty and residents wives. She cooked "Chinese style" with new ingredients and a variety of combinations. I regularly washed the dishes.

While in Taiwan, we traveled to Kunming China to bury my mother who had died a year earlier and been cremated. We spent a week with my sister and her family. Our second son Kerry and his wife Andrea joined us in Hong Kong and we went to Kunming together. It was their first trip to the Mainland. Despite the language barrier, the cousins got on very well. The farewell at the airport was very touching, indeed.

We spent four months in Arizona for the winter. We have a house in Rio Verde, which is located northeast of Scottsdale in the desert and is protected from the polluted air in the Phoenix area by mountain ranges. Life in Rio Verde is very relaxing. Lots of sunshine, golf, and plenty of time to read. In early June we came back to Minnesota and, as Jolene puts it, I flunked my retirement.

As many of you may have heard, the University of Minnesota Medical School has had several isolated problems which could be generally characterized by lack of meticulous attention to the conduct and management in research. The news media has had a field day and is still carrying on with their investigative expeditions. More allegations may be forthcoming. All of this and more, eventually led to the resignation of several key administrators, including the Vice President for Health Sciences and the Dean of the Medical School. At this time, the University President assigned an interim team. As of July 1, 1993, I have been serving as the Interim Dean of the Medical School and Deputy Vice President for Medical Affairs. Another Deputy Vice President is managing the rest of the Health Sciences, leaving the Medical School and the University Hospital under my care.

Well, obviously, the carefree lifestyle that Jolene and I used to lead has changed dramatically. My new position is demanding and a challenging learning/management experience for me. We have a long way to go before this system is back on track. Additionally, the faculty and staff morale is very low. I believe my credibility with them and the departmental leaders is good, which is helpful and may be the reason why I was asked to do this job. However, questions as to what will happen when the permanent dean comes on board are already being asked. I am taking this job seriously, not as a temporary caretaker. My aim is to establish and implement major policies and procedures that I hope will be helpful to my successor. The President told me that my appointment will end by December 1994. I hope that the search for my successor is short-lived and I can fulfill my obligation to the University before then.

Now some items about my family. Every summer we hold our annual family reunion near Breckenridge, Colorado. This is an extremely isolated mountain area at about 11,000 feet elevation. We rent a large cabin for our family, which includes our children, their spouses and seven grandchildren. The get-together is for one week, but unfortunately, this year I could only join them for three days. It is extremely relaxing here--the clean and pure air gets into your brain--a wonderful feeling. Of course, the grandkids kept us busy exploring the woods and caves, building forts, and the like. That, too, was fun.

Jolene has been away since early August. After the Colorado trip, she went to Salt Lake to care for her ailing mother, who is near the end of a long course with progressive dementia. She returned to Minnesota several days ago, but was summoned back to be with her family. We are awaiting the inevitable. Her mother's ability to hang on has been unbelievable. She hardly eats or drinks and her weight is close to 60 pounds yet she paces all day long. Except for the three B's, brain, bladder and bowel, the rest of her body seems to be working fine. I cannot understand what is going on pathophysiologically, but one's suspicion is that the diseased brain may have gradually reset the hunger and thirst dial and somehow her total metabolism has been greatly altered. How is it that she has not developed uremia? What has happened to her immune system? I am afraid we know very little of the aging body and brain and how they readjust.

We are sorry that we will not be able to attend the Academy Meeting in Arizona. We will miss seeing all of you, but we know you will have a wonderful time and wish you the best.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Bill:

I'm pleased to respond to your letter requesting information for the Round Robin.

Retirement, from the active practice of surgery, has proven not to be as difficult as I feared. The time I spend with my wife and family more than compensates for the loss of any professional activities. The University has been quite good to me. They've provided me with an office, a parking place, unlimited use of the telephone and access to two of my former secretaries to do whatever work has to be done.

Fern and I spend about half the year at our house in Pebble Beach. We'd be pleased to see any of the Academicians who happen to drift through that part of the world. We're in the telephone directory in Monterey County so we're easy to find.

With my best regards I remain,


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Dear Bill;

While Yale may move in mysterious ways somethings do get done. A new Chairman of Surgery has been recruited, I have finally after writing some three farewells in my last three annual reports have retired as Chairman of Surgery and I am enjoying what will be my last year as a neurosurgeon. I am not really a neurosurgeon since I stopped operating some three years ago but I see patients, raise hell in M+M conferences {I am never on black book}, am trying to finish two chapters, preparing a lecture, finishing a book I started some three years ago and teaching students on occasion. I have been told one can not slow down easily but so far it has been as easy as pie. I must admit I get much less done, but then no one is mad at me or demanding I do something about the OR nurses, the Chief of something or other or Yale itself, none of whom responded to my cries or threats. Instead I come in late between 7 and 8 o'clock and leave at the banker's hour of four before the traffic gets rough.

Gwen and I have a few trips planned and will spend most of January and February in San Diego. I fortunately have a sabbatical so I am not a financial drain on Neurosurgery. One certainly makes much less just seeing patients in the office and I can see how my staying on indefinitely would be a hardship for the faculty. As I assume most departments of Neurosurgery are, we are very dependent upon patient fees. I do not see any change for the better in the future even with two Yale lawyers running the Country.

While I may not agree generally with what is being done in Washington I have always believed that health care for citizens should be a right. One aspect that I am upset about is that with all the talk on about health and health care there is no consideration for graduate medical education. I am afraid it will end up as a part of the response to the expressed paranoia about physicians and am even more upset that we as physicians do not have

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a plan ready to present to Congress as soon as health care is on the docket. We as a group of professional educators should be able to put together an organized approach to the problems of resident education so the excellent portions of the graduate medical education system survives and functions for the good of all. The political planners could not turn such a plan down. I do not see any such approach or planning and I am not certain that anyone could get more than two physicians to agree on what the approach should be. Perhaps it is as my wife says, I have to be upset about something.

I look foreword to the meeting this fall and seeing everyone again.

Sincerely,

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RE: "Round Robin"
American Academy of Neurological Surgery

Dear "Round Robin":

Elise and I will miss being with you in Phoenix this fall since we will be in Indonesia visiting our son, Paul.

Paul has been overseas the last three years working for Freeport McMoran Copper and Gold in Irianjaya. Irianjaya is the west side of the Island of New Guinea, which is the location of Grasberg and Ertsberg, two of the largest copper mines in the world. Paul has been setting up seed companies with the Indonesian Government to provide the logistics for a city of 30,000 people, which they are building in the jungle to support this mining operation. The mine itself is at 10,000 feet above the rain forest of the lowlands.

We hope to see the rest of the Indonesian archipelago including Bali, Jakarta, Singapore, and Malaysia before returning home.

Elise remains busy being our children's secretary, banker, confidant, and laundry lady.

Our oldest, Sander is a neurosurgery resident with Ben Stein in New York. Our second son, Sean is in medical school at L.S.U. and recently returned from a wonderful month in San Francisco with Bill Hoyt. Our daughter, Patty has returned after just receiving her Master's degree in San Francisco and will do her clinical year of fellowship in speech pathology at the Ochsner Medical Institutions here in New Orleans. Christopher, our fourth son has just graduated from Rhodes College and is presently hunting for a marketing job, so if anybody knows of a good opportunity please write. Jimmy, our baby, is starting his third year in college and also appears to be aimed towards medical school.

We enjoyed having the American Board of Neurological Surgeons meet in New Orleans in May, hosted by Dave Kline at L.S.U., and it was nice to see that Deepak Awasthi, finishing L.S.U. resident, was joining Roberto Heros on staff at the University of Minnesota this fall.

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Editor, Round Robin

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August 26, 1993

I just talked to Fran Echols who is feeling fine. She went to Nantucket in July to visit her daughter and to beat the heat in New Orleans, and she said she had a wonderful time. She wishes all her old friends hello.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elise & Ed Connolly".

Elise and Ed Connolly

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RE: ROUND ROBIN

Dear Academicians,

Adrienne and I send our best wishes to the Academy and look forward to seeing you in Arizona in October after the World Congress in Acapulco.

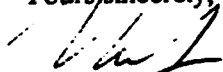
Concord Hospital transferred from Federal to State ownership on July 1. This progressed smoothly and neurosurgery is a major beneficiary with a 50% increase in facilities and staff. Malcolm Pell joined us after a period of postgraduate work in the UK with David Thomas. He introduced stereotactic surgery to the hospital. Apart from a few weeks diversion with a bypass, life has continued satisfactorily. I was privileged to be the Moran medallist of the College of Surgeons and continue as chairman of the College Section of History. Our interest in history led to a major coup when we obtained some of the First Fleet papers relating to the settlement of Australia in 1786-1789.

Adrienne continues at the State Art Gallery as a voluntary guide (docent). Our eldest daughter Sally left Christies, the art auction house, and now works as an independent art consultant. The high point of our family year was her marriage to Christopher Cuthbert in October 1992. Our middle daughter Lisa is on a world tour expanding her horizons in architecture. Our youngest Kerrie, completed a Degree in Communications with a major in movie directing. The family is spending considerable time on the farm, which has the benefit of being just one and a half hours from Sydney. We carry cattle but have some waterlogged areas on the farm. We tried to think laterally by converting those areas to fish farming. Fortunately we have a colleague with a chair in aquaculture whose advice saved us from a disaster. We may have to concentrate on eating the yabbies (a sweet tasting fresh water native crayfish) which abound in our dams and wet patches. Meanwhile all suggestions are welcome.

Professionally I am delighted that anterior skull base surgery has come of age in Australia. It was unfashionable when I started in this area 20 years ago. I enjoyed the challenge of developing techniques. On the other hand I disliked constant criticism that the challenges of the cavernous sinus etc were too forbidding. The explosion in skull base surgery has given me quiet satisfaction as it achieved respectability, a pleasant contrast from the need to constantly justify what we were doing.

Our State's Department of Health has just completed a two year legal battle with the profession regarding payment for hospital services which resulted in our being roundly thrashed. Consequently we came to the brink of mass resignations from the hospital system reminiscent of the battle eight years ago. Fortunately the conservative government was prepared to deal with a mediator and the unappealing prospect of fighting a battle via television was avoided. Last time around it was professionally debilitating to constantly appear in the media and in debates with media personalities who were professional in their own medium. At least I learnt that the only safe way to present a case is to appear live, so editors cannot alter what is said. Interestingly the profession was much more united and determined on this occasion than seven years ago.

Yours sincerely,





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Dear Academician

I write again from this relatively remote corner of the earth which has unfortunately been much in the news for some good reasons and other reasons not so good. There is a certain strain in living in an environment and society during a process of change but there is also an element of stimulation. Certainly is there no issue too big to be analysed, discussed and brought to some form of conclusion. The alternative would be outright revolution - which is still desired by some - but we know how little that has accomplished elsewhere in the world.

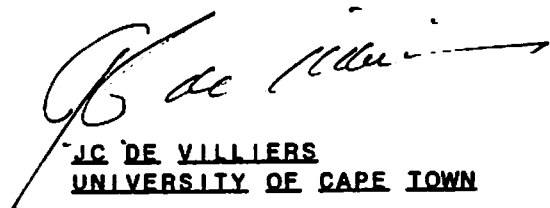
In my previous communication I mentioned the fact that aspects of the health care system is under intense review and is being rethought along new lines of approach. On a recent visit to the United States, it was clear to me that colleagues there are wrestling with the same problems of access to health care, availability, cost escalation, patient satisfaction or dissatisfaction with an ever-increasing sophistication in technological diagnostic and curative processes. On comparing that situation with ours, the only difference is that in the United States the problem is dealt with at a high financial level and here in a third world setting. The questions are, however, identical. Shortages of money have lead to reduction in services with primary health care as the only service being expanded

It is in this setting that I am at a phase where I am beginning to say my goodbyes to Neurosurgery locally. We have to retire at the age of 65 and this brings to an end my formal university appointment at the end of this year. There are many things waiting to be done and if I look at all the things my friends are organising for me to do, I shall have to "retire from retirement" at some stage or another! There are at least two books to be written, one dealing with the Medical History of the Anglo-Boer War and another, the History of this Medical School from 1949 onwards.

With all this one's personal life goes on in a fairly undisturbed way. My wife, Jeanne, is working at the Children's Poison Information Centre at the Red Cross Children's Hospital and enjoying it greatly. Elfrida, our only daughter, got married a week ago and our son, Charl's wife presented us with a grandchild who is now a year and two months old. I never knew that being a grandfather could be such fun.

There is still a lot to do, much to read, much music to be listened to and friendships to be enjoyed.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Bill:

In January, 1993, Ellen and I had the opportunity to visit Taiwan. A year earlier I had been invited as Visiting Professor at Tri-Service General Hospital in Taipei. We tried to make the airplane reservations six months in advance, but were surprised to learn that there were no more reservations available. We had planned to go to Hong Kong after Taiwan, so we reversed the order of the trip and arranged to go to Hong Kong for three days and then to Taiwan.

We had obtained a gift for the host hospital of a Pleoris stereotactic unit from the Ohio Medical Instrument Company. I was particularly concerned about taking this box (about 3' X 3' X 3') valued at \$30,000 to Hong Kong. I did not know if it would be better to leave it in the airport where it would be "guarded" or in my hotel room.

We departed the North American Continent from Anchorage, Alaska. On the twelve-hour flight to Hong Kong, I admired the "smart" businessmen who traveled in warm-up suits rather than the blazer which I wore. I admired them, that is, until we landed in Hong Kong and found that the luggage had not been put on the plane. It became apparent that it would not be possible to go to any restaurants in a warm-up suit, but, with my blazer and a tie, I could go anywhere. The problem of where to store the expensive stereotactic equipment was solved because it, also, did not arrive in Hong Kong. To a neurosurgeon dealing with life and death, the loss of a \$30,000 piece of equipment is not cause for panic, but it is, certainly, cause for deep concern.

With each day's call to the United States and to the airline offices, we received reassurance, but we never received our luggage. Each flight would not leave for an additional 24 hours. Each telephone call was 12 hours out of phase which made it all the more difficult. Our travel agent finally located the luggage in a Singapore Airlines warehouse. They had

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not loaded it because the subsequent flights were full. Our travel agent knew that we were planning to use the equipment in the operating room. She contacted one of Delta Airlines personnel and said, "You know how they say it is not important like brain surgery? Well, this is!" Delta Airlines managed to get someone to go through all three-hundred pieces of luggage, one by one, to identify all of our material. It was forwarded, but it would not join us until we had completed a wonderful three days in Hong Kong. (It is amazing how little you need in the way of clothes to travel effectively.)

The luggage and equipment did join us in Taiwan. The eight-days' stay in Taiwan was almost anticlimactic. It was a wonderful experience. The Grand Hotel in which they housed us was designed by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and was modeled after the palace at the Forbidden City in Beijing.


The medical care is certainly modern. The equipment may not have all of the "bells and whistles," but it is certainly functional and allows modern neurosurgery to take place. Making the rounds with the residents was no different than making the rounds in this country. The questions were challenging and appropriate. They have the same accountability for mortality and morbidity conferences. The medical care is modern, but the health care economy is hampered by the 40% of the national budget which is spent on national defense because they still fear invasion.

The cost of living in Taipei is about three times the cost of living in New York City. There are so many automobiles on the road that at ten o'clock at night the highway traffic goes only at ten-to-fifteen miles an hour, bumper to bumper. The air is clean with respect to industry, but dusty from a massive amount of construction which goes on almost constantly.

Overall, the trip was enjoyable and, most certainly, memorable.

Ellen and I look forward to seeing all of the members of the Academy.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Bill:

I am writing to you in response to your request for information for the 1993 Round Robin. Since moving to Baltimore, the University of Maryland has provided me with interesting responsibilities in addition to being Head of the Division of Neurosurgery. Early this Spring, I was appointed Director of Medical Services at Shock Trauma. I had hoped that this would be a very temporary appointment, but as of this letter, it seems that I may be in this role for six months or even a year. That, along with the *Journal* and the Boards, has made life extremely busy. I was lucky to inherit a very capable faculty and to be joined by two neurosurgical colleagues from Texas, Dr. Marc Simard and Dr. Francois Aldrich.

With regard to my real job, Head of the Division of Neurosurgery, I think that the outlook is very good; of course somewhat depending on the success or lack of success of the Clinton's. The university is developing excellent resources; there is the brand new VA Hospital on one side of our present clinical facility (luckily it is attached) and a much needed, "spiffy" new hospital is going up on the other side. Neurology and Neurosurgery are slated to go in first, possibly as early as the Fall of 1994.

Janet and I are happy with our new home in Baltimore, a city where it seems very easy to make friends, and she has found a lot to do.

William A. Buchheit, M.D.

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re: Round Robin

I hope to soon see the light at the end of the tunnel; all of this work is ruining my pool game, not to mention sailing. Our boat is still in Florida, where I left it last Fall. In June, we hope to sail it up the coast from Ft. Lauderdale to Baltimore so that it should be in the Chesapeake this summer.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

This is being dictated in my room in the Cone Laboratory for Neurosurgical Research, next door to Ted Rasmussen's office. Ted had a sharp stroke a year ago but has made a splendid recovery - we did a video interview early in August for Roy Selby to add to the archive of the AANS. Some neat reminiscences on Ted's part, about his father who to many was one of the most inspiring of neuro-anatomical teachers. Ted's early talent on the saxophone which helped pay his way through medical school and his peripatetic training program at the Mayo Clinic, New York and Montreal finishing up as a Professor at the University of Chicago, (a chair filled ever since by MNI graduates), and his outstanding career as Director of the Montreal Neurological Institute and one of the great authorities on the surgery of epilepsy. We continue the follow-up studies on some 3,300 surgical cases which represent a gold mine of data in epilepsy.

Faith has switched from neurosurgical and surgical nursing to take on psychiatric nursing which she finds most satisfying. I wound up my operating room activities five years ago when I turned seventy but continue a consultation practice which is sometimes more active than I wish but most gratifying. Most of my time is devoted to follow-up studies on the temporal lobe cases, focusing on the role of the amygdala which seems finally to have come into its own after some 40 years, when Dr. Penfield and I first reported the examples of automatism from stimulation of the amygdala and emphasized that it must be included in the resection to expect a reasonable result. I am in the process of completing within the next year a history of the Montreal Neurological Institute: the research into the neuro archives here, Dr. Penfield's papers, and the Rockefeller Foundation archives has been completed, the photographs selected and the rest is up to myself and my Toshiba lap-top. The story of the MNI is an epitome of what happened during the past 50 years or so in the exploding field of clinical and basic neuroscience. I continue as a co-investigator on a substantial NINDS glioma research project with Mirko Diksic and Lucas Yamamoto using the PET system.

For the past two years I have been Chancellor at Acadia University in Nova Scotia which has a small student body of 3,500. a magnificent campus on a mountain slope overlooking the Bay of Fundy and is rated as one of the top small undergraduate universities in Canada. As in most universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and many of the canadian universities, the Chancellor is an honorary position with no pay but a good deal of say, which unexpectedly is sometimes taken seriously. I am sure that you and the other academicians will agree that this period of pre-professional undergraduate education has never been more critical than today for the choice and development of successful careers and futures for young people.

I continue on the Scientific Council of the Foundation for the Study of the Nervous System, located in Geneva and chaired by Dr. Liana Bolis. The annual study sessions on selected topics for a three day period, held in Geneva in April, have been most rewarding and are published through the Elsevier Company. A distinguished cohort of Nobel laureates, Julie Axelrod, Torsten Wiesel, Carleton Gadjusek, Conrad Bloch, has given this foundation wise guidance that has resulted in helping to bridge the gaps between clinical and basic neurosciences.

The family continue to thrive. Our eldest son, Christopher, is in charge of the heart transplant program at the Toronto Hospital and our youngest has just completed his first year in law school in Halifax. Of our three daughters, Pat has returned in Vancouver to university studies, Janet is Professor of Drama with a specialty in voice instruction at Kent State and Anna has changed from nursing (in which her father and many others considered her to be most competent) to the publishing game in which she seems very happy.

Because of the fall university convocation at Acadia we shall unfortunately miss the Academy meeting but send our warmest regards to all. With best wishes for the usual splendid meeting.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

Before I put this aside, decided to sit down and write re activities of the Fishers, etc. Still wandering - down with children and grandchildren four months midwinter in Oklahoma - then St. Simons Island for April - than back to New Hampshire for some real living seven months. I should mention we saw Jess Herrman this past winter at Canterbury Assisted Living Center, 1402 NY 122nd, Oklahoma City 73114. He is in Suite 24, telephone (405) 751-8274. Seems fine, but went there after a very serious bout of pneumonia while living on his farm in Arkansas.

Family thriving - Dave back in school - OSU Tech for solar engineering - age 40! Bob has his own sound engineering studio in L.A., and Carol raising kids. Our grandson married an American Indian - we'll be greatgrandparents in August.

Still hanging on at DHMC - conferences and residents. We do have a team most interested in the pineal - an interest of mine since medical school in 1939. We presented a poster at an International Symposium in Paris in September '92. Our interests focus on the effect of low frequency currents (EMF) on the pineal gland and other organs involved in neuroimmunology axis.

Connie and I keep grunting with our creaky old joints. Between the 2 of us, I'm not sure we have a decent set of joints left - the "Medicare bionic kids."

Well, our best to all - sure miss not going to meetings as much as before.

Cordially,

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Dear Bill:

I thought it was time to include a note in the Round Robin.

In the past year, several things have developed to make me feel that I am truly a part of Philadelphia. The most important of these was the recent one-man show of our son Andrew's paintings. This is the first time that he has exhibited in a public gallery, and we are very thrilled by the output of his work. Judging from the attendance and comments, he has moved into the realm of being a professional abstract painter.

Our son Douglas is in his second year at the University of Vermont. I tried to spend some time with him during his spring break, but he had to get back to Philadelphia to see his friends, and this certainly is a good indication of where he considers home.

Activities at the University of Pennsylvania continue to increase. We now have six full-time faculty members at the University Hospital, as well as a total of 14 in the department among the affiliated hospitals. Two of the recent additions have been chief residents with whom I have had the opportunity to work since coming here. The expansion of the faculty and the fine selection of residents that we have had has made the training aspects of the University of Pennsylvania program a most enjoyable challenge.

I extend a warm invitation to any members of the Academy who find themselves in Philadelphia with nothing to do. That can easily happen, and I therefore urge them to give me a call and allow me to show them around a very exciting Department of Neurosurgery.

With kind regards.

Yours truly,

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Dear Bill,

I recognize that it is one year since we corresponded to the Round Robin, a task that I always enjoy but for some reason always postpone until the last week. I assume that this because I wish to insure that the latest significant news is included.

I shall pass over my role as President of the New York State Neurosurgical Society to John Popp (Chairman at Albany) this year. My tenure has been much more interesting than I ever anticipated. We have been carrying on a continued dialogue with the State Health Commissioner's Office (Dr. Mark Chassin) in an attempt to fashion a recredentiaing process that is fair and meaningful. We have been under some pressure from the State Government who had requested that we design some kind of process or otherwise it will be done out of the Health Commissioner's Office. We consider it desirable to have whatever recredentiaing arrangements that come down be the creation of neurosurgeons. I think that this process in New York State is much further along than in any other state to the best of my knowledge.

Our hyperthermia program is finally being resubmitted to the institutional review board. We have been given a significant boost inasmuch as the Brain Tumor Study Group has determined that interstitial hyperthermia is going to be the next therapeutic arm to be tested on a national level. In conjunction with our interstitial hyperthermia capabilities, we have installed an irridium powered irradiation source in our radiation therapy department. In parallel with that, a Linac simulator is being installed as we write this letter. The stereotactic linear accelerator and soft ware come next. We hope to be operational some time after January 1994.

The Division/Department status of Neurosurgery at Cornell is influx. I am going to assume that Russel is going to address something about this in his letter so will stop there.



On the homefront, my four daughters are all doing well. One has finished Graduate School (London School of Economics), one is in Graduate School, one starts first grade and one in kindergarten. Anne's wrist fusion is finally settling in. This procedure however, has converted her into a two-handed tennis player of awesome dimensions.

For the future, I am afraid we will not be seeing you in Arizona as I must go to the Congress meeting in Vancouver. Further, through my involvement with the Armenian Relief Organization, I have been tapped to take a team to Armenia, largely through the enormous persuasive powers of Ed Housepian. In any event, this will necessitate our missing the Academy meeting which I regret as it is our favorite.

Best regards to all.

Sincerely,

Richard

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Dear Academician:

As usual, the years fly by and we wonder where the time has gone. We are still living and paying taxes in the great state of Minnesota although we are spending five to six months (winter) in southern California. This routine seems to serve us well. We are both in good health -- at least we think so. I did obtain a herniorrhaphy a month or so ago and am getting along well. All of our children (three) and our grandchildren (five) seem to be prospering. In other words, all is really quite well in the French family and we hope it continues that way.

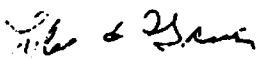
During this past year I have been deeply involved in the problem of relationships between the University and private development groups. The conclusion, or at least the prime conclusion and recommendation, was that the University must communicate to the community, both inside and outside the University, the value of responsibly managed public-private partnerships and entrepreneurial activity, and the University's support for compliance with the policies governing them.

We believe firmly that there should be a strong, bilateral relationship between the University research and public businesses. We are not in any way promoting the control of our research by an outside organization, i.e. the right of first refusal in return for an annual grant of ten, twenty or thirty million dollars, such as some research organizations, and even universities, have done. But we do believe that a University research experience should be offered and promoted by private businesses for its value to mankind.

We also concluded that the University should strive to create and transfer knowledge and technology to industry and the public on a timely basis. We concluded that to achieve effective knowledge generation and transfer, the University should encourage partnerships with private, as well as public, entities, and these relations must follow appropriate disclosure and oversight. We then developed such guidelines as necessary to assure compliance.

I guess this is the type of time consuming activity into which one gets following retirement. This special committee has taken us about six months to reach a good conclusion, primarily because of differences in opinion.

We are all looking forward to the Fall meeting at the Wigwam. We hope to see you all there. With best regards . . .


Lyle and Gene French

Dear Round Robin,

The Giannottas have had an exciting, fun, and busy year, dictated mostly by the activities of Brent, Nicole and Robyn.

Brent had a very successful sixth grade year, playing hockey, football, basketball, soccer, and baseball. He continues with piano lessons and manages to fit in some golf and tennis between seasons. Brent attended football, basketball, hockey and tennis camps this summer, but otherwise slept a lot.

Nicole had a challenging fourth grade year. She spent her extra hours taking computer, dance and art classes. The highlight of her year was the attaining of a new pet rat named Frisky, who joins our rabbit Fluffy and our dog Feather.

Robyn successfully completed second grade, where she was also a Brownie. Robyn played soccer and softball and continues with tennis and piano lessons. The highlight of Robyn's year was making her First Communion in May.

Sharon has been playing lots of tennis, but has also started a Think First program in the Pasadena area and does various volunteer work at the kids' schools.

Steve has managed to stay healthy for a whole year except for an extremely severe case of vertigo which put him in bed for a week. His tennis game has suffered subsequently, since it has become difficult to hit a moving object. But his golf game continues to flourish.

Family travel took us to Maui for a week in April during the kids' spring vacation. June was highlighted by a week in Amelia Island, Florida followed by a quick trip to Bermuda with Steve's Travel Club while the kids went to Michigan to visit family.

This winter, watch for a very snowy commercial for Quaker oatmeal which was filmed at our house in June. And if you live in the southeast, Sunbank of Florida recently filmed a commercial on our tennis court.

Looking forward to another wonderful week in Hawaii to see all our Academy friends...

Steve & Sharon Giannotta



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September 7, 1993

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Dear Bill:

As you well know, I have not been a faithful correspondent. Lest you give up on me entirely, I write to meet the September 10th deadline.

In spite of the uncertainties about the future of medical care and the impact of changing values in academia, things are going reasonably well in St. Louis. Ralph Dacey is doing an excellent job and the service is thriving under his leadership. The Department recently received a major gift, a portion which made possible the establishment of the Herbert Lourie Chair in Neurological Surgery. As probably most of the Round Robin readership knows, Dr. Robert L. Grubb has been named the first Herbert E. Lourie Professor of Neurological Surgery.

The gift was from Dr. Shi H. Huang. He and Dr. Lourie were fellow residents, products of the Henry G. Schwartz training program in 1957 and 1958. Several years ago, upon the death of his father, Dr. Huang, a practicing neurosurgeon without training or experience in corporate management, found it necessary to return to Taiwan to take over the stewardship of the family business, a fortune 500 enterprise. He has been eminently successful in his new job, leading some of us to the conclusion that the best training for becoming a successful corporate executive is a neurosurgical residency under Henry Schwartz.

On a personal note, I became Professor Emeritus on July 1, 1993. My time now is spent writing, participating in a study of the direct cortical response (might its varied configurations be used to identify essential cerebral cortex), seeing

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consultations, serving on the Admission Committee for the Washington University School of Medicine and reviewing manuscripts from time to time for Eben Alexander, (Editor of Surgical Neurology). Dan Silbergeld has been recruited to carry on with the epilepsy surgery. His training in epilepsy surgery was with George Ojemann. We are fortunate to have him.

As far as the family is concerned, Lois continues with her volunteer work. Among other responsibilities, she is currently serving as President of the Friends of Court-Appointed Special Advocates (for kids in foster care). Our son, Jim is in the private practice of Neurology in St. Louis. He and his wife Liz have two beautiful little girls ages 4 and 2. Our daughter Kathy is married to Bill Coryell. They live in Iowa City where Bill is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Iowa. They have two children, Matt, age 13 and Julie, age 9. Both love to fish, which pleases their grandfather, no end.

Bill, congratulations on your upcoming presidency of the Academy. It is an honor well deserved.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Bill and Fellow Academicians:

The opportunity to reflect on our lives at this point in time is a benefit of the Round Robin, in addition to the pleasure of communicating with old and new friends. For most of us, membership in the neurosurgical community has been a valued privilege. The loss of Thor Sundt still reverberates as a loss of major magnitude within this community. Thor's integrity and accomplishments set a yardstick to measure one's deeds against.

For us personally, the past year has been eventful and blessed with good health and an expanding family. Our oldest daughter, Amy Coburn, is practicing ophthalmology here at the Texas Medical Center. Her husband, Michael, is a urologist on the Baylor faculty. Their son, Jeffrey, is just two years old, and Laura just turned four months. The fact that Jeffrey's head shape seems to have been handed down intact from "gramps" is an added benefit of having grandchildren -- where else could you observe a skull with so much pleasure?

Our second daughter, Kate, and her husband Paul Gottsegen, have a soon-to-be-one-year-old, Joel, who is on the verge of walking and is acquiring a bilingual vocabulary (he says Mama, Dada, and "agua"). Kate finished her Master's degree in architecture, but has her career on hold for the time being. Paul is in management at Compaq, also here in Houston.

Our youngest, Ruth -- who goes by middle name Jennifer -- completed her Master's degree in humanities, following a B.S. in Journalism. She is a staff reporter for the *Houston Chronicle*, our major newspaper. Her husband, Layne Albert, is a tax attorney with Tenneco.

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Bob and I have beaten all the odds by having all our children, their husbands, their children, as well as both of our mothers in the same city with us, all living close by.

I am still working at the University of Houston at the Clear Lake campus, where I am Program Chair of Humanities and Fine Arts. I continue to direct the art education program and teach one class, but spend most of my time on administration. The challenge is to allocate very scarce resources in a way that will please both the faculty and students.

Bob had his 60th birthday in January, an occasion marked by a celebration planned by our children. In step with this milestone, we have just completed building a second home in Santa Fe, so that we can have a change of pace in the New Mexico mountains.

In addition to new grandchildren and a new home, we now have a new dog -- Bonnie, a West Highland White Terrier. Like all Westie owners, we have filled our house with Westie stories, T-shirts, and photos. Highly unusual activities for the Grossmans this year were riding on a float in the Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade with 30 Westies and their owners (all in matching green T-shirts and bandanas) and serving as assistant ringmaster in The Roving, a major event in the national dog show held at the Astrodome this August.

We continue to enjoy our sailboat with Bob setting some higher goals with regard to offshore cruising. All of which keeps us very busy.

I will leave the neurosurgical narrative to Bob at this point.

On the neurosurgical front, our department has continued to slowly grow. Alex Valadka, one of Hal Young's outstanding residents from MCV, has joined us and is getting his research and clinical program under way. The head injury program has continued to be productive. We have made a major investment of time, funds and space in collaboration with our Department of Molecular Biology in a laboratory program of gene-transfer therapy for brain tumors and in tissue transplantation; the preliminary results have been promising. I believe that the future of neurosurgical research lies in the technology of molecular biology and that we must give our residents opportunities for training in this area. I believe that those departments that can continue to do at least some research will come out


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stronger when the current turmoil in the organizational structure of medicine subsides.

I continue to do general neurosurgery as well as the stereotactic and epilepsy surgery. I have been privileged to begin, this spring, a 4 year term on the Council of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and hope to be able to represent neurosurgery in these councils.

Sincerely,

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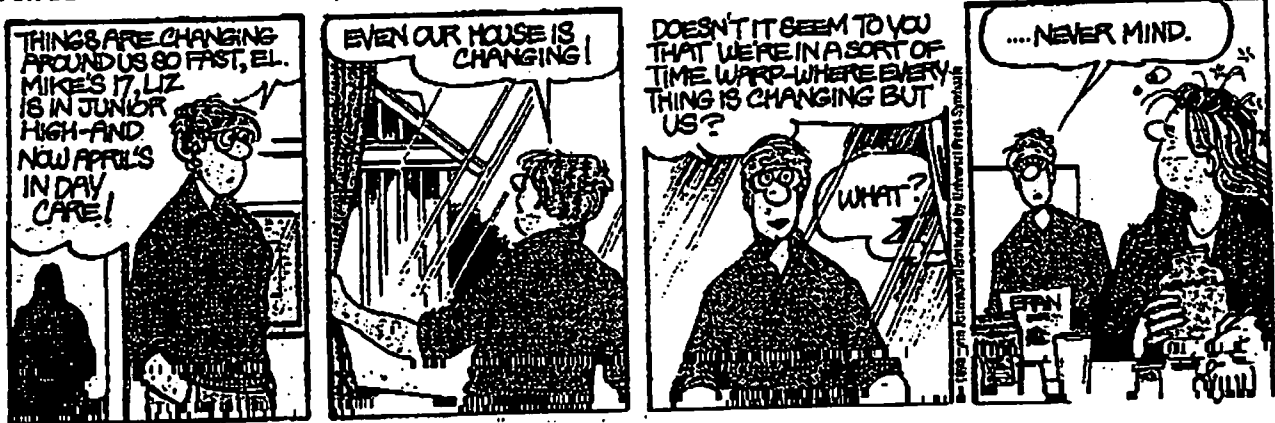
Dear Academician:

We are taking our baby daughter off for her freshman year at Princeton this week, and my friends are giving me a "My-Baby's-Leaving-For-College-and-I-Can-Hardly-Stand-It" luncheon when I get back. Bob is pretending that he can stand it, but I've seen him looking wistfully into her packed-up room. Of course, he has other things going on in his life for distraction, the ubiquitous Journal of Neurosurgery articles to read, the new commitment to the Boards, his cerebral ischemia research, and his newly received endowed professorship provided by the generosity of Shi Huang, a former Washington University neurosurgery resident and faculty member who is now an industrialist in Taiwan, and named for Herbert Lourie, Shi's friend during their residency years, who died tragically in 1987. Ralph Dacey planned a wonderful evening honoring the gift of the professorship to Washington University.

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I, however, have spent the last 24 years washing diapers, then soccer and tennis uniforms, cooking formula, then burgers, then grilled chicken and pasta, attending child centered sporting events, volunteering at schools and school related activities, and must now retrain for post-parenting adulthood. In this direction Susan Tew appointed me the new chairman of the Academy Tennis Tournament, and you'll have to agree this is pretty impressive stuff. I'll need to make major decisions, such as number of courts to reserve, what kinds of prizes to buy, and how to organize the matches. I am uniquely qualified to handle this kind of responsibility, a new empty-nester. The other blown-away child from the nest, son Robert, recently began his second year at Emory Medical School; and since he is no longer racing to North Carolina at every opportunity to pursue romance, he can perhaps accept one of Suzi Tindall's kind invitations to department dinners. He is enjoying his experiences. It is really fun to hear him telling his dad long distance of seeing the optic disc with his new ophthalmoscope. We also heard every minute detail of his first patient history. Why did his first patient have to be a smart aleck general surgeon who said, "You should have asked me more about my digestive system". Why not a sure cooperative old farmer from south Georgia?

SHOE / By Jeff MacNelly



See you all in Phoenix. I'll be around the tennis courts pursuing my new career.

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Re: Academy's "Round Robin"

Dear Bill:

It has been a relatively eventful year for me.

On the personal front the big news is that Debbie is very pregnant. We are expecting a new baby boy in the first week of September and hopefully he will agree to fly with us to the Academy's meeting in Phoenix to meet our fellow academicians. Debbie is uncomfortable but incredibly happy about the whole situation. She plans to continue her clinical work right to the end but she is looking forward to taking a couple of months of "maternity leave" after the baby comes.

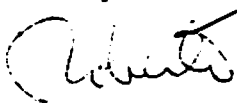
The big news in Minnesota is that Shelley Chou is our new Dean and Vice President for Medical Affairs. He has agreed to take on this position on an interim basis to steer the Medical School through some difficult times related to a couple of scandals that have been played up and inappropriately exaggerated by the local press. In addition we are going through some major changes in our clinical practice plans and in our relationship with the hospital in order to become an "integrated service network" that can deal more effectively with the very competitive local managed care situation. In reference to the latter, I am happy to report that we are coming along very nicely and that we have gained a substantial share of the local market during the last year. The total number of admissions in our hospital is down by just under one percent for the year whereas the rest of the hospitals in the community are down by an average of five to six percent. We feel very proud about this, particularly in the face of the adverse publicity related to problems in the Departments of Surgery and Urology. Incidentally, one of Shelley's first actions was to ask me to temporarily become Acting Chairman of Urology to help stabilize that Department; therefore, I will be attending some short course on how to do cystoscopies and prostatectomies--nice distraction from aneurysms and AVM's!

Shelley's appointment should make us all especially proud. I knew, of course, the respect that he has in this University but I must say that I was surprised about the remarkable unanimous support among all the clinical and basic science leaders when his name was brought up to take over the Medical School at this time. We had been trying to agree, unsuccessfully, on a candidate from within and we were in a deadlock with the basic scientists until Shelley's name was brought up. After that it took about a minute to reach a unanimous consensus in our advice to the President of the University. It took the President only a couple of short meetings with Shelley to announce his appointment. It is most appropriate that Shelley follows the proud tradition of Lyle French who, as you know, was Vice President for the Health Sciences at Minnesota for a number of years. It looks like Neurosurgery will continue to have a significant influence in our medical center with Shelley as Dean and Vice President, Bob Maxwell (also a fellow academician) as Chief of Staff of the University Hospital and myself as Vice Chairman of our clinical practice group.

The Department has continued to grow and this year we were fortunate enough to recruit Setti Rengachary as Professor and Director of our Spine Service. We have also recruited two excellent individuals, Bill Ganz and Deepak Awasthi, to the full-time faculty based at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center where we have been asked to take over neurosurgical coverage. I also feel particularly fortunate to have been able to recruit Paul Camarata to share the substantial increased load of vascular surgery with myself. The recruitment of Dennis Wen to be based full-time at the VA Hospital rounds up the full-time clinical faculty which now consists of 11 neurosurgeons in addition to Gaylan Rockswold and Tom Bergman who are part time and cover Hennepin County.

We continue to love life in Minnesota and are very excited about our personal and professional future here.

With best personal regards,



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August 27, 1993

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Dear Bill:

In January of 1992, my doctors told me that I had to make a change. The three streams that I had to ford to get to town got out of their banks frequently, and they said I couldn't afford to wait until they went down! So I moved back to Oklahoma City.

I have been using my daughter's address, but I decided now that I would change this and give you my current address:

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I am getting along well. As to family, at the last count I still had two daughters, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

My best regards to you all.

Sincerely,


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Dear Bill:

I suppose each generation believes that they have occupied time that was a turning point in history. That thought certainly can apply to our situation in medicine today.

Health care reform, tort reform, socioeconomic chaos, reimbursement, etc., all seem to be hotter issues now than ever before. Maybe that's true or maybe I am just getting older and more aware of the problems our profession faces.

On the national scene, one of the problems I see for academic centers is the threat to resident training that managed care implies. Most of our teaching centers are not financially capable of competing for patients with routine problems that can be managed in community hospitals. While the focus has been on patients requiring high technology treatment such as epilepsy, arteriovenous malformations and aneurysms, skull base tumors, etc., the greater problem for patient exposure and access to teaching comes with less dramatic patient problems such as lumbar disc, carpal tunnel, and even cervical spine problems. Given the HMO proliferation and the limitations imposed on patients by that system, we will likely have significant reductions in simple neurosurgical problems in our teaching hospitals. As a result, we will have to develop relationships with community hospitals and community neurosurgeons in order to get our residents educated in common everyday management problems. In addition, we will probably have to package such things as epilepsy surgery, etc., and sell our packages to HMO's that cannot provide high technology treatments economically.

The managed care/HMO system will have great impact on all of our teaching programs in the coming years. Only a few training programs exist today that have anticipated the problem and taken action to protect their "markets". Most of us are unprepared for the coming changes and even more worrisome are teaching programs that are not constructed to assure high volume/high quality case loads.

On the home front, our facility continues to thrive. Bill Chandler has taken over for a year as Section Head while I have the administrative role in Park Ridge. His steady hand has been a blessing for our training program and for our service.



July 30, 1993

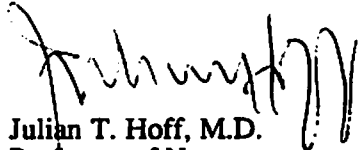
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Diane and our three offspring are doing well. Paul is now 30 years old, a house officer in Otolaryngology at the University of Michigan and recently married to Donna Hyde, a radiology resident. My daughter Allison will finish up her Masters in Archeology at the University of Arizona this year (hopefully). Julie, our third child, is now 23 years old, taking a year off after graduating from Wisconsin in Psychology, to do social work and other social adventures in Vail, Colorado. She plans to go to grad school in social work in the fall of 1994.

Diane and I look forward to seeing you all in Phoenix.

With best regards.

Yours truly,



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Dear Bill:

1992-93 seems to have been a moderately busy year for the Housepians. Visited daughter Jean, who now resides in Boulder, Colorado where she is a family nurse practitioner. Then went on to the AANS in San Francisco and were pleased to see old friends once again.

After what seemed to be a "long haul" on the clinical service it was suddenly August, and Marion and I, feeling an acute need for a break, spent a week in Sarasota. Although delightful, it didn't quite suffice and in late September we took a leisurely drive through Maryland and Virginia stopping in Annapolis on the way back. I had forgotten what an exciting place Annapolis is. The Naval Academy gave a wonderful tour and there is much history in the surroundings.

Last fall, in a response to a request from the Ministry of Health in Armenia the DFAR [the medical relief organization which I direct for the Armenian Church] began to organize a surgical mission to Yerevan which took up most of December and part of January in the planning. In January we deployed 17 surgeons, physicians and nurses to Yerevan. US Air Force had flown over the supplies and equipment needed to operate on the complex injuries which we were asked to treat. Because of the total blockade of Armenia there is no energy whatsoever and the conditions for the populus were grave this winter.

Our team functioned extremely well and in good spirits despite the harsh conditions with limited electricity, no heat and frequently no water. We saw over 500 patients in combined clinics and operated over 40. The team included Jim Correll, who, though recently retired, volunteered for this trip. We also had two anesthesiologists, a professor of rehab medicine, three plastic surgeons and two orthopedic surgeons, an ophthalmic surgeon, two OR nurses, two ICU nurses and a physiotherapist rounding off the team.

We were quite amazed at the resilience of the population. Despite the hardships we were treated to a special performance of the opera [which was closed as were schools and factories due to the lack of heat and electricity], trips to our "Vatican", Etchmiadzin, and a wonderful monastery dating to the 4th century. Needless to say, the hopes are for a political settlement of this tragic situation.

R&R had been pre-arranged and Marion and I left immediately for Costa Rica and a warm spot on the Pacific to thaw-out, relax and put back about 14 pounds. I noted that in four days I was in Yerevan one day, Paris the next, New York the third and San Jose the fourth. I could get used to jet setting after all.

We thoroughly enjoyed the AANS meeting this year in Boston which had perfect weather, was a wonderful setting and a good program. Again it was fun to see old friends. In May, Ben Stein, Don Quest and I and several others from our department went to Hyde Park to "show the Neuro flag" in support of Dick Fraser's last year of presidency of the New York State Neurosurgical Society. Marion and I took advantage of the trip to visit Larry Pool on our way home. All of us were immensely saddened by Angeline's tragic death this winter and we were pleased to see that Larry has the support of his boys through this difficult time.

In May, Marion and I traveled to Stockholm where I presented a lecture at the 8th World Congress of Emergency and Disaster Medicine. Stockholm is one of our favorite cities. Sweden is "savagely civilized", utterly organized and truly delightful. June is a perfect time in that wonderful country. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity to exchange viewpoints and information with people from many other lands.

Son Steve is still Assistant Director of Admissions at Columbia University's grad school while waiting for his rock group, "Shove" to hit the top ten.

July 1st marks our son David's arrival in St. Louis where he will begin his professional career as Assistant Professor at Washington University. He is an interventional radiologist and will be working at Mallinckrodt.

We look forward to returning to Boulder in August when our daughter Jean will be married high in the Rockies at Eagle Ridge Ranch, the future home she and her fiance are building a few miles outside of town.

Finally, unfortunately, we will miss the Academy meeting once again because this time it conflicts with my mother's 100th birthday and I doubt she would forgive me if we missed that.

With warm regards to all of you.

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Dear Academicians:

Re: Round Robin Letter

Until recently we have been very lucky in having all four children living in Toronto, but we now have a scattering of the Hudson clan. Our oldest, Dr. Jean, having presented us with our second grandchild in August, will move with her husband to Regina, Saskatchewan. He is taking up a promotion to a money managing position and she will establish her practice in the Prairie city. Katherine continues to do very well with Procter & Gamble and is also being promoted, despite the major cutbacks in that company. Her husband is very busy defending doctors in malpractice trials. Roy has taken up his position with Northern Telecom in Plantation, adjacent to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His responsibility includes South America and he is doing a lot of travelling. He is getting married in September of this year.

Erin and I have just returned from a very vigorous climbing trip to Switzerland. We trained in Murrin in the Bernese Oberland and then went around to Zermatt and did several more training ascents. On one occasion we were caught on the Mettelhorn glacier in the middle of an electrical storm which, unfortunately, killed one of the climbers in another party. There is simply nowhere to hide and, with the lightning striking the mountain around us, it was a somewhat interesting experience! Our final goal was the Matterhorn but unfortunately we were turned back at 3800 metres (summit 4477 metres). No one got to the top that day because of a condition in which all the rocks suddenly become covered with about a quarter inch of ice. We were terribly disappointed at having to turn back but took the advice of our guides. Another party did not and a fatality ensued. Erin was a great companion and trainer, and was also very brave on the Matterhorn, as she was far less used to exposed rock-climbing than I am. She leaves Toronto next week for a teaching contract position in Kampala, Uganda.

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Susan continues with her various business activities and has been incredibly busy. She and I are going for a ten-day cruise on our boat on Georgian Bay so that she can get a little rest prior to resuming her full-time teaching activities in the fall.

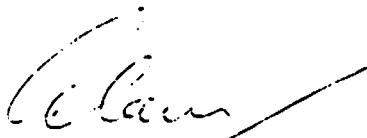
The Ontario health care system is in extreme difficulty, a direct reflection of the Ontario economy. Managing the \$500 million annual budget of The Toronto Hospital in this circumstance is very difficult but I am enjoying this new career and it has certainly recharged my batteries. I continue to perform small numbers of major brachial plexus and peripheral nerve cases, and this is the best form of psychotherapy!

Toronto neurosurgery continues to do very well under the excellent guidance of Charles Tator. Several young men have joined us and there will be quite a changing of the guard here in the next four to five years. The influx of new talent is of great satisfaction to me, as I chose and trained them all.

Susan and I look forward very much to meeting our friends in Phoenix.

Best wishes to you all,

Sincerely,



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16 July 83

Dear Bill,

This year we threw caution, prudence and economy to the winds, using as justification various worn-out cliches about the number of times one lives, whither one's money can be taken post mortem and the like. Also mentioned was the absence of any obligation whatever to our heirs. The results were most gratifying. And fun.

In January we took a trip to Antarctica under auspices of the American Museum of Natural History, flying first to Buenos Aires. The Argentines really know how to cook meat! Thence for some 2000 miles down to the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia, on the Beagle Channel in Patagonia. From there it took about 42 hours to cross the Drake Passage. We were fortunate not to encounter any of the famous 50 foot waves that run all around the world.

While we only visited the islands and the peninsula, not even reaching the Antarctic Circle, the sheer wildness and isolation were overwhelming. There are plenty of ice islands and penguins, who, it is thought, are benefitting from less competition from whales for the krill. We heard about ozone holes (they are real, and highly variable with the seasons), the Shackleton, Amundsen and Scott expeditions and many other things from the staff of AMNH experts. We'd do it again.

In May, we set out from Berlin on The Red Prussian, formerly Herr Honneker's private train. He doesn't use it any more. The AMNH runs it with lecturers, etc. We named the trip der Rote Preussien Blitzfahrt in honor of the speed with which we visited east Europe: Berlin, Potsdam, Dresden (There were no military targets there whatever, it seems "The Anglo-Americans only bombed us to destroy our culture," according to our middle aged guide, who had been Russian-educated.) We were annoyed. If we had met him after our visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau we might have thrown the SOB overboard, preferably in coma. His volk invented Schrecklichkeit. Remember Rotterdam, Coventry and such places.

Prague is one of the most beautiful cities imaginable, albeit with Pasadena-style air. Full of tourists from everywhere. Our young female guide hadn't heard about the possibility that Jan Masaryk might have been pushed, but she looked it up that night and apologized the next morning for not knowing that there had been a question. Showed us the window. A big guy would have had to squeeze some to get out of it. You would think someone could have stopped him. If they had tried.

Everyone should visit Auschwitz. It is beyond description. I hesitate to repeat the bad joke that we used to tell the residents: "ARBEIT MACHT FREI". Same sign was over the gate at Dachau. This was put up before the Wannsee Conference when the decision was made to kill for the sake of killing, rather than just accepting a high mortality from overwork and malnutrition. They were afraid of typhus, though. There was a sign in the toilet "Ein Laus, dein Tod". Prophylactic public health measure.

Thence to Krakow. The Poles are great, and rendered the Beer-barrel Polka for us at the station. Bread and salt. Saw old cathedral, etc. Drank Campari and orange juice on the town square.

Budapest is beautiful, but also as foul-aired as Pasadena. Pity. The Hungarians are great! They park on the sidewalks so the police can meet their payroll with the parking fees. Their Square of Heroes makes you wish we had a few like them. Great bearded horsemen in furs with swords and stuff. Stopped at a horse ranch out on the plains, bought a whip. A mistake. C. cracks it better than I can (until my rotator cuff heals).

One foggy morning we awoke and asked a local, "Pardon me boy, is this the Transylvania station?" It was, but the Count was off at a meeting. Romania wasn't an empire, but it was evil, all right. They don't have it together yet, poor devils.

Plovdiv, Bulgaria, had a large mudslide a few years ago which exposed a huge 1st century Roman amphitheater, now functional again. Heard an orchestra rehearsing Carmina Burano, which we had seen danced in Berlin. "Balkans" is Turkish for mountains, and the associated valleys hold smog very well.

In Edirne, Turkey, we were first introduced to Muslim customs, the mosque and the muezzins. The Turks are a vigorous, competent people. Our Turkish guides repeatedly referred to the "fanatics" or the "crazies" of Islam, and not merely to cozened tourists. They are worried about the fundamentalists, said to be only a tiny minority in Turkey. The fez and the veil were banned in the 20's by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. He saved Turkey as a nation. When the Ottoman Empire collapsed, he secularized the country and brought it into the 20th century. We entered Istanbul with our diesel pushing from the rear, but pulled by a classic steam engine, probably the very one used in "From Russia with Love". Exotic! Yards of red carpet were laid at the station, with combos playing strange instruments. The Bosphorus, the ever-present minarets, St Sophia all remind you that this was the center of most of the known world for centuries before our ancestors knew this continent existed. In the words of the patriotic song from "Nashville", "We must be doing something right to last 200 years!" Humbling.

We took the opportunity to go to Izmir, from whence we visited Bergama (Pergamon), the remains of Ephesus and the ruins of an old Aesculapion. Clinically, it seems that suggestion was a least as good as science in those days. Probably still is, for most complaints.

Nowhere in this entire odyssey did we hear, or even sense, any "Yankee go home". Hope it stays that way for a while.

Family all well, thank God. C. and I see them regularly. Maine is a joy, if rather far. Good to see Whitcombs often.

Buchardt, you don't have to print all of this stuff if you don't think it's appropriate for your little rag. Our best to all.

Cheers!

weh/weh

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

March 13, 1993

Dear Friends and Gentle Hearts,

We have returned from our fabulous trip to the Seventh Continent.

Our trip began with an overnight flight from Miami to Buenos Aires on January 22. We had a day in the Argentine Capital. We managed to see a bit of it, and it is a magnificent city. Wide boulevards and many trees, mainly transplanted from Australia. The city is built on Pampas of concrete (no Maine granite or Ohio trees). The people describe themselves as Italians who speak Spanish and think they are English. They seem like a competent people, plagued by terrible governments.

From B.A. We flew south, via Rio Gallegos, about 2000 miles to Ushuaia, Argentina, on the Strait of Magellan, which is proudly the most southern city in the world. We boarded Illiria, our home away from home for the next 9 days. The ship is about 30 years old and carries 110 passengers. Apparently this is its last season in The Antarctic. It will then be retired to the milder and gentler climes of the Mediterranean.

We sailed thence into the Beagle Channel, lying between Chile and Argentina in Tierra del Fuego, and entered the Drake Passage where we were followed by wandering albatross, various petrels and cape pigeons. The Drake can be quite wild and was rolling almost 20 degrees on the way over. It takes about 44 hours to cross. Scopolamine patches and the like are alright, but they make you pretty drowsy. One poor soul fell and broke her hip and had to spend the trip in her bunk. Her daughter is a United Church of Christ minister, previously a large animal veterinarian. She and the ship's doctor looked after the patient. A Lear Jet was awaiting her return to Ushuaia and carried her to Cleveland, twelve hours distant.

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We arrived at the South Shetland Islands on the afternoon of the 26th and boarded the Zodiacs for Arctowski Station in Admiralty Bay on King George Island. This is the Polish Antarctic Research Station. (The ex-communist Poles had two nice niches on the rocks with statues of the BUM). We encountered our first penguins here, mainly Adelies, but also saw Elephant seals and fur seals. The latter are not "true" seals, because they can get up on their fore and hind flippers and chase you, and they have ears, like sea lions. "True" seals on land are just great oval blobs who can barely move about unless they are leopard seals by preference, of which more later. They are about half-way between sea lions and dolphins.

On the 27th of January we crossed into The Weddell Sea and landed on Paulet Island, the site of a huge Adelie rookery. As we approached the Island we could smell and see the creatures, about 200,000, maybe more. Most have since left for sea and their winter activities, we are told. When you see them in the water in flocks (or schools?) they "porpoise" along at a great rate. They only come on land to "make out", but walk about with a curious dignity as if they were well adapted to the land. The trip to Paulet Island was partly for the benefit of a Swedish group on board since it is the site of a former Swedish station and held the remnants of their camp. According to The Antarctic Treaty humans are supposed to stay at least 15 feet from the penguins. The treaty says nothing about how far the penguins must remain from humans! They have no fear, and almost step on your feet.

We could not make an afternoon landing at Half Moon Island because of inclement weather. We therefore missed seeing the Chinstrap penguin rookery. A possible shift in the wind was feared, and that could have moved the pack ice into the bay and locked the Illiria up for hours or days.

We continued down the Bransfield Strait, between The South Shetland Archipelago and The Antarctic Peninsula, to Deception Island. This was the only really savage day. We went ashore in a Force 7 gale and were greeted by a desolate volcanic island. The anchorage was in the old cauldron. (Illiria could not make a

landing last year because a threat of volcanic activity. There were no such predictions this year.) There were steaming hot springs. A few hearty souls of the group took a dip in the Antarctic. We didn't. Deception is quite young as islands go, only about a million or so years old.

The weather after this day was for the most part glorious. We did need significant insulation, however, with temperatures in the 30s or 40s and appreciable wind chill.

On a bright, warm day, we entered the Gerlache Strait, explored the Palmer Archipelago and landed at Port Lockroy. There we visited a Gentoo rookery and a nesting place for Blue-eyed Shags, a handsome black-and white cormorant. The Gentoos are my favorite penguins. They don't smell too bad either. The shags are beautiful. Hard to believe. The North American variety of shag is definitely the ugly duckling of shagdom. They also do not return to Florida for the winter as does our Maine variety. (Which I personally think is rather clever of the Maine brand.)

The afternoon was spent at the northern-most of the U.S. Antarctic research centers, Palmer Station. It is the smallest of the three U.S. Antarctic stations and the only one north of the Antarctic Circle. It is located on the southwest shore of Anvers Island, overlooking Arthur Harbor. The station was named for the Connecticut sealer Nathaniel B. Palmer, the 21-year old commander who is the American credited with the first sighting of Antarctica in the late 1800s. The other two bases, McMurdo Sound (not far from where Little America was and where both Shackleton and Scott landed), and the Scott-Amundsen Base at the South Pole are too remote for tourists. They are both remarkable examples of American tax payers' extravagance, with no immediate profit, of which we should immensely proud. Read about those guys!

The Palmer Station is ideally located for studying birds, marine mammals and other components of the marine ecosystem. Meteorology, upper atmosphere physics, glaciology, and geology also have been pursued at and around Palmer. New efforts include investigations of marine populations during austral winter,

studies of marine biology and ocean processes in the Weddell Sea pack ice, and research into how marine populations respond to the increased exposure to ultraviolet radiation because of the ozone hole. It is a year round installation. Specific projects include investigation of why certain fish don't freeze at sub-freezing water temperatures. (Apparently they manufacture their own protein anti-freeze). We saw some of these fish swimming about in a tank kept at 32 degrees F. Oceanographic studies, climate research including ozone layer wipeout are also important. There has been concern that the increase in ultraviolet rays was destroying the plankton which are not only in the food chain for whales, but also for the penguins and ultimately everyone else. This apparently is not happening because the first few inches of sea water absorbs UV, but the long-term effect of the increased ultraviolet is unknown. [Our astronomer showed us a video of the increase in the ozone hole over Antarctica as recorded by satellites over the past 10 years. It was only about 2 minutes long, but it dramatically demonstrated the phenomenon. One of the interesting things is that although the hole has enlarged, it is not an absolutely predictable progression.]

With our Swedish Ice Captain at the wheel we then proceeded down the iceberg laden Lemaire Channel. An incredible site. It was here that two leopard seals were sighted resting on an ice flow. Unlike the tubby true seals, they are leaner and move rather quickly across the ice with a snake-like motion. They like penguins for lunch, but it is reported that one tore up a huge elephant seal in the water next to Palmer Station last year. A member of Shackleton's crew (Endurance) reported that one of these aggressive creatures jumped out of an ice hole and chased him. Probably mistook him for a seal.

We then sailed on for our appointment with the continent itself the following morning. We set foot on the Antarctic Peninsula at Paradise Harbor on January 30, 1993 at approximately 2100 hrs GMT at (64.49 S, 62.52 W). We were greeted by Gentoo Penguins and Blue-eyed Shags. We toasted each other with champagne. What land there is that is not covered with ice looks much like the famous rock-bound coast of Maine with glacier-

scoured rock, pink granite and black lava dikes just like those in our front yard.

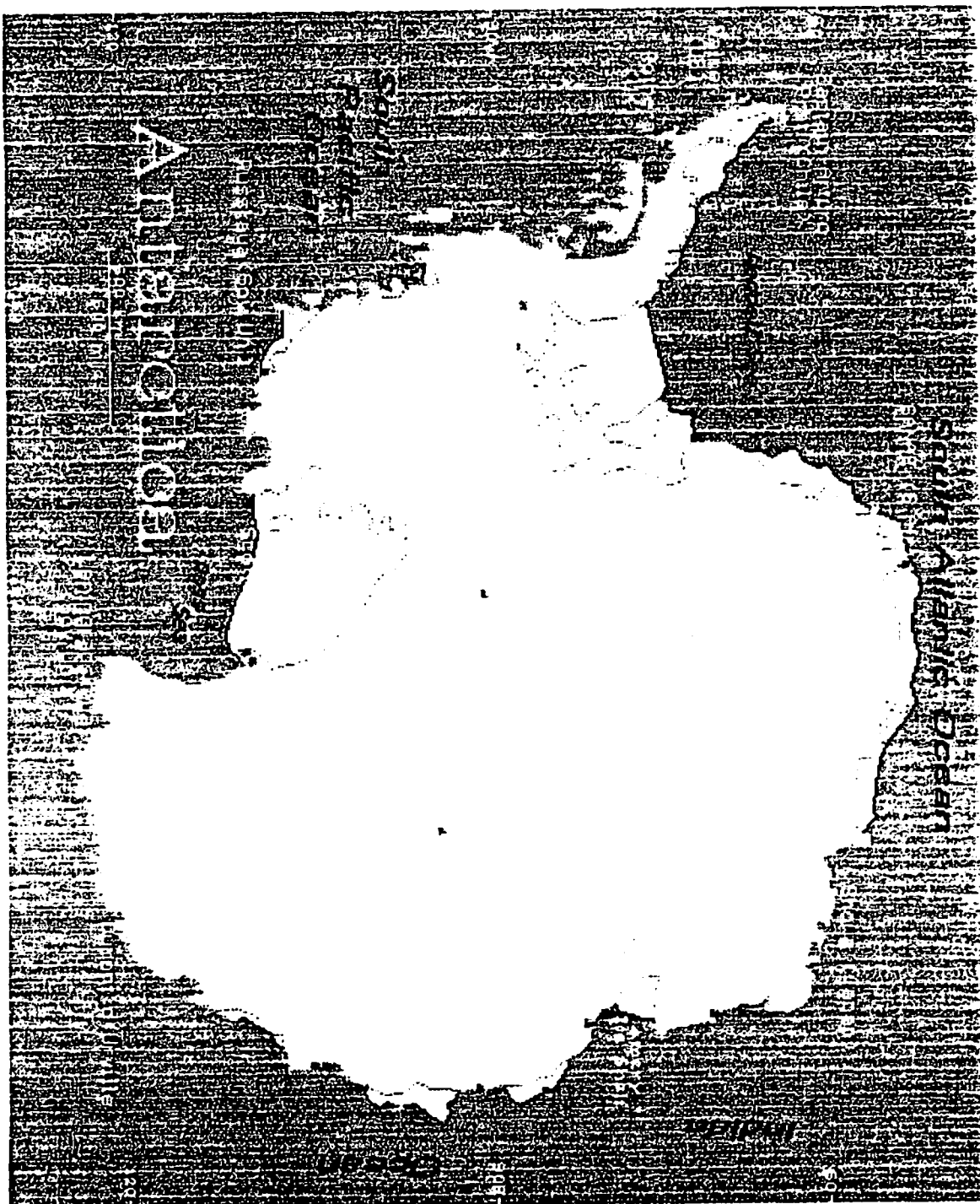
We headed back to the Drake Passage via the Melchior Islands and a zodiac trip around the bay. Many seals, beautiful ice sculptures, blue-eyed shags, and a brief encounter with eight humpback whales. We didn't mess with them, and they didn't mess with us.

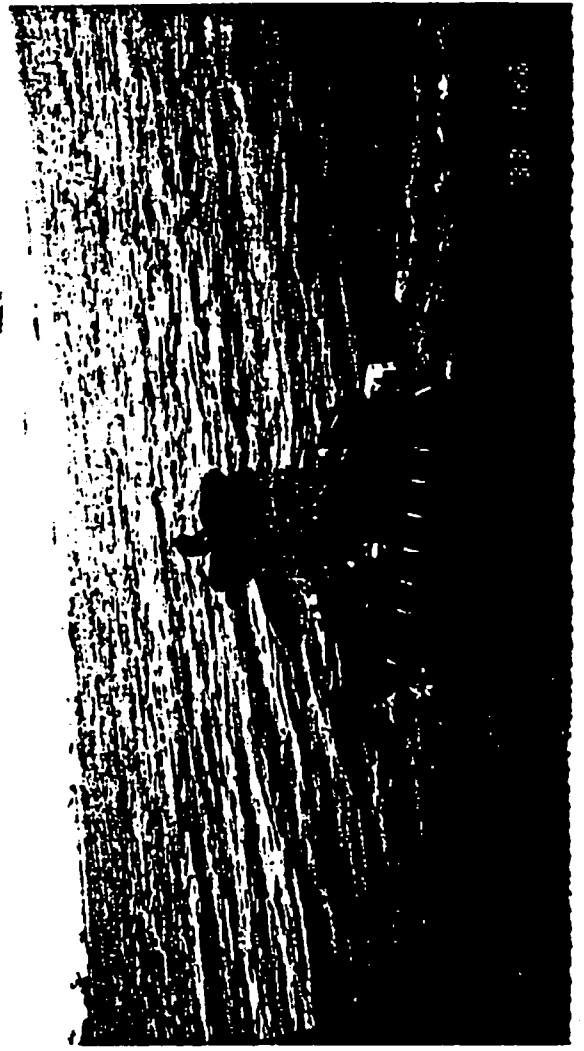
We were quite fortunate on our return. The Drake Passage was peaceful, we sunned ourselves on deck and reached Tierra del Fuego with enough time to go ashore and visit Harborton Estancia, a small 44,000 acre ranch owned by a third generation descendant of Scottish missionaries named Goodall and his central Ohio teacher wife. There are many "Sheeps" on the Estancia. They raise their own vegetables and meat animals and seem almost self-sufficient, but have a small and respectable tourist trap, and have students from "Baires" practicing their English as tour guides. Delightful.

We didn't make it inside the Antarctic Circle and were at least 1000 miles from the South Pole. Nevertheless it is a fantastic journey to another world, and we did get into the edge of the Weddell Sea where Shackleton spent so much time stuck in the ice (Paulet Island. Don't know why he had so much trouble. It was a piece of cake for us!)

Next stop the Amundsen-Scott Station at the South pole!!!

Voyage to Antarctica





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Dear Bill:

The Keener family has had a good year. In May of 1992, John Keener and Brandy Strickland were married in Charleston, South Carolina. It was a gala event with a formal wedding and friends from around the country attended. One of the luncheons was held at the Charleston Crab House, which is John's first Seafood Restaurant in Charleston. It is going full blast now. This past April, John opened his second restaurant in Charleston, which is called J J Hooks. It is located at 189 East Bay Street in downtown Charleston, about a block and a half from the Market.

Jim Keener was married in Wilmington, North Carolina in October 1992 to Millie Hodges from Fayetteville. Millie was working as a neo-natal intensive care nurse in Wilmington. Her family has a home on Figure Eight Island and most of the dinners and reception were carried there. This was also a big formal affair with friends coming in from all over the country. Jim has been promoted to the eastern Manager for US Amada Company and they have been transferred to Atlanta from Louisville. He and Millie are presently looking for a house in the Atlanta area. Millie is working in the neo-natal unit at Northside Hospital in Atlanta.

Barr and Jessica Keener adopted a baby boy, two days old, in the first of May of this year and they are presently learning the rituals of parenthood. Barr is a corporate attorney with Southern Bell in Atlanta and has remodeled his house in the Buckhead section of Atlanta. Jessica continues to work on her second novel and is still trying to get the first novel published.

Jane and Malcolm MacKenzie have a new son, Maxwell Burke MacKenzie who is almost two years old now. They continued to live in Savannah, where Malcolm is an attorney with Woodall and MacKenzie firm. They do primarily insurance defense work and he

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stays busy about seven days a week. Their oldest son Lyle will be in the third grade at the Savannah Country Day School and is active in sports.

Bill and Miriam Keener now live in Chattanooga where Bill is a graduate student and graduate assistant instructor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is working on his Masters in Education. Their two children, Ann Tindell Keener and Kelsey Keener are ages seven and five respectively and are doing well. Miriam is working as a horticulturist with a nature preserve in Chattanooga which is consistent with her background and degree in horticulture from the University of Kentucky.

Jere Keener is in the import export business in Madrid, Spain dealing primarily with American automobiles. He is still single, as far as we know. He has a girlfriend who is Spanish and her name is Mercedes Osborne. We do not know how serious it is.

Ann continues to work as Super Mom trying to attend to the needs of all of the children and grandchildren as they constantly arise from moment to moment. She has also supervised the building of a cluster house at Seabrook Island, South Carolina. This came about after the condo at New Smyrna Beach sold, May a year ago. Consequently, we have been spending alot of time in Charleston and Seabrook in order to complete this. Her tennis game has suffered as a consequence of all of these activities.

I might add that John and Brandy are expecting a child in October, which will further increase our visits to Charleston.

As far myself, I have been involved primarily in medical organizational activities during the past year. I stopped surgery last September and now seeing consultations, second opinions, and independent medical examinations. From my organizational standpoint, I was installed as President of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons in March 1992. This is a two year term. I completed my six year term as a Governor of the College of Surgeons in October and also completed my two year term as Secretary of the Board of Governors at the College last October. I have continued as an alternate

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delegate to the AMA from Georgia and also continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the MAG Mutual Insurance Company in Georgia (Physician Owned Liability Company). Georgia Tindall reappointed me as a Clinical Associate Professor at Emory, this past year. In April of 1992, I was elected to the Board of Directors of the AANS.

Perhaps my most time consuming job this year is serving as President of the Georgia Medical Board which licenses and disciplines the physicians, PAs, Respiratory Technicians, EMTs and CTs of Georgia. This is a job that requires much more time and effort and energy than any of the Board Members have. It is becoming ever expanding with all of the legal problems involved in the delivery of medical care. We have many complaints from the public and from the medical profession lodged against other members of the medical profession and have to be investigated and adjudicated on. It is the type of job that you need a flack jacket for in order to survive. At the present time, the Board is trying to dodge several legal bullets in an effort to do as good a job as we can in the interest of the public. I might brag a little in that, the Georgia Board has been rated as one of the top Medical Boards in the country by the Wall Street Journal and others such as Ralph Nader. Whether that is good or bad, depends on ones interpretation.

Other than the above, life has been pretty routine at the Keeners this year.

With best regards to all and we look forward to seeing you in Phoenix.

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RE: "1993 Round Robin"

Dear Academician:

Sally and I send our best wishes. We are experiencing the usual ups and downs. We certainly are enjoying our eleven month old grandchild, Sally, II. She is an absolute delight. We have reason to believe that others are on the way.

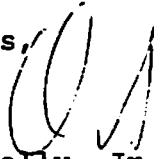
The Neurosurgery Department is flourishing. We have recently hired two young vascular neurosurgeons of whom we are very proud. In addition, we have recently recruited a neurophysiologist from NIMH, who is an outstanding primate neurophysiologist.

Our faculty has the major concerns that all of you have and that is, what is going to happen to academic medical centers in the years ahead and how are we going to survive the changes that the Clintons are going to force upon us.

Sally can just about beat me in tennis. I have had an Achilles tendon injury for approximately seven months and I have not fully recovered. So, I don't have my usual psychic release from exercise and I have gained a couple of pounds. Getting older is the pits.

Sally and I wish everyone well and hope you enjoy the meeting.

Best wishes,



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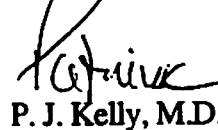
Not having commented before for the "Round Robin," I submit to you my humble first attempts at expressing myself in this medium.

After almost nine years at Mayo Clinic, I decided to accept the position as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at New York University, filling the position vacated by my friend Joe Ransohoff. We intend to leave Rochester at the end of June, and will report for duty at NYU September 1. That will leave some time to sail my boat CYGNUS from her base in Northeast Harbor, Maine along the coast of New England. My family is looking forward to the move to New York (I'm looking forward to free time in the summer and sailing). Nonetheless, I am sure it will be a tremendous culture shock, moving from Rochester, Minnesota to New York City.

Please let me know if this is not what you need for the "Round Robin."

Best regards.

Sincerely,



P. J. Kelly, M.D.

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September 4, 1993

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Dear Bill and Round Robinites:

It does seem that the yearly news letter comes around every six months, even tho, Bob and I alternate as scribes.

Bob as Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Medical Director of the hospital has a multitude of activities keeping him very occupied at the Health Science Center. He is still seeing patients, teaching and attending to some clinic responsibilities as well as appreciating all the efforts Charlie Hodge and the others are making in the further development of the program. We seem to spend a good deal of time speculating on the anticipated release of the Clinton Medical Plan and how it will affect the department, the medical school and the hospital operation. Change is and always has been with us, the mystery is to understand and use the change for the benefit of as many as possible. It will be a challenging time, hopefully there will be a few humorous moments along the way.

This summer we have enjoyed completing the garden design and planting, chaffing a bit at a few trees and plants that died during our cold winter, and even finding time to enjoy the finished product. Bob does love to dig and work out there, and I have to keep a sharp eye out for a new project developing unexpectedly. Yesterday I saw a hairy woodpecker working vigorously on a tree. As I watched it tapping away, I wondered what does all that pounding do to a brain. That is your neurosurgical question for the day.

Our zeal for travel has been fueled by the many meetings in some truly magnificent areas of the world. My appetite seems insatiable and I continue to plan adventures on our bikes or a trip to areas we have somehow missed. We truly loved Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. It will be a hard act to follow but you can be assured I am still looking.

We will look forward to seeing you all in Arizona and trust that the year has been gentle with you and your families.

Regards to all,

Molly and Bob

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August 30, 1993

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Dear Bill:

The year of 1992 was a very enjoyable one. I was awarded a three-week trip abroad before retirement from Shinkokura Hospital, of which I had been the director since 1987. This was a big chance for Yoshiko and me to visit with old friends in Canada and U.S. Before visiting Montreal, our second home, we stopped at Thorold, Ontario and had a wonderful time with Miss Dalicandro, former head nurse at MNI. Besides Niagara, we enjoyed watching huge freighters go up and down at Lock 7. Snow flakes welcomed us in Montreal in early October, but the maple leaves were still before full glory. The reunion with old friends and teachers including Ted Rasmussen and Bill Feindel was really exciting. After Montreal we continued our trip south to Pittsburgh, Charleston, Gainesville and Dallas. In Charleston, our bosom friends, Phanor Perot and Cristian Vera were waiting for us. We fully enjoyed our stay in this beautiful historical spot. In Gainesville, Toshio Matsushima, our son-in-law, assistant professor of neurosurgery at Kyushu University, was in his schedule of work with Al Rhoton. He came back in December, and recently again took his whole family to Gainesville for a two-week trip. Kind attention Al and Joyce paid to us all is truly unforgettable. In Dallas we failed to see Kemp Clark but enjoyed a short communication through the telephone. He was a good advisor for me while I was the chairman of the Japanese Board of Neurosurgery. This is also the place where Hiromi Ishibashi, our another son-in-law learned hepatology. He is assistant professor of internal medicine at Kyushu University.

Hoping to see you, academicians once again in Japan as well as in North America,

Very sincerely yours,



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July 7, 1993`

Dear Bill,

We have been in Charlottesville for a year and find it to be a most pleasant place to live and work. Ed feels fortunate to be working with superb colleagues in Endocrinology and other special interest areas.

Our oldest daughter, Elizabeth, completed her residency in large animal surgery at the University of Pennsylvania on June 30th and is taking a well deserved rest. She will be married in September, the first to leave the nest. Margaret received a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard in June and is doing consulting work in Boston while looking for the job. Victoria continues to have a successful career as a model, based in Munich but always on the move. Eleanor will begin her third year of Law School at UNC ,Chapel Hill in September. This summer she worked in D.C. for Legal Aid and HALT.

Best Wishes to you and all Round Robin friends.

Peggy and Ed Laws

1993 "Round Robin" Contribution

This has proven to be an exciting year for the Loftus family. My wife Sara is expecting our fourth child on October 28, 1993, smack in the middle of the Academy Meeting. She had hoped to be present for my first meeting as a member of the Academy but this may not prove to be the case. I plan to be in attendance barring any complications if at all possible.

This year should see the publication of our book **Intraoperative Monitoring Techniques in Neurosurgery** which McGraw-Hill assures me will be ready in time for the Congress meeting. I am also occupied as the editor of **Clinical Neurosurgery** for the next three years and likewise with the publication of another book **Neurosurgical Emergencies** under the auspices of the AANS Publications Committee. My clinical and cerebrovascular practice here at The University of Iowa remains busy and satisfying. We added two new faculty in July, bringing our total to eight and hopefully this will relieve some of the clinical burden that we have all felt here. I continue to be involved with Charlie Hodge in organizing the Woods Hole RUNN Course and have been gratified to see the growth and increasing subscription there over the past 2-3 years. I have also succeeded Steve Giannotta as Secretary/Treasurer of the Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery for the next three years.

Our sons Christopher, Matthew, and Mark (ages 10, 7, and 6) are winding their way through elementary school and thus offer no great news to report. They are a source of continuing joy and inspiration.

I look forward the Academy meeting in Arizona this October and Sara hopes to be able to attend with me if at all possible.

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April, 1993

Dear fellow academicians:

This has been an eventful year for the Long family in its various ramifications. First of all Kim and her husband returned from Berlin and settled down on Key Biscayne just in time to experience Hurricane Andrew. That brought more than a little excitement into all our lives and a fair amount of anxiety which persisted until the telephone contacts were re-established.

Elisabeth and her husband, Paul, moved to Chicago and Northwestern University where Paul is a graduate student involved in a Ph.D. program in Comparative Literature. Elisabeth is completing her dual Masters Program in History and her principal interest of ancient manuscript preservation.

David had his first paper in the Neuroscience meetings and his first paper published. He then surprised us by leaving his Neuroscience position to begin a new venture with friends in the field of welfare reform.

Harriett has nearly completed her Masters Program at St. Johns College and will graduate in May. We are planning a major family celebration.

We are in the midst of planning for an addition to our house. Now that the children are all gone, it seems that 16 rooms is not enough to accommodate our needs, so we are adding garage, family room, and a new kitchen. In celebration of the new kitchen, Harriett is going to the Cordon Bleu School in Paris this summer, a graduate degree which I think highly desirable.

We are expecting our first grandchild in the fall (Kim) and the excitement from that event is just beginning.

We will look forward to seeing all of you at the fall meeting. Now that Harriett will be finished with St. Johns and her graduate program, she'll begin to travel with me again so we both look forward to attending.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

Sorry no secretary. I read the "Round Robin" with keen interest, first to keep track of how well my 70 and 80 year old friends are doing and to let them know I am still alive, and second to get some idea of the great things the younger, very active, involved members are doing in neurosurgery.

Katy and I are both well, still living here on the beach halfway between the Mauna Lani and Mauna Kea Beach Hotels, who wish they had twice the guests they have. Our elder son and wife and three children live in Denver, where they anxiously await the recovery of the real estate market. Our younger son, with wife and 2 children, lives 85 miles across this island and continues to build homes. After waiting for a year, he is finally building us a house next door for Katy to rent.

As well as serving as handyman for Katy's rentals, I serve on the Board of our local Medicare approved Hospice program, help with fundraising for our new Community Hospital, and work on the development of a brand new Community Center, which in its own Mission Statement will endeavor to "Promote learning about health and wellness in interesting and fun ways which empower individuals and families to make better health and life choices." High sounding words but with the worst health statistics in the State in our area, we might as well try. Church activities also take up time.

We would be happy to see anyone who comes to this area and hear more about what life is like in the real world of active practice in modern day medicine.

Aloha

John J. Lowry



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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
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May 14, 1993

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RE: Academy Round Robin Letter

Dear Bill:

As a new member of the Academy, I believe that I should probably reflect conscientiously and thoroughly on my current status and introduce my family to fellow academicians.

Clearly, my election in 1992 to the Academy was one of the highlights of the current year, which I cannot help but continue to regard in the traditional academic mode of July thru June. I currently serve as Professor of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and Chief of Neurological Surgery at Presbyterian University Hospital. Our two teaching adult university hospitals are currently merging to form the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. I have joint appointments as Professor in the Department of Radiology and the Department of Radiation Oncology, interests which over the years I have merged within the framework of modern neurosurgery and its technological requirements. These adjunct appointments have helped to foster a number of warm relationships with colleagues in both diagnostic radiology and therapeutic radiation oncology. Such relationships seem to go a long way in terms of defusing the potential turf battles that swirl around us.

Ten years ago, we formed the Specialized Neurosurgical Center at the University of Pittsburgh to help advance the usage of stereotactic, functional and subsequently radiosurgical technologies. To bring these terms up to date, some might refer to them as "minimally-invasive" neurological surgery; many of these tools represent new instruments in the therapeutic armamentarium, and it has been a delight to be involved in the education and training of many practitioners within the field. Pittsburgh seems to be a desirable community (it's hard to believe that I have lived here now for 18 years), whose attractions continue to seduce many colleagues. The practice of neurosurgery in Pittsburgh has increased from 20 neurological surgeons in 1975 to approximately 60 at the present time, for a population that has not changed very much in the interval. For the last 12 years, I have been actively involved in training my own competition. Nonetheless, I believe that many of these tools represent significant advances for our local patient population

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May 14, 1993
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and I am pleased to have collegial relationships with many of my former teachers and many of my subsequent students.

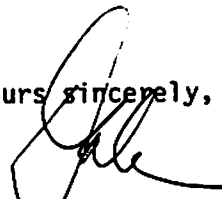
I am surrounded by tremendous quality at all levels, ranging from my secretarial and administrative staff to the peers who share responsibilities, successes and failures in the allied fields in which I work. Our interests in the active field of animal research models, exploring the usage of new technologies, and writing and publication have met with some success over the years.

My family consists of five (if one includes my now one-year-old Brittany spaniel, an animal with unbounded exuberance). Julie, my wife to whom I have remained almost blissfully married for 22 years, is active in community and charity affairs in Pittsburgh. She has devoted many efforts to the issues of infant adoption, a topic dear to our hearts on a personal level. Stephanie, our daughter, is now age 15, has blossomed in her current school, and has all the talents of a strong academic interest and literary and artistic bent; these are merged in an incredibly level-headed personality, that I am told does not resemble most 15-year-old adolescents. Our son Andrew is an irrepressible, active, and constantly questioning 10-year-old boy, who has been a traveling companion for me on several occasions. On my fourth trip to Japan, at the last minute, Andy decided to go with me, and we had a truly remarkable six day event, traveling to Tokyo, Niigata, and Sendai. The 12 x 14 color photograph of Andy and me at a formal dinner surrounded by 14 very august Japanese professors hangs proudly upon the wall of his bedroom. It was a transportation vacation - the ideal for a 10-year-old boy I suspect, since we took boats, planes, bullet trains, buses, subways and private automobiles throughout the country. We all look forward to a three week sojourn this summer in Europe during the International Stereotactic Radiosurgical Society Meeting in Stockholm and subsequent cultural experience in Italy.

I look forward to further submissions and reading of the Round Robin.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,



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October 13, 1992

Report of Rogue River Neurosurgical Meeting - October 8-11, 1992

The meeting of the Rogue River Neurosurgical Society is now history and I believe it was a genuine success. As usual everyone had a good time, perhaps a little better time this year than in some other years because this year everyone managed to catch some fish, some really quite spectacular ones. The outstanding fish were, a silver salmon of eight pounds, jack salmon of five pounds, a number of steelhead running up to approximately five pounds. Of course a great number of quick releases including some very large salmon. The fishing this year was done with a group of guides who were really first class. We had four boats running two fisherman in three boats and three fisherman in one boat. Three of the boats devoting themselves purely to fly fishing and one to fly fishing and some lure fishing for salmon.

As in other years our wonderful lady chef, Pauline, supplied us with not only outstanding meals but for example cooked a salmon for dinner which had been caught that morning and it was delectable. As usual the fizzes preceded the brunch each day and were generously received and enjoyed. All of this, despite the fact that the river is a little low this year as a result of our six years of drought in the west. Hopefully this will come to an end this year and we will see the river where it should be next year.

Those attending this year were, Francis Murphey, Lorene and John Raaf, Donna and Gary Silverburg, Bill Buchheit and his guest Krista, Reedy and Henry Schwartz, Bill Hunt minus Carol who had other commitments, yours truly minus Bobbie who is in no shape to travel at this time.

All people arrived on time, all baggage arrived with them and all connections were made on leaving the camp, even those that required arising at 4:30 in the morning and driving out of Agness at reasonable speeds where connections were made with the aircraft.

As I look back on this brief interlude in our lives, this was one of the most delightful gatherings we have had in a long history of good ones. We are all looking forward to next year and will at the first of the year decide upon dates and make plans for the future.

Must add two anecdotes to this report, #1, Our chief guide David Young who usually guided some of the older members of the party got in the habit of saying "Old Timers, lets go". It is good that he didn't say "Alzheimer's." #2, the same guide eventually labeled one member of the party with a name that may remain in place for some time to come, namely "Grumpy". I will leave it to the readers to decide who was entitled to this special award.

I will be in touch with all of the RRNS members after the first of the year.

Sincerely,



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August 30, 1993

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Dear Bill,

You will occupy a great deal of this ROUND ROBIN letter, since I have been lucky enough to spend a good part of this year in your Service at Temple, learning Radiosurgery. There I had a wonderful experience with all your associates, specially Dr. Andrews and Dr. Silverman, who also became good friends. I was also happy to meet your charming wife Christa, a blooming flower from Germany, who is taking a remarkable care of your new home. I have visited her vegetable and herb garden at the end of your backyard, and can tell you that she is much better than I am at this favorite hobby of mine.

I was also surprised with your abilities as a pilot, and was excited to know your airplane club with all facilities for adventurous people like you. It reminded me of the wonderful days I had with Charlie Drake, flying over the jungle of Mato Grosso, when he came to Brazil, looking for good fishing spots.

Thank you also for those incredible french restaurants you took me in Philadelphia and for making me a Visiting-Professor at the end of my stay. I wished the people at Harvard and McGill treated me like that had when I was a Resident. And I felt like one again, this time working with your young people at Temple. It was a wonderful feeling!

Now I want to congratulate you for becoming the next President of the Academy.

You have done a great job as Secretary, and I am sure you are

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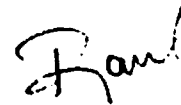
going to be a great President also. I hope to be present to congratulate you in person, in Arizona.

After I left your Service I went to Fukushima City in Japan, where I participated in the Japanese Congress of Neurosurgery, presided by Professor Namio Kodama. From there I spent a few days in Osaka invited by Professor Hayakawa, visiting the new campus of Osaka University, where I was very impressed by their high-level of research and Neurosurgical skill. I have the feeling that modern Neurosurgery is slowly moving to Japan and is prone to remain there for good many years. From there I returned to Boston, my second home-town, to spend some time with Dr. Peter Black at the Brigham-Children's complex, trying to learn the latest achievements in Radiosurgery in which they are now unquestionable leaders. It was also a wonderful stay and from there I came back to Brazilian reality, setting-up our new Radiosurgery unit. Still in Boston, I was happy to meet the Tew's and dine with them at the Harvard Club during the graduation of their son Neal at Harvard Medical School. It was a wonderful evening, next to some of my best friends in the world.

Well, Bill, enough of this update on my life and the department.

I look forward to seeing you and Christa in Hitchfield.

Sincerely,



Raul Marino, Jr., M.D.



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Robert L. Martuza, M.D.

Professor and Chairman

September 10, 1993

Dear Academicians:

Due to other commitments, Jill and I will not be able to be with you at the 1993 meeting. Our not coming is with great regret since this is one of the best and certainly one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year. However, too many things to do, and, by far, not enough time in which to do them.

We have added two new members to our clinical staff at Georgetown - in Pediatric and in Functional/Stereotactic Surgery. I hope this frees up time for some of the more creative aspects of neurosurgery. Our labs are up and running and reasonably productive - doing a few new things that perhaps I will suggest for presentation at a future meeting.

This September saw our oldest daughter, Robin, head off to college. She, who couldn't wait to leave the nest and her unnecessarily restrictive parents, is homesick already (and she goes to school here at Georgetown - go figure!). The other two are in high school - our son wants to be an artist, the other daughter - a dancer. (Where the hell did those genes come from??)

We are just completing a house renovation - I'm still coughing up dust (and money). We spent the summer in Chevy Chase with a dumpster and a port-o-potty in the front yard - quite a sight (and smell). Our hope is that all of this will be done by the holiday season.

Jill and I are going to the Japan Neurosurgical Society meeting and I know I'll see a few of you there. I will also give a few talks in Korea as we swing by. It is because of this and other commitments that we will not be at the Academy meeting this year, but I assure you we will be there the next - I find that the Academy meeting is one of the few meetings where one can not only learn, but also relax and talk openly among friends. We look forward to seeing all of you next year.

Sincerely,

Bob and Jill Martuza

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June 26, 1993

Dear Fellow Academicians,

Once again this year we are flying our single engine airplane over board expanses of cold water, this time over the North Atlantic to Baffin Island. Baffin Island is west of Greenland and contains nesting areas of many of the sea bird we see up and down the Atlantic coast. We will give you a full report at the meeting.

In December, I added a second profession to my list of responsibilities, landscape design. Now all I need are a few clients. This new degree grows out of my passion for creating gardens, and my husband's insistence that I spend other people's money instead of his.

We continue to work to further the development of the Kirklin Clinic. There has been a good deal of OJT for all of us. Dealing simultaneously with the problems of managed care and the opening of a new four hundred thousand square foot clinic building have made for an interesting year.

In October, we look forward to visiting with you again. Every year we have the pleasure of getting to know more people and seeing old friends once again.

Warmest regards,

Mary Jean and Richard



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August 18, 1993

Dear Bill,

"What is this life, if full of care.
We have no time to stand and stare,
No time to stand beneath the boughs,
and gaze as long as sheep or cows,"

as Pauline Symon said to us in the shadow of the Great Wall, pointilla dots on the vast landscape of The People's Republic, pointilla dots somewhere in Neurosurgical Time. Time. That's what the last year has brought to us. Not time to get things done that we planned to do. Not time to do things we should do, but never got around to doing. Just time. Plain old ordinary time. Time unadorned, unaltered time, time to complete, to respect, to live in. For a life span time has been an enemy, an unwilling servant, an exacting tyrant, an ever demanding disciplinarian of the undisciplined, an abstraction demanding to be stretched or borrowed, compressed or ended but never ignored, something that ran away, was never there when needed. It is now different. It sits down with the morning cup of coffee, keeps pace with the necessary work load of the day and stretches out with the evening's rest.

Everything takes longer. Even vacations take longer. We spent two months again in Ireland. It rained but we found out that at our age we don't spend much time on the beaches. A good book is always a good book, good friends make good conversations and the new lawn soaked it all up. But old habits linger. A metronome in some buried convolution swings relentlessly announcing the dawn of each day at 5 a.m. though we no longer do 6:30 a.m. rounds. And we did collect a speeding ticket.

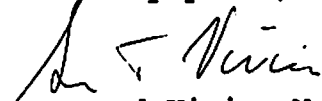
We see our married daughter frequently. She and her husband built a summer home close by in Michigan. We note that the legal profession (her husband) has more generous hours than a resident in internal medicine and on some weekends we see more of him. Our older boy has entered his last year with Roberto Heros in Minneapolis. Our younger son and his wife, in radiology and in family practice residencies in Iowa City, escaped the Iowa

floods.

Bryce has remodeled the labs and recruited a capable faculty including two young neurosurgeons. Research is up and running, and above all funded. He has taken over directorship of the Brain Research Institute, and, in his spare time travels the world. The residents are bright and Neurosurgery at the University of Chicago is doing very well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon,

Sincerely yours,


Sean and Vivian Mullan

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August 11, 1993

To the Academy Round Robin

Dear Buck,

The spring and summer have been hot and humid. Everybody has headed north except Marge and me, and it's been miserable.

I unfortunately have developed bronchietis, and John Kirclin and others have put me on oxygen. They think I need it all the time, but I don't agree. It's a damned nuisance. At least I can hit a few golf balls every now and then.

If I live long enough I'm going to the Rouge and the Ozarks fishing this fall. However, I don't feel well enough to go to the Academy. I will certainly miss everybody.

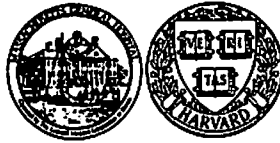
Regards to all from Marge and me.

Sincerely,

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Dear Academicians,

It has been a busy and particularly enjoyable year as we have watched our first grandchild develop. Although little Andrew and his parents are temporarily living in Vancouver, we have managed four get-togethers with several medical meetings on the West coast and a trip they made to New England. Hopefully, they will return soon as they still own a home only about 20 miles from where we live.

Our last unmarried son found the "woman of his dreams" and they were married in New Hampshire on a beautiful afternoon in August. Another of our sons and his wife are breeding and showing golden retrievers and since they live just one hour away, we get to enjoy those cute wooly golden puppies. We also have a fourth son and his wife who purchased 20 wooded acres in New Hampshire affording the entire family a lot of fun as we watched their log home being built.

Bob and I enjoyed a wonderful vacation not associated with a medical meeting when we spent two weeks in Bonita Bay, Florida, a few miles north of Naples. While there we visited and fell in love with Boca Grande on Gasparilla Island just north of Sanibel Island and plan to spend time there next winter.

It has been great seeing friends at the meetings this past year and we really look forward to the Academy this Fall.

See you all soon!

Bob Jean

Bob and Jean Ojemann



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DEAR BILL,

LOTS OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED IN NEUROSURGERY AT MCGILL OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS. FIRST A DIVISION OF NEUROSURGERY WAS CREATED OF WHICH I BECAME THE FIRST CHAIRMAN. THE DIVISION IS PART OF A DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY BUT HAS A SEPARATE BUDGET AND FUNCTIONS FAIRLY INDEPENDENTLY WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO THE DEAN OFFICE. I WAS ALSO APPOINTED WILLIAM CONE PROFESSOR OF NEUROSURGERY WHICH I CONSIDER A GREAT HONOR. THE DIVISION INCLUDES 4 DEPARTMENTS OF NEUROSURGERY AT 4 DIFFERENT HOSPITALS: THE MONTREAL NEUROLOGICAL HOSPITAL, THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, THE MONTREAL CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL AND THE JEWISH GENERAL HOSPITAL. MY MANDATE IS TO COORDINATE THE TEACHING, CLINICAL AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT THESE HOSPITALS. OUR NEUROSURGERY PROGRAM COMPRISES 16 RESIDENTS WHO ROTATE AT THE VARIOUS UNITS AND CAN BENEFIT FROM A WELL DIVERSIFIED VARIETY OF EXPERTISE NOW PROVIDED BY 18 NEUROSURGEONS. OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS SEVERAL OF OUR FORMER RESIDENTS HAVE OBTAINED ACADEMIC POSITIONS AT PRESTIGIOUS NEUROSURGICAL CENTERS BOTH IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

AT THE MONTREAL NEUROLOGICAL HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTE I HAVE SUCCEEDED GILLES BERTRAND AS NEUROSURGEON-IN-CHIEF. GILLES HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN THIS TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. HE IS STILL QUITE ACTIVE SURGICALLY AND REMAINS, AS ALWAYS, MUCH INVOLVED IN TEACHING TO THE RESIDENTS. TED RASMUSSEN IS UPDATING THE FOLLOW-UP ON HIS SEIZURE SERIES; HE FINDS GREAT SATISFACTION IN SEEING THE EXPLOSION OF INTEREST IN THE FIELD OF EPILEPSY SURGERY. THE DIVISION OF NEUROSURGERY HAS ESTABLISHED A RASMUSSEN VISITORSHIP AND THE MNI A RASMUSSEN LECTURESHIP. THIS YEAR, THE SPEAKER WILL BE CHARLES TATOR FROM TORONTO. EVERY SECOND YEAR WE WILL HAVE A CONE LECTURESHIP WITH EMPHASIS ON SPINE SURGERY. ALAN CROCKARD FROM QUEEN SQUARE WILL DELIVER THE CONE LECTURE THIS COMING FEBRUARY. BILL FEINDEL KEEPS HIMSELF BUSY AS EVER AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING THE HISTORY OF THE MNI.


THE MNI HAS A NEW DIRECTOR IN THE PERSON OF RICHARD MURPHY, A FUNDAMENTALIST INTERESTED IN GROWTH FACTORS. HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF REORGANIZING BASIC RESEARCH WITH EMPHASIS ON MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, CELL SURVIVAL AND GENE THERAPY. NO DOUBT THIS WILL GREATLY BENEFIT OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS IN NEUROSURGERY AND NEUROLOGY.

IN ANOTHER VEIN, KATHERINE RASMUSSEN, FAITH FEINDEL AND LOUISE BERTRAND ARE ALL DOING WELL. NICOLE AND I HAVE SPENT ANOTHER SUMMER HOLIDAY ON OUR 5 ACRES ISLAND LOCATED ON A BEAUTIFUL LAURENTIAN LAKE. I HAVE PURCHASED A NEW CHAIN SAW AND HAVE BEEN BUSY FALLING DEAD TREES AND PREPARING THE WOOD FOR THE FIRE PLACE. FOR THE

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LAST 15 YEARS OR SO I HAVE CONTINUED TO PLAY 2ND TRUMPET IN A JAZZ
BIG BAND AND DERIVED GREAT PLEASURE IN MAKING MUSIC AND MEETING THE
FELLOW MUSICIANS.

NICOLE AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN
PHOENIX.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andre", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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Dear Bill:

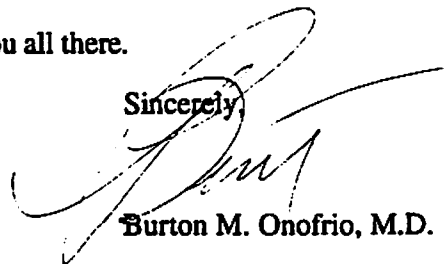
This year has been an eventful one! Our son, Scott, has had his third child; this being a daughter who obviously is the apple of the eye of the family. Our daughter, Jennifer, is teaching Art at the University of Minnesota in Morris. She is very grateful to have a teaching position after finishing graduate school since only 1/200 finishing graduate students are able to obtain a teaching position. She is a born teacher and, hopefully, this will be the first step in her teaching evolution. Gregg, is working for Kidder-Peabody in the Investment Division in New York City and loves the "big town" atmosphere. Judy is having a one-woman show at the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts on April 29 with a 64-page brochure with color photography of her work. This installation will be up until the fourth of July. This is a monumental step in her career. The show, once it finishes at the Minneapolis Institute, will be traveling to North Dakota and then to St. Louis and probably Philadelphia. It is the culmination of seven months of 18-hour days for her.

As far as I am concerned, I have enjoyed my duties on the Board as well as the past vice-presidential position in the Academy. I enjoyed seeing everyone at the O'Hare Hilton recently for the meeting on "enfolding". It was a very productive meeting chaired by Al Rhoton. I spoke to Ernie Mack most recently about his upcoming fishing trip in the Fall and he was excited about all of the slots having been filled with a distinguished German visitor coming this year to enjoy the camaraderie.

All in all, it's been an eventful year and I will look forward to seeing everyone at the Wigwam. It has alot of memories because the last time that the Academy met at the Wigwam was the year that I was inducted into membership.

I will look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,



Burton M. Onofrio, M.D.

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Paris, May 4th 1993.

Dear Dr Buchheit,

This is the first time that I participate to the "ROUND ROBIN" after retirement from the Hospital and the University on October 1st 1990. This radical change in a neurosurgical life has represented a very fruitful experience because I have been lucky enough to take advantage of the gift that the LORD gave to me at birth: the power of creativity as a painter. It means that, starting in 1953, I have painted oils during holydays at first and now on when I want.


I have two ateliers, one in Paris and one in Normandy in my country house where I paint freely without the necessity to sell my oils to make a living. American friends like Phanor Perron, George Austin, Roy Selby and others came to me for discussing about the power of art in the modern world and the necessity of opening new museums.

After 1975 I created my own style which is not abstract, impressionist, nor symbolic, cubist or pointillist. My goal has been to introduce movement from colors and drawing.

My wife Françoise which I married in 1948, is all right giving conferences on architecture and art. We have grown 3 children which gave us 5 grandchildren; a sixth is expected for next June. Both boys are M.D.; the oldest is a neurologist married to the daughter of Robert Vigouroux while the youngest is a rheumatologist. In between is the girl who is a bank adviser regarding the economy of the eastern countries; she is married to an architect.

Looking to the way of life my concern is not my family or my country but the world crazyness which upset me very much since I have participated actively to the second world war as a medical Lieutenant.

My interest concerning neurosurgery has decreased slowly since I was able to improve my talent and technique as a painter. I stopped traveling but I will go to Acapulco.

Sincerely yours.  86

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David G. Piepgras, M.D.
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September 2, 1993

Dear Academicians:

This year has been one of a spectrum of emotions, setbacks and progress within the Mayo Department of Neurosurgery. Of course there was the overwhelming sadness with Thor's death in early September 1992. We all lost a great friend and leader and an outstanding surgeon and scientist. He was a true warrior at heart. It was moving to see many of you at his memorial service. I extend a special thanks to the Academy membership who contributed so generously to the Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr., M.D. Fellowship in Neurosurgical Research. With your support we were able to initiate the Fellowship this year and selected a young man from the ranks of our own medical school graduates who combined outstanding academic achievement, original research work, as well as a strong interest in neurosurgery in his credentials. The Sundt Fellowship has allowed him to continue to develop both his research and neuroscience interests in our Cerebrovascular Laboratory and provides excellent assistance to our colleague Dr. Fred Meyer.

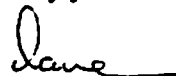
A great disappointment and loss to our department was the departure of Pat Kelly in June to assume the Chairmanship at NYU. Pat had provided us not only with a constant infusion of energy and personal productivity, but also unparalleled skill and expertise in computer-assisted and stereotactic neurosurgery. He passed on his "know how" and left us with instrumentation and a strong team to continue his art but we miss his counsel, his vision, and of course his spirit within the department. We wish him the best with the challenges of his new position.

I was honored to be elected to succeed as Departmental Chairman and have been quick to appreciate even more the strength and diversity of our department and its individual members. We felt especially fortunate to recruit a bright, skilled and energetic addition to our staff in Bill Krauss who finished his training at Columbia this past June. Bill brings a new dimension to our department with his interest and growing expertise in spinal instrumentation. It is appropriate to mention that the initial connection with Bill grew out of dinner conversations at last year's Academy banquet with Ben Stein and Paul McCormick.

We are looking forward to moving into new quarters at Saint Marys Hospital for some of our departmental functions this month and the addition of new staff in the coming year. All of us are apprehensive about the proposed changes in health care (especially in the frigid Minnesota climate of managed care and liberal taxation) but remain cautiously optimistic.

Jane and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Wigwam next month.

Sincerely yours,



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Professor and Chairman

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August 10th, 1993

Dr. William A. Fuchheit,
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Dear Bill,

As many of you Round Robins know, my dear Angeline died of pancreatic Ca. in March, after 52 years of a gloriously happy marriage. Our three boys and friends have given superb support, but nonetheless, it sure takes the starch out of one.

Purely for the sake of O.T. I am writing a wee book on famous and a few somewhat infamous neurosurgeons I've known or met, along with a couple of chapters on side topics, including a bit of autobiography. I don't think its very good, but maybe a shiney hard cover and a dozen illustrations will make it at least look attractive. Anyway, two trusty colleagues have urged publication. At age 67 this has to be done by private printing, alas! Horribly costly --- but there's no time to fool around for 2 or 3 years in search of a real publisher. Will let you know if and when it's ever finished.

Now it's back to the dishwasher, the clotheswasher, and the dryer. I've finally learned, the hard way, which dials and buttons to tinker with to get them going.

With warm regards to all, and my special esteem for housewives,

Harry

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August 24th, 1993

ROU. D ROPIE Postscript:

News has just come in that our son Daniel Pool's book, published by Simon and Schuster in July, has gone into its third printing! Apparently it is well liked for it also a Book of the Month Club selection and he has been interviewed about it on National Public Radio and the Chicago Public Radio already. Title: What Jane Austen Ate/ What Charles Dickens Knew.

Larry

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August 11, 1993

Dear Robin:

Things continue to be active in the far northwest corner of the Big Apple, the site of Neurological Institute of Columbia University, as we blissfully await health care reform. The Department continues to thrive. My esteemed colleague and leader, Bennett Stein, will be taking a much-deserved six month sabbatical from administrative duties. Yours truly will be standing in for him. The experience should be an enjoyable and stimulating one - for Ben!

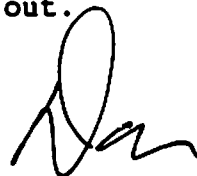
Ilona and I begin to deal with the empty nest as of early September and will start out with a gift to ourselves of a trip to Istanbul followed by a cruise in the Aegean ending up in Athens. This will hopefully assuage any melancholy we might feel over the fact that there will no longer be any Quest girls living in our home. We will also be doing out part for the world economy!

Wendy, our oldest daughter, is 22 years old, lives in an apartment in New York, and is working for Grey Advertising which she enjoys. After spending the Summer in Paris post graduation from Bucknell she began work in an art gallery on Madison Avenue devoted to 19th and 20th Century American Art. This she found a little too rarefied, despite the celebrity clients, and after about six months she changed to advertising. Her plans include business school or possibly law school in a year or two.

Amy is a senior at Denison University in a small town in Ohio. She is doing well and is considering becoming a nurse or possibly an occupational therapist upon graduation which would entail a post-graduate course leading to a Master's Degree. Maybe I'll end up working for her.

Susan who is the last one to leave the nest begins her freshman year at Vanderbilt. She is super-enthusiastic about this as is her wont about most things.

Our cat is 14 years old and has terminal hyperthyroidism (under treatment) and our dog did not work out.



Donald O. Quest, M. D.

**Mrs. John Raaf
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Dear Bill,

First, congratulations -- we were most happy to learn of your marriage and are looking forward to seeing both of you in October. Your pictures; many, many thanks !

We can't find time to become any older. John still goes to the office every day except Saturday when he goes to the Oregon Health Sciences University then on to play squash. They have prepared an office for him at the University so he has no time for work at home. I became less agile when my little MR2 was stolen so John bought me a treadmill and a Mazda Miata. He doesn't give me any time to rest especially since the Dedication of the Chair followed by his receiving the Aubrey Matzek Award for pioneering neurosurgery in the Northwest. We will soon attend the John Raaf Lectureship which will be given at Salishan and more importantly next month he receives the MRF (Medical Research Foundation) Mentor Award which may require another new dress.

Last month our only grandson married a girl from Australia and all of the Raaf were present at the wedding near Park City which is 25 miles above Salt Lake City -- a beautiful ski resort surrounded by mountains. Our son John and his wife Heather (who is now a forensic pathologist in the Coroner's Office) came from Cleveland, as well as our oldest granddaughter (who is a Veterinarian practicing in New Hampshire). Her younger sister arrived the night before from Paris where she took her junior year of college and will return to Georgetown to complete her studies there.

Our daughter Jean has taken a year's leave of absence from teaching in the Bay Area to be with us which makes us very happy. Her daughter Margot and husband John Robison both work and go to graduate school but found time to attend the wedding.

At this writing we feel most fortunate so I won't list any of our troubles which are minimal. This marks our 55th year of married bliss -- my only achievement.

Our very best to you,

Lorene & John
Saturday, August 21, 1993

Dear Bill,

It appears to me that Lorene has said it all. She agrees that you can use any part or all of her letter for the Round Robin if you wish. We will see you this fall, I hope.

John



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September 2, 1993

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Dear Bill,

This year has been one of the most eventful twelve months of my young life! As many of my colleagues know Lori and I left New York last July and moved to Tampa where I am now a Professor of Neurosurgery and Director at the Tampa VA and the Lee Moffitt Cancer and Research Center. Dave Cahill, Chairman of Neurosurgery and I have been friends for sometime and the opportunity to join him was truly irresistible, my feeling that the opportunity to assist Dave in developing the program here at the University of South Florida really represented a whole new challenge. As most of you also know, Dave Kelly has assumed Chairmanship of the Department at NYU and of course I am very pleased and honored that a man of his stature will take over the reins of my old department and certainly bring it into the twenty-first century with great energy, talent, and creativity.

From a professional point of view we of course were very pleased that the RRC saw fit approve our residency training program and Dave has already been deluged with applications for the residency program and as of this moment we are already starting two young men, one at the PGY 2 level and one at the PGY 3 level. The tumor work at both the VA and Moffitt is growing steadily and we

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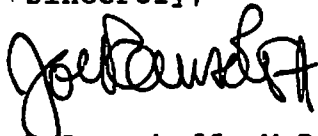
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will be in the process of recruiting a young neurosurgeon to assist and eventually take over particularly someone who is interested not only in the clinical field but in the molecular back ground and research of the primary gliomas, common area of course that everyone is now interested in. At the same time we also have the opportunity to include a young neurologist and hopefully can develop a true brain tumor center with a critical mass of individuals devoted to this major problem.

My dear wife, Lori, has been working two days a week as a maxilla-facial prostodontist at the VA and spending most of her time supervising the building of our new house on Harbour Island, a secure island in the middle of downtown Tampa, right on the water with a boat slip in front of the house and the kind of a place where so called retirement would be ideal if this ever happens. She soon will however, obviously be ready to not only continue her work at the VA but probably open her own private office as we'll be moving into the house sometime towards the middle of September or early October. Jake, who is now four and half continues to be an absolutely charming young boy and as a dotting father I think he is bright, vigorous, attractive, and all of those positive adjectives. He obviously takes after his mother.

Where as we still miss New York, life in Tampa is really great and life professionally, socially, and family wise continues to be in my opinion a real privilege. My best regards to all my friends as unfortunately I won't be able to make this years meeting.

Very Sincerely,



Joseph Ransohoff, M.D.

Dear Fellow Academicians,

I am happy to report this has been an upbeat year for the Ratcheson family. We have all been healthy and busy and there's been ample time for fishing.

After surviving a winter of political maneuvering that pitted the Medical School's Chairpersons against the University's president, Bob's department has been in a celebratory mode. This spring, we toasted the marriages of Ed and Chris Ganz, and Warren and Diana Selman. In October, we will be pleased to host the former residents and colleagues of Frank Nulsen, as they all gather in Cleveland for a long-overdue celebration of Frank's accomplishments. Also in October, Bob will complete his year of presidency of the Ohio State Neurosurgery Society by hosting the annual meeting in Granville, OH, home of Denison University where our older daughter, Rachael, will be a Junior.

I have continued teaching Anthropology at Cleveland State University on a part-time basis. This spring I directed a "Culture and Family" fieldwork project among the Hispanic and Russian-Jewish immigrant communities of Cleveland that was extremely interesting and rewarding. I continue to fundraise for the Women's Community Foundation and to involve myself in the school activities of our younger daughter, Abigail.

We still have all our children in the Ohio area. Alexey (23) has his own apartment in town and splits his time pursuing his DJ career at local night clubs and earning a living wage in the restaurant business. Rachael (19) has chosen to major in Art History and got a taste of her future by serving an internship this summer in the Fine Arts department of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Abby, who enters first grade in the fall, has almost learned to read and write legibly. She has enjoyed horseback riding, gymnastics, ice skating, and swimming.

The highlight of the year for Bob and me was a February fishing trip to Argentina in honor of my fiftieth birthday. We spent a week at the end of the world in Tierra del Fuego stalking the elusive sea-run brown trout (we caught several that weighed over seven kilograms); wearing out our arms casting heavy tackle; being buffeted by high winds and chilly-for-summer temperatures; fishing strange hours (9 A.M.-noon, 6- 11:30 P.M. followed by dinner at midnight); meeting a new breed of fishers who routinely follow the international circuit; enjoying the stark landscape, unique fauna, and cultural activities like sheep-shearing and lamb roasting. Then we spent a week in Patagonia where summer was more realistic and the rivers were empty of people but teeming with large trout that

enthusiastically chased our flies. We are looking forward to a return visit at the first opportunity.

Our summer was split between Cleveland and the Bitterroot Valley of Montana. In Montana, we traveled more than usual, had more visitors than usual, and spent more time than usual trying to set up and enforce regulations made necessary by the influx of population to our rural area. Bob tore himself away long enough to spend a week fishing in Alaska at the end of August.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

With best regards,



Peggy Ratcheson



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May 31, 1993

Dear Round Robin:

The main excitement for Joyce and me during the last year has been the arrival of our seventh and eighth grandchildren with the ninth on the way. Several of our children have departed Gainesville. Eric has settled into practice in Ashville, North Carolina and Albert in Highpoint, North Carolina. Alice and her husband, Richard, have both been accepted for Fellowships at Mayo in Rochester. Our youngest daughter and her husband have settled into Gainesville.

Joyce and I had an exciting trip to Israel this year for a Skull Base Meeting. Most of our time was spent in Jerusalem. It was an exciting trip with one night being spent in a kibutz. Joyce enjoys baby sitting some of the grandchildren so that our daughter can work. She is also sewing a fair number of dresses for the granddaughters.

Work is going well. We look forward to the ground breaking for the new University of Florida Brain Institute in 1994, and are in the midstages of getting ready for the 1994 Meeting of the North American Skull Base Society Meeting in Florida. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 1993 meeting.

Sincerely,

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September 1, 1993

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Round Robiners:

Since each year we read with great interest each of your contributions to this tome, it only seems fair that I make one of our own this year.

On the home front, Jasmine continues to be busier than I am. In the next little while she's going to face the Empty Nest Syndrome and may not tolerate it all that well. For the last six years she's been the logistician and sort of traveling manager-Mom for Michael, our now sixteen year old youngest son and erstwhile tennis player. For the first time this summer he took off for a month of tournaments in Florida, North Carolina, and then Tennessee pretty much on his own with other players and a coach from out here. In Kalamazoo at the National Hardcourts in August, Jas and I were with him. The Harvard Men's Tennis Coach said he was watching Mike play at the suggestion of one Neal Tew. John and Susan's son has more than a little credibility back there having just been given the Senior Scholar-Athletic Award at Harvard for his squash-academic excellence. He is a very classy young man. Mike continues to improve and should have fun playing at some school. He exemplifies our philosophy of raising boys: Keep them exhausted.

This past February Joe, our oldest, and his wife Stacey knew there was a placental problem with her pregnancy, but weren't prepared for the several week premature C-section delivery of a two pound-two ounce little girl. Candice was in the Neonatal ICU for two months and then home with oxygen tanks, masks, and tubing all over the place for weeks. Now at six months of age she looks a lot better, but that experience will refocus your priorities for you.

Stephen just graduated in Accounting and has started work here locally for a year or two before graduate school. Christopher takes the MCAT this month and is getting married to a great girl in January. Several of you met Chuck last year as he visited various residency programs and he's now ensconced in New York at 20 West 83rd Street - loves the Upper West Side - as he begins training in Ben's program at the NYNI. He's had the happy experience of getting to know the Quest girls better. Wendy, Amy and Susan have been great to him. We had the honor of having Susan stay with us a few days this summer, and she, like Wendy and Amy, is absolutely wonderful. Vanderbilt better get ready.

Unfortunately, others are discovering the Intermountain West and Salt Lake continues to grow. There are now about one and a half million people living on the narrow strip of habitable land along the west slope of the Wasatch Range from Logan to Provo - that's already too many. Peter Heilbrun has put together an exceptionally strong Department of Neurological Surgery up at the UUMC and we all benefit from what he's accomplished. We're in the process of moving to a larger office and will probably add a fourth to our group later this year. I've tried to be helpful to my partner and friend of many of you, Bruce Sorensen, and make him understand that, after he retires, the only chance he has to avoid being called as a Mormon Church Mission President to someplace like Outer Mongolia is to start smoking now - even that might not work unless he visibly inhales and does it right up on the stand as he presides at meetings. I don't think a diamond earring, which I've also suggested, will do it any longer. He's not amused by my counseling.

The AANS is alive and well. Our current Executive Committee, with Buzz, Charlie Wilson, Ed Laws, Ed Seljeskog, and Merwyn Bagan, has been busy. Last January Ed Laws was able to get Paul Ebert (ACS) to come over to the Westin O'Hare and spend an hour or so with the Joint Officers talking about coming Healthcare Reform legislation as the ACS saw it. Since he'd been my Chief Resident when I was a surgical intern I took some deserved abuse. Jim Robertson: "Paul, what was Chuck like as an intern?" Paul: "A lot thinner." Hmmm. Anyway, in a private conversation about the Washington Scene he was extremely laudatory of both Cone Pevehouse and Bob Ojemann. Suffice it to say, the words credibility and personal qualities were used by him in describing how fortunate American Neurosurgery has been to have its most visible representatives back there also be widely admired superb surgeons and educators. While plenty of divisive issues and thorny problems remain, I detect a growing consensus by all the varied and vested parties across the spectrum of our specialty that our minuscule 3800 or so has to keep its act together. The principal players representing this increasingly vocal constituency and coalition of interests: Buzz (AANS), Art Day (CNS), and Don Sheffel (JCSNS) are communicating and cooperating well. Buzz, fortunately the one looked to by everyone as their leader, has recently made some excellent proposals and initiatives which, I believe, will help consolidate support and achieve needed unity. It should be an interesting November Board of Directors Meeting. Buzz is doing a great job. We're also fortunate to have George Ojemann (ABNS) on our Board of Directors and its Long Range Planning Committee. Other Academicians still on the Board of Directors are Stewart Dunsker, Mike Apuzzo, and Ellis Keener. James T. Robertson and Don Quest, who just rotated off, are already missed.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Arizona next month. If any of you are traveling out here in the desolate west please call - we'd love to see you.

With our best personal regards,



J. Charles Rich, M.D.

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Sept. 5, 1993

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Dear Bill:

Your letter has been sitting on my desk for several months. Fortunately, I uncovered it today and I will try to beat the Editor's deadline.

I have not gotten around to smelling the roses since I retired from surgery in October of 1987, when Ed Laws first came to Chair our Department at GWU. I did enjoy the part-time duties which Ed assigned to me, including seeing outpatients, teaching etc. Ed ran an excellent service. When he left in July of 1992, we were all very sorry to lose him. We are delighted to know that he is enjoying his new position at U. V. A. in Charlottesville. Shortly afterwards, Bart Guthrie left us to return to his hometown and the University of Alabama. I was appointed Interim Chairman; Chuck Riedel with our large Voluntary staff maintained our operative statistics. The other members of our full-time faculty worked at our affiliated hospitals; Norman Horwitz, at The Washington Hospital Center, William Chaddock and Steve Schiff at Children's Hospital.

Fortunately our search committee worked at a terrific speed to select Ed's successor, Laligam Sekhar. He was appointed despite the fact that an ongoing search for Tom Bowles' successor as Vice President had not been completed. Sekhar and his associate from Pittsburgh, Don Wright came aboard with a running start on 1 April with all varieties of tough skull base cases which are referred to them from around the world. Sekhar has already organized a Neurological Institute at GW which is affiliated with Wolfgang Koos' department in Vienna.

I continue with my part-time appointment at GW and spend some time playing with computers. Helen and I are hesitant to travel because of her COPD. Hugo, Jr. owns and runs a bookstore in Potomac MD. Although he has been in business for several years, he is beginning to have some fiscal problems in this economic environment. Our twins; Paul, a Neurologist in the suburbs of Boston, seems to be doing well, Pia, who graduated from Law School and never practiced Law is married. She is now resting in bed hoping to avoid lumbar disk surgery. Bob is a talented race car builder, and has trained as an MRI technician but it is difficult for him to get a job since he does not have any x-ray training.

I'm sorry that I will not be able to attend the meeting in Arizona next month, I know it will be a successful and enjoyable meeting. I wish all of our members a happy and productive new "Academic" year.

Sincerely,


Hugo V. Rizzoli

THE ROBERTSON FAMILY 1993

This is the 20th year that I have been Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Tennessee and I am thinking seriously about changing my roll. However, no firm decision has been made. Valeria and I continue to work closely together and watch our family grow. We will have three new grandchildren July, August and September raising the number to seven.

My youngest son, Dan Robertson is Senior Resident at Baylor University in Houston under the guidance of Dr. Robert Grossman and will finish his training June 30, 1994. Unfortunately he does not plan to come back to Memphis but has made arrangements to enter into private practice with a group in Kingsport, Tennessee. He and his wife are very happy and I am happy for him however he has great promise for an academic career. The rest of the family are doing well and actively involved in the struggles of life.

On July 1, 1993 I became the Chairman of the Stroke Council of the American Heart Association which is the first time a surgeon has ever had that honor. The Stroke Council is extremely aggressive in supporting stroke research and trying to spread the word about prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of stroke problems. All neurosurgeons should have an active interest in not only hemorrhagic stroke but occlusive stroke. Much to my horror I found that only 7% of the carotid endarterectomies funded by Medicare in 1992 were performed by neurosurgeons the rest were performed by vascular and general neurosurgeons. Why have our program directors been so negligent?

We're all looking forward to the forthcoming meeting of the Academy.

Sincerely,

Jim and Valeria Robertson

R. MICHAEL SCOTT, M.D.

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Dear Bill:

The year has been an eventful one for our family. Elizabeth, my oldest child, is in her second year at Yale University nurse/midwife program. She is married to a Russian scholar who is obtaining his PhD at Yale, and they are planning to go back to Russia (St. Petersburg) when they finish their respective training periods. I am trying to dissuade them from returning, but they both feel that the country needs them far more than the United States does - which is probably true. My son Robert has completed his studies at Temple University - Tyler Art School, and is trying to determine whether he wants to go on in graduate studies or work for a while. He is "on the Cape" this summer working as a waiter in Provincetown. He has turned into a superb jazz pianist, but has devoted his musical efforts over the past year to the refinement of his own style of "rap." He prepares and mixes his own "rap" tapes, and I've seen him perform some of these in a concert setting. It's a remarkable kind of music and certainly a far cry from what we're all used to listening to; a little tolerance and an open mind are helpful. His twin brother, David, is similarly artistically inclined, and at last count was playing drums, guitar, trumpet, bass and keyboards. He is planning on a career in music, and will drop out of college to see if he can make it on his own. A musician's life is a difficult one, with a lot of tension and pressures, but David has the talent to make it if he gets a little luck.

Susan and I celebrated our 1st wedding anniversary this week. We live in downtown Boston and enjoy every aspect of living in this wonderful city. Susan continues to work at New England Medical Center in the neurosurgery operating rooms, and this year will be a member of the faculty for one of the AANS courses on ventriculoscopy, about which she is becoming quite an expert. I obtained my promotion to full professor at Harvard this year, and am delighted with how well things are going for our department on

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both its pediatric and adult services. Our pediatric fellowship is flourishing. These individuals have done a wonderful job to enhance the teaching program and bring to us new techniques and ways of thinking about old problems. Our case load continues to be a challenging mix of fascinating problems, and the institutions are marvelous ones indeed.

Susan and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Regards,



R. Michael Scott, M.D.

RMS/mlg

August 24, 1993

Dear Friends:

July 1993 will long be remembered in St. Louis for the flood of the century. The Mississippi finally crested Sunday and the Illinois and Missouri earlier in the week so the worst seems to be over. There are thousands of homes and millions of acres of farmland under water. Ken and I went downtown to see the river Friday evening. The sheer force of the current was awesome - 7 1/2 million gallons a second - it will be many weeks before the water recedes. This will be followed by many more weeks of cleanup, restoration and repair. I can't imagine even hauling away all the sandbags. There is a tremendous need for money and support for the people. Clinton and Gore were here last week and promised Federal assistance. Perot was here yesterday. He challenged churches, synagogues and wealthy families to each give \$1000. He gave one million dollars and will match another million if all of us collectively give a million. We will do what we can to help raise the needed funds.

So many people have also volunteered working for hours. The generosity and support is a real inspiration and makes one proud to be a midwesterner.

The Smith family has been increasing their numbers again. Our daughter Sally, the pediatrician from Florida, had a baby boy on December 6. His name is Patrick Devin Milligan so I just finished making him an Irish chain quilt. Then on March 24, Ken and Pam had their first child after 12 years of marriage. David Alexander Bruns-Smith is of course adorable and husky enough to live up to such a name. I am especially enjoying having him here in St. Louis. On July 18 our nephew Kurt, the Stealth frameless stereotactic computer wonderboy, became the father of identical twin girls, Gretchen and Heather. We are so thankful all four are healthy. They will bring much joy to all our family.

We are also excited by an increase in Ken's department. Rob Bernardi just finished a fellowship with Sandy Larson and has returned to be our spine expert. I am especially happy because Ken will not have to take call every fourth week any more.

We were delighted to be able to host the Society of University Neurosurgeons in May. We are looking forward to having the Senior Society here in 1995. We have also enjoyed the many neurosurgeons who have come to teach or learn at the 3-D workshops.

So in spite of the flood, we are also experiencing floods of blessings. Greetings to all. We hope to attend the fall meeting.

Ken & Margie

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September 9, 1993

Dear Friends,

The 1992-93 academic year was an eventful one at Yale, and so rapidly gone, leaving in its wake both a disquieting sense and the positive feeling of consolidation. The disquietude comes from living through a period of transition on several fronts without feeling absolutely in control. The university was searching for a new president (the old president was apparently searching for truth and job security in old Woody Allen movies), and the medical school had just installed a new dean (the old one apparently searching for truth and job security in pharmaceuticals after years of preaching academic celibacy at Yale). The Department of Surgery was searching to replace Bill Collins as chairman (an impossible task), and neurosurgery had just laid on the new dean's desk a proposal to join with Otolaryngology to form a new Department of Surgical Neuroscience.

This latter is not as strange as it may seem at first sniff, since Clarence Sasaki's section of ENT has a predominant neuroscience research bent, and both of us bartering for new separate but equal departments would dilute the strength needed to vvy for research space and negotiating strength within the hospital and university. This is an unprecedented combination and as such, has made the the dean a bit nervous that it will be personality directed and not outlive the present chiefs of the respective sections. Clarence and I both feel it will be robust and will guide the school into considering new organizational structures that are more disease and program directed with strong basic science underpinnings, rather than the traditional medicine/surgery division that is becoming more and more archaic. I certainly would be interested in hearing from any fellow Academy members who are experimenting with new organizational structures. Our section is certainly very eclectic at present with full-time staff members who are endocrinologists, physicists, computer scientists, basic scientists, and both traditional and non-traditional neuropsychologists.

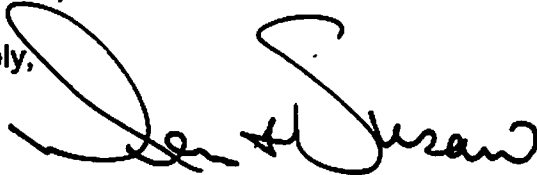
Our clinical neurosurgery staff, consisting of Charles Duncan, Joe Piepmeier, Greg Criscuolo, Alain de Lobtiniere, and Diana Kraemer, welcome two new additions. A one and one half year search for a senior neurovascular surgeon finally concluded with the recruitment of Issam Awad and this appears to be an excellent match and a personal clinical relief for me. Issam has both clinical and academic vigor and I look forward to real growth in the neurovascular program. The second new member is hardly new. We welcomed Bill Collins back this July from the black hole of department chairmanship. He performed in his usual untiring and Herculean fashion guiding the department through tough economic and political times, simultaneously recruiting excellent new faculty and elevating academic standards. We would like to persuade him not to fully retire for as long as possible. The faculty count on his sage advice and the residents benefit from his clinical teaching.

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On the family front, things are relatively stable (today). The oldest, Christopher, is a senior at Brandeis, and is doing well, but life after college still remains a mystery for him. That's not precisely true; he is focused on fencing and has a real talent for this sport which, along with 3-4 hours per day of practice, placed him fourth in the nationals this past spring. He would like to aim for the olympics - time will tell. The next oldest is Kate, a senior in highschool, and suffering the trauma of college searching right now. Then there are the twins, Andrea and Joanna. They just entered junior high and, at age 12, there is hardly anything left in the world to know or overcome. So, in case any of you out there need advice on practically anything, you're in luck. Just give us a call. Susan works harder each year, if that's possible; huge clinics, three fellows, writing and editing late into the night, and keeping all the rest of us under control. We are both looking forward to Arizona, some idle conversation, and a wee bit of R and R.

Until then,

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

I have enclosed the update on my activities. First of all, unfortunately, I would be unable to attend the Academy meeting this fall because I will be in Korea at that time. I very much like to attend the meetings and this will be one of the few which I don't.

Things are going so well at the department that I have decided to take a sabbatical for six months and Don Quest will be the chairman during that period from September on for six months. We have developed subspecialties in many of the areas in neurosurgery and these are functioning well with young men of my staff leading the effort in vascular surgery, spinal surgery, functional neurosurgery, including pain, and neurosurgical oncology.

On a personal note, Bonita and I are extremely happy with the development of our young son, who is now four years old, recently (he thinks he's 14). We have taken him many places, including Italy, Portugal, South America, many places in the United States. He's also been on the long trip to the Philippines on two occasions. He is a delight to be with but tough to keep up with at my particular age. He is active in sports and activities and has become a fine skier. I don't have to look behind anymore, he's usually in front of me going down the steep hills from the top of the mountain.

We also delight in a granddaughter who is six months older than her uncle and in relatively frequent visits from my two daughters who are located

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in Macon, Georgia and Blaston area of Massacusetts. We delight in a relatively close-knit family that spans many decades.

Again, sorry to miss the forthcoming meeting but we will certainly be thinking of the group and the wonderful environment in which the Academy meets.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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

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Dear Bill:

Since we always enjoy the "Round Robin" so much, we thought we better send our contribution along also.

The Storys' are doing just fine and have just returned from taking a grand month off to relax. One of the things we did during this time was to supervise the final phase of the building of a rock wall around our property. The project is finally completed, but who would have thought this simple? task would turn into an 8 month feat! We really did get quite involved with the landscape and entryway design which consisted of the custom building of iron panels and sliding gate to fit the pillars and rock wall. We softened the effect with some beautiful climbing roses, thanks to the encouragement of Gene Stern. We are enticing the roses with a drip irrigation sprinkler system supposedly fail safe...update next year!

Moving along to the University, this past year we have added now Pediatric and Spine surgeons to our full-time faculty and are busier than ever. But it seems, we are working more and more for less and less, as you all well know.

On the homefront, we just had our sixth grandchild and they bring added joy always. Our eldest daughter (Kris) is still on the Ophthalmology staff and we are working together on the neurosurgical aspects of ocular ischemic syndrome.

By the way, our daughter (Mary) and son-in-law (Dr. John Pulliam) are still looking for a partner in Neurosurgery in Sherman, Texas, so if you know of any one who wants to join a wonderful practice, let us know. Our other daughter (Jane) still resides in Minneapolis and we always enjoy visiting so we can have a good excuse to take in the Guthrie Theater plays of the season. Our son (J.D.) and his business JETFILL, INC. of Houston, are thriving in today's computer industry and have branched out to supply the need both at home and abroad. Isn't it amazing what one can accomplish by filling a little niche in the business world.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the forthcoming meeting in Phoenix!

Sincerely,
Joanne and Jim Story

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

14 June 1993

Dear Academicians,

Another busy year has gone by, regrettably without our being able to attend the meeting in Florida. I'm afraid we will also miss this year in Phoenix for as you can imagine Lindsay is very busy with the World Federation meeting coming up in Acapulco; this will be the finish of his Presidency of the World Federation and will mean we have rather more time to ourselves and rather less pressure to travel. However, we have enjoyed visits over the past year, a particularly memorable one being to South America where, after travelling through Northern Argentina with friends, we visited the FLANC Meeting in Bolivia. Truly a remarkable country. It ended with a climb on foot from 15,000 to 16,500 feet at Chacaltaya at the conclusion of which Lindsay found that his pulse rate and respiratory rate were the same - and couldn't remember enough physiology to work out if this was a good or a bad thing! This visit culminated in one of the postgraduate courses of the World Federation in Recife, beautifully organised by the local hosts, and by all accounts very successful.

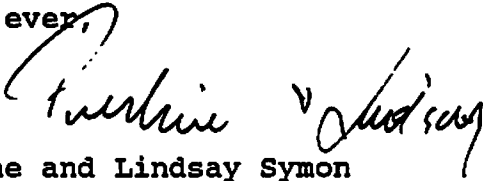
World Federation business took Lindsay to Pakistan in the early part of 1993 but we were both able to travel to Boston to a memorable AANS Meeting and then together to two meetings in Turkey, one in Cappadocia and one in Istanbul. The remarkable progress of neurosurgery in Turkey was quite evident and we thoroughly enjoyed both visits.

At home the family has occupied a good deal of time, Fraser working for the Foreign Service of the BBC has settled down from his world travels with his Japanese wife and now lives in a beautifully converted ex-chapel in the village of Old Welwyn in Hertfordshire. The two girls have produced a brace of grandchildren, 2 each, which occupy as much of Pauline's time as she can spare and the remainder of her time is actively occupied if she's at home, in continued conservation work in Hatfield House and in her activities as Convener of the London Clarsach Society, propagating the use and study of the Celtic harp. She also remains active in choral singing. Attachments to St. Andrew's take us up to the Royal & Ancient Spring and Autumn Meetings but Lindsay refuses to discuss his performances except to say that if Alan hadn't taken the golf trophy back to Florida, Lindsay would undoubtedly have had to take it back and leave it there on current form!

Lindsay is much occupied with the Health Service re-organisation in London as you might imagine, you will all have heard of the various governmental attempts to rationalise the National Health Service, and if you think you have troubles with a certain political lady be sure that they are paralleled and magnified on this side of the "pond".

We promise to try to come to the Academy Meeting next year and hope to see many of you in Acapulco at the end of this summer.

Yours ever,

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Pauline and Lindsay Symon

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Dear Bill:

The events of the past few months have been very difficult for the Tator family, but the clouds are beginning to clear and I feel more inclined to put pen to paper. In June, my mother passed away and this event has had a major impact on my life. We had a very close relationship, and there was a great deal of mutual respect and love. Although my mother did not want me to become a doctor, she accepted my decision with grace and was a tremendous supporter. At every opportunity, she provided much encouragement, support, and love. However, she never stopped pointing out the deficiencies of the medical profession. Even during her last few weeks, she was very critical of the profession especially since it was unable to give her any significant relief from the disabling arthritis which had plagued her existence during the past ten years or so. I have a storehouse of wonderful memories of our relationship and for that I am grateful.

Other major problems contributed to the clouds of this past summer including my daughter's ruptured lumbar disc, and my brother-in-law's advancing lymphoma. However, September has been a better month: my daughter's sciatica has subsided somewhat; and my brother-in-law's lymphoma has responded to new chemotherapy cocktail.

The Canadian health care system has deteriorated markedly over the past two years, and especially over the past summer. The waiting lists have lengthened considerably and bed closures and operating room "down-days" have proliferated. The recession in Canada has taken its toll on government revenues, and so the single payer system suffers. Some of the patients' burden is born by the doctors who have to juggle waiting lists according to who is deteriorating faster. Hilary Clinton was very wise to favour a system with multiple payers because this will provide some protection against the ravages of governments.

Despite the deficiencies of the Canadian health care system, I continue to choose to live in Canada. Perhaps one of the strongest reasons is the recreational opportunities it presents. We have a cottage in Algonquin Park, one of the most beautiful areas of the world, and we were able to spend 3 weeks there in August. The fishing this summer was unbelievable. For example, on one misty morning we landed 10 spectacular small-mouth black bass. Even the 4-year-old daughter of a neighbouring cottager landed a beauty! This summer, canoeing seemed to have an even greater attraction for Carol and me and we put on a lot of miles paddling from one gorgeous spot to another. Canoeing was a great way to punctuate both of our writing assignments this summer. Carol was finishing a book on racism and I was writing some chapters for books, most of which had already lapsed deadlines.

Although, I could not attend the Second International Neurotrauma Symposium in Glasgow in July because of the above family matters, I was delighted to have been appointed Chairman of the Third International Neurotrauma Symposium which will be held in Toronto during the summer of 1995. The Toronto bid was accepted over several others. I suppose I should attribute this to the safety, serenity, and beauty of Canada and not to any attributes of Charles Tator. At any rate, I was pleased with this decision and our group is already busily planning the Third International Neurotrauma Symposium at which I hope to see Academy members with an interest in trauma.

The clouds have definitely lifted!

Yours sincerely,



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August, 1993

Dear Bill, friends and fellow members of the Academy,

George and I are looking forward to the upcoming meeting of the Academy in Phoenix at the Wigwam. Of course, I'm excited about the prospect of seeing and visiting with old and new friends, learning something new at the scientific program, playing some golf on the world class golf courses there and visiting the Grand Canyon. George, on the other hand, is a little ambivalent about the meeting I am sure. He always looks forward to Academy meetings and this year of course he has the honor of being the President of this prestigious organization. But then, there is the double edged sword of the Presidential Address. He's sweating that one out right now, and we'll just have to see how it goes.

We've both had a busy year. George attended the training program for chiefs of clinical services at the Harvard School of Public Health during two cold weeks in Boston in February. I felt it was kind of ironic that he chose to get training after he had been a program director for more than 25 years, but he claims that he learned a lot. I guess we're beginning to see the results of his training there. He's tracking decreased reimbursement in our department, getting rid of selected personnel, decreasing travel allowances for members of the staff, telling us we have to work harder clinically and monitoring our billing sheets closely. He's into creative fundraising, and the department now has a lovely and "well-connected" fundraiser.

I think George's biggest headache this year has been over issues related to the pediatric neurosurgical service at Emory. One year ago our only full time pediatric neurosurgeon resigned to enter private practice after giving one month's notice. However, he was able to retain his large patient base and continue working in the University affiliated pediatric hospital. Since this hospital is a private hospital run by a CEO with limited insight into academic matters and an overwhelming interest in the immediate bottom line, and related to Emory University by location of the physical plant on the campus and a



limited contractual arrangement for resident training, there has been an ongoing disagreement between our department and the hospital over many issues.

Our neurosurgical staff is expanding. Regis Haid has joined us, and will, along with Eric Woodard give us a big boost in spine work. Joe Petronio is to begin with us in August and will take over the pediatric neurosurgical service. As intimated above he will have a big challenge before him. One of last year's chief residents Nelson Oyesiku will be working with us part time while he completes his PhD.

This year George was honored to give two named lectures, the Eldridge Campbell Lecture in Albany, NY and the Eustace Semmes lecture at the Southern Neurosurgical Society. He continues to work diligently on his two periodical publications, Contemporary Neurosurgery and Neurosurgical Consultations. In addition he's editing a multi-authored textbook of neurosurgery. His pituitary surgery practice continues to thrive.

I've been keeping busy, too. Mostly I work a lot. My heavy clinical neurosurgical practice takes up most of my time, and gives me great enjoyment and personal satisfaction. Each year my peripheral nerve practice expands a little more, and each year I feel as if I become a little more expert in that field. I spend a lot of time with the residents, particularly the young ones, and also act as the advisor for a number of medical students and even a few undergraduates. Being responsible for a basic science conference for the residents once a week and running the resident match activities for the department occupies a large chunk of time. I am completing my last year of a three year term as the secretary of the Southern Neurosurgical Society, and was honored to work as the President of the Georgia Neurosurgical Society this past year. I have put a great deal of time and effort into activities involving the management of our large multi-specialty clinic (we now have over 450 physicians) as one of two elected representatives to the management committee over the last three years. Medical care is changing so fast that there are daily challenges to be met.

Two years ago I took up golf. I've really enjoyed learning the game, and have met a lot of nice people in the process. It provides a nice outlet from the pressures implied in the last paragraph. I make it to Destin to sail less often than I would like, but still occasionally.

George is bringing Dan Barrow as a guest to the Academy meeting this year. Most of you know Dan already. He's a fine person and a top notch vascular neurosurgeon.

Sincerely,

Suzie 

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Sept 14, 1993

Dear Bill -

Hope this isn't too late for the Round Robin - we just got back in town.

The past year has been a bousy one for the Wards. Travel has taken up more then the usual time. Last winter we had a lovely three weeks in Costa Rica - watching the 5 ft monstrous turtles lumber up the beach at midnight to lay eggs; river rafting; bird watching in tropical jungles; hiking up an active volcano to watch the eruptions occurring about every 2 hours; and beaching on both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts.

Then in June we took our daughter, husband and 6 yr old grand daughter with us to France. We did up Paris and then took a barge for a little over a week on the Canal du Midi - running it ourselves. It's hard work going through the 127 locks to drop almost 3000 ft down to the Mediteranean - I was delighted to have my son-in-law to handle much of the heavy work opening the sluice gates and opening the locks (we do one side and the lock keeper does the other). The Canal du Midi runs just north of the Spanish border from the English channel down to the Med = was built by Louis XIV so he could avoid the Barbary pirates; locks were designed by Leonardo da Vinci and are still in use. Shopping every day in small villages for our croissants; dinner at nite in little restaurants with elegant food. We just pull the boat to the edge on the canal; stake it down; take our bikes off the boat and bike down the tow path to a nearby village. We've done a barge trip at least four times and heartily recommned it. After the kids flew back to San Francisco, Janet and I stayed on for 2 weeks motoring through Burgundy = beautiful country.

Then home in early July to do the laundry and stock up the boat and off to northern British Columbia for a month. We took our boat way north of any roads - so supplies were few and far between. Everything at the occasional stop came in by air or boat; the land is so steep than most "marinas" are built on floats. So we live off the land to a degree - but 1 salmon can last us a long time, so we eat salmon for 2 days and then throw the rest away! Lots of shrimp when we put down a shrimp trap (got 230 one night!); Dungeness crab; oysters and clams. Janet's brother and wife from Brunswick, Maine joined us up north - they took a float plane from Seattle up to Greenway Sound where we were moored - took them 4 hrs but a beautiful trip. They came back to Seattle with us - took about 2 + weeks.

At home, I've been busy with the investmant business (have to support our adventures somehow) - fortunately both I and my colleagues

in the little syndicate have done well this past year. The White House may be bad for medicine, the economy and foreign policy - but the stock market has prospered !

We're terribly disappointed we can't get to the Academy this fall. Janet tore a bunch of ligaments in her knee some years ago skiing in Austria - and the traumatic arthritis as a result has progressed to the point where something has to be done. So she is going in for a total knee replacement next week - and she may have the hip on that side done 3 weeks later so she can combine the post-op rehab for both at the same time.. Ah - the Golden Years ! So I'm afraid she won't be up to travel by then.

Give our hest to all.

Yours,

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Dear Bill:

Since the last issue of the The Round Robin we have made major changes in our lives, centered upon our permanent move to Austin, Texas. We have made this move for a number of reasons. Texas is home. Patty was born in Corpus Christi and graduated from Baylor University School of Nursing in Waco and Dallas. Texas is home for all but two of the children and my mother. Nine of the ten grandkids live in Texas, most in the Dallas area. I went to college in Austin at The University of Texas and graduated from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas where I completed my residency in neurosurgery and spent the first five years of my professional career in private practice.

However, strongly complimenting that reason, and perhaps just as important, the move is associated with a major career change for me. I will be dividing my time between teaching and practicing neurosurgery and practicing health law. Neurosurgery has been too good for me to walk away from her now. Consequently, I have accepted an appointment to Jim Story's faculty in San Antonio, and will spend approximately one day a week there with the faculty and residents. Additionally, approximately one day a week and one weekend a month I will be providing neurosurgical coverage to Brackenridge Hospital, which is the city hospital and trauma center in Austin, along with three other practicing neurosurgeons. During that allotted time I will also be supporting them by providing consultation and intraoperative assistance on selective cases.

The remainder of my time will be spent as Special Counsel to the law firm of Ford & Ferraro, L.L.P., in Austin, Texas. In that capacity I will be establishing a health law section for the firm from which a wide variety of services will be offered to clients in the health care field ranging the gamut from transactional, legislative, regulatory and judicial issues faced by individuals and organizations in the health care industry to matters of defense of physicians involved in questions of credentials and liability. In all of this, special focus by me will be on issues at the interface of medical ethics and law and searching for a model for mediation of disputes within medicine.

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I plan to be busy, but I plan also to remain engaged in organized neurosurgery at the state and national level where I hope my new career will permit me to continue to serve this specialty whether it be administratively or educationally. Certainly, Patty and I will continue to look forward to the meeting of the Academy every year, seeing old friends and making new ones. With that, we wish each of you the best of the coming year and look forward to seeing you this year.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

This has been a most eventful year, to put it mildly. I made the wrenching decision to leave the chair of Surgery at the University of Alberta, where I have happily worked for the last 25 years. I did so to take up the position of Chief of Neurosurgery at the University of Chicago. There are innumerable conscious and perhaps unconscious factors that weigh in a momentous life decision like this. My professional and academic circumstances in Canada were all I could have asked for, but the general social and economic situation as it affected me personally had become much less than satisfactory. In addition, at my stage in life I suppose there was a bit of the "is that all there is?" syndrome.

On the other side of the equation was the attraction of going to a wonderful American university in one of the world's great cities. The enthusiasm and friendliness of Sean Mullan and my new partners at the University of Chicago has certainly eased the trauma of migration. My wife Mary Lou and two teenagers have enjoyed the transition as much as I have, although they too were challenged by adapting to a new environment. The children have benefitted greatly by being able to attend the Laboratory School at the University of Chicago which is one of the outstanding high schools in the nation. Sadly, the move meant leaving behind my eldest daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren, but their continued residence in Edmonton ensures that I will visit often and maintain old friendships. Like many academics moving in the last few years, I was unable to sell my house in Edmonton due to the depressed economic climate there. Hopefully this will turn around. We moved into an old cooperative in Hyde Park and now enjoy a lovely view of Lake Michigan.

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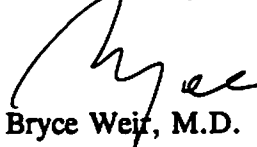
I have had a very busy year recruiting and refurbishing. I hope to have two new young staff working with us by the summer of 1993 and also expect that the laboratories will be back up to speed. I was recently appointed the Director of the Brain Research Institute at the University so that adds a new dimension to the challenge. It is very exciting to be able to work closely with more than 70 clinicians and colleagues from the basic sciences in collaborative endeavors. I had the good fortune to be invited to visit neurosurgeons at the other academic institutions in Illinois and they have shown me great courtesy in welcoming me to these parts.

Having just been made chairman of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurosurgery, I'm looking forward to reading 1000 or so manuscripts during the next 12 months.

Wishing to avoid the dullness that goes with all work and no play, I have arranged a little family reunion in France this summer in Bordeaux and the Loire Valley where I can expect to do some relaxing, wine tasting and painting.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,



Bryce Weir, M.D.

BW/cp

Dear Bill,
As usual, this is late, We have had an exhausting year---some good:
some bad.

In October, we finally were successful in persuading Marty's 87 year old mother to move out to California permanently, only to lose her in April after a brief hospital stay. She was quite a force in Marty's life. Many of you will remember when he took her to the banquet of the Senior Society meeting in NYC several years ago. She was so thrilled to meet so many of his colleagues then and considered it one of the highlights of her life. We all miss her very much.

In December, we saw our son Brad, receive his PhD with honors from the U of Chicago. On July 24, he married Julie Corsaro in Bond chapel on that campus. Imagine our surprise when we met Bill Shucart's sister there. She and Julie were colleagues at the School for Library Science--small world! Brad is now an assistant professor at the College of William and Mary. Julie is on the committee that awards the Newberry Prize annually for the best children's literature.

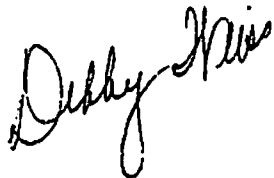
On the evening of August 7, Jessica was married to Alan Sultan, who is vice president of National Press in Maryland. The entire wedding took place at home in our garden, and it took quite a bit of effort to pull the production together. We had lots of fun working on it, and because Jessica is such a "detail" person, it turned out to be a marvelous evening. They are back home in Silver Spring, spending every spare minute working on their new house. Jessica teaches at a Montessori school nearby. They are "parents" to 2 crazy black labs, models of which decorated their wedding cake---I wonder what Miss Manners would say.....

Our youngest, Elisabeth, has been working in video and commercial production since moving back to LA from Aspen. She is now ~~thinking~~ about going to graduate school. Living at the beach in Venice has made her crave some more intellectual stimulation.

Needless to say, after the weddings, travel and playing host to all manner of family and friends, we were exhausted, but not enough to keep us from going to Montana for three weeks of fishing, fun and frolic. We have just returned and are about to leave for Japan.

Marty is still busier than a one-armed paper hanger, and I am contemplating another hard year of trying to stay in good mental health and get into decent physical shape. As my favorite birthday card says, "The goal for next year is single digit clothing!"

We look forward to seeing you all very soon!



August 14, 1993

Newbury Neck
Surry, Maine.

Dear Academicians

The Round Robin is particularly valuable to some of us older members in their mid and late 80s. Note how they hate to let go of the academic and even clinical - non surgical - activities such as consultations lectures, etc. On the personal side, as younger members will find, there is also considerable interest in the offspring of ones contemporaries. Some various successful endeavors are seen, even in neurosurgery.

We were able to attend the AANS meetings in Boston and much pleased to see so many of the older Academy members all in fine fettle. It was also pleasant to visit with old residents--some of whom are already planning to retire! We had a particularly enjoyable visit with Keasley and Elizabeth Welch. Of the academic part of the program, I was particularly impressed by David Kelly's paper. In our personal family activities there has been only one college graduation and one wedding, however with family spread from Alaska to the Virgin Islands and from the Atlantic to the Pacific we have travelled plenty. We have had some good sailing on the coast this summer. We hope our age, loss of energy, gimpy joints and metastatic derangements will permit us to ski some easy slopes. Sailing for us this year was made possible by Bill Hunt who constructed a beautiful boarding ladder of mahogany - what a craftsman! After putting up with me for 57 years, Peggy still out drives me in golf, beats me in tennis, has that necessary memory and is at least two thirds of the team.



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May 27, 1993

Dear Academicians:

Looking back at the past year, I've enjoyed myself. I've grown professionally and I believe that I have a clearer idea of where I'd like to be the next year and the next.

Recently I completed a report to our Dean outlining my vision for the Department in 2 years, 5 years and 10 years. I'd never looked ahead and I'd never been asked what I planned for the Department. I learned something from experience, and if you haven't gone through the process I'd suggest it.

I've become interested in studying the effectiveness of various administrative styles, i.e., management, with negotiating skills as one ingredient. In the course of my training as a resident, I learned no more about administration than I learned about resident education. I've observed, emulated, copied, stolen, mimicked, listened to lectures, read articles and books and even created an occasional new wrinkle in these two arenas, but there has to be a way to develop the requisite skills for both. At least I'm aware of my status as an experienced non-expert educator and administrator. So much for self improvement.

The Department is humming. Mark Rosenblum and young Griff Harsh sought greener pastures (and harsher winters) in the Eastern Time Zone, and I miss them. Michael McDermott joined us in September, having trained in Vancouver and returning there on the faculty after a two year Neuro-Oncology fellowship with us. His interests are gene therapy and skull base tumors and at the moment are completing recruitment of a retrovirologist.

I continue to share my home with 2 mastiffs and a cat. With a lap pool that's heated and a well-equipped home gym, I keep my joints from freezing up. Every year I fall more deeply in love with San Francisco: it's not heaven, but it's close.

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August 10, 1993

Academy of Neurological Surgeons
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Dear Academicians:

This year has been an interesting one for Lily and myself, having returned to Seattle the 1st of August 1992 to set up our home. I stayed in to Memphis until late September, when I moved back to Seattle to organize a new Epilepsy Center. The middle of October last year we opened our doors and since then our new practice has been terrific. We now have an eight-bed inpatient EEG-video monitoring unit. I am slowly building up my surgical practice, but it will probably never be as large as the one I maintained in Memphis. At the present time I am doing an average of 1-1/2 epilepsy craniotomies a week.

I moved the *Journal of Epilepsy* with me, and have the editorial offices housed here at work. The *Journal* is alive and well, and growing substantially to my satisfaction. The original publisher, DEMOS Publications, had severe financial problems and almost went bankrupt. The *Journal* was bought out by Butterworth-Heinemann which has really breathed new life into it. I remain the Editor-in-Chief.

Lily is thriving in Seattle, where she is near her family. We moved her mother into a condominium in a neighborhood only about five miles away from us, which makes it convenient for both of them to see each other regularly. We both are rekindling old friendships.

Squash activity in Seattle is more robust than in Memphis, so I am now playing three to four times a week. During fall and winter, when I have time, I regularly enter tournaments. One of my ambitions for this year is to move from "D" category to "C" category. But it seems that every time I enter a tournament with such hopes, there is always some young 24-year-old hot-shot who is able to move faster than I am. In addition to squash, I am

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presently working on a couple novels and have one under contract with an agent. The tough part, however, is selling it to a publisher. That remains a challenge.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting in October and wish all of my colleagues in the Academy a happy and prosperous 1994.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Wyler', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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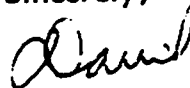
Dear Bill and Academicians,

1992-93 have been excellent years for both the family and practice. As to the practice the five of us are ever busier operatively and we are actively seeking some younger neurosurgeons to help. With our volume we probably could use at least two and possibly three further surgeons. As you know, it is extremely difficult to get good people who also are hard working. At any rate, if there are any individuals who would like to relocate to Columbus, we'd be pleased to hear about it. Our main weakness is stereotaxis. In Central Ohio there is a great need for expertise in this area, as well as gamma knife procedures. We recently associated with one of the other large neurosurgical groups in town, Neurological Associates, of which Jack Meagher and Pete Sayers were associated. Our two groups (Central Ohio Neurological Surgeons and Neurological Associates) have always worked well together and we believe that this will be an excellent association for the future, particularly with the problems and changes in Medicine.

Our family is doing extremely well. Jaclyn, Terry and my granddaughter Ranen moved to Columbus in June of 1992 and are well settled. Lisa has gone into business and has been extremely successful in importing and exporting. She deals in a unique form of costume jewelry and aside from the pecuniary progress she has made, I knew she was successful when several oriental countries, including Japan, began importing her jewelry. Steven is taking graduate courses and doing quite well.

We look forward to seeing the membership at the next meeting.

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

Please accept this letter as my contribution for the 1993 issue of the "Round Robin". Unfortunately, related to considerable personal turmoil in my life, I have missed the last several academy meetings. As many of my fellow academy members know already, I have resigned my position as the Chairman of Neurosurgery at the University of California Irvine, effective March of this year. As I dictate this letter, I am attempting to get organized in Seattle, Washington. I will be the director of a new gamma knife installation at Northwest Hospital in Seattle, Washington. Having been in academic neurosurgical practice for 20 years, this will certainly be a new experience. I am looking forward to working with the many excellent neurosurgeons in the Seattle area. I plan to continue my work on chronic pain I hope, in a similar fashion to what I have done for many years at the university.

My wife Chris and my sons Justin and Ryan have weathered the move from southern California to Seattle very well. Actually, my family made the move to Seattle in October of 1992 and have moved into our new home in Edmonds, Washington. The boys, ages 10 and 12, have gone from very solid students in southern California to straight A students in Seattle. I am not sure if that is due to differences in the schools or to the environment. They are beginning their first season of little league baseball and looking forward to it with a great deal of anticipation.

My wife, Chris and I, along with the boys, recently returned to southern California for a series of going away parties given for me by the members of the University staff. They were delightful, although quite poignant. Leaving the University to assume a position in private practice was one of the most difficult decisions I have had to make in my life. I must admit, it was in no small measure motivated by a desire to leave the violent urban environment of Los Angeles. Certainly, the Seattle, Washington area is not without its urban problems, but it certainly is not overwhelmed by them as Los Angeles and southern

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California seemed to have been in recent years.

My grown children, Scott now age 29, Ann age 28, and Karen age 26 all continue to live in southern California. Scott works with the corporate offices of Reebok, the athletic manufacturing company. Ann is completing her MBA at the University of California Irvine with an interest in hospital administration. Karen continues to work in the modeling field with aspirations to become an actress. All-in-all, they have done very well and I am extremely proud of them.

I hope that as my life settles down in Seattle, Washington, I will be able to take a more active role in the academy and especially in attendance at meetings. As mentioned, I plan to continue my research activities in the use of the gamma knife for functional neurosurgery, such as the treatment for chronic pain. I look forward to reporting these experiences at future academy meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

With airfares being what they are, I took a sabbatical from travel since the last academy meeting and developed withdrawal symptoms from lack of kerosene in the air. In the meantime, work has progressed with our little intracranial electron probe. We have treated seven patients without much incident, except for one wrong diagnosis. It looks like tumors cannot withstand radiation, but the surrounding brain is tolerant. Much time has been spent on administration with the hospital - getting ready for the buffeting from the political hurricanes. However, Neurosurgery seems to be exempted. We are getting another operating room to total four. As my joints wither, tennis gives way to gardening - the latter now a mutual hobby for Thalia and me. I enjoyed reading the book "Healing Blade" by E.J. Sylvester. His quotes from people we know are especially mirthful.

That's it, Bill!

Cordially,

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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

Today is September 10th, the final day before which our contributions to the Round Robin were to be submitted. We had planned to do it while we were at our camp and thought of you often as we sat in the forest doing our thrice annual forest bird count and as we sat later with glass in hand (that was the problem) on the open rocks watching the sunset. Instead of getting down to business then, we went out again to listen for night sounds and just as the sky turned green, as they say on Manitoulin Island, the unmistakable call of a chuck-wills-widow came through the forest. This is by far the most northerly record of such a bird. Ron got an excellent tape of its song.

A Nature Conservancy of Canada board meeting took us to Calgary in the spring and thence on a tour of Conservancy properties in southern Alberta and British Columbia, as well as up the Rocky Mountain Trench and back to Lake Louise. An inspirational visit to Broadmore Mountain and the dedication ceremonies capped this occasion.

Other than operating and patient care Ron spends his life at his desk writing, editing and pretending to think, or in the out-of-doors. His twice annual greenhouse cleanout and care of his diminishing orchid collection (due to neglect) is usually done on days when outside it is "not fit for a man or beast."

Most medical meetings, and there have been many, include brief birding trips to whatever corner of the world is involved. Ron has just returned from three consecutive meetings in Lund, Sweden, Paris with a dinner in the Louvre and a tour of the Medieval Louvre and one in Beane held in the Medieval Hospital in that Burgundy town. The Nouveau-Riche benefactor of the Hotel-Dieu of the original hospice was wise and donated a vineyard to go along with the gift which now produces millions of francs worth of revenue from its wine a year. Needless to say wine flowed generously at the social occasions at that meeting.

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While Ron was in the Cote d'Or I travelled with 3 artist friends down the Labrador on a freighter as far as Nain - a Newfoundland experience never to be forgotten.

I met Ron at the airport again last night, returning from a brief trip to the Neurological Congress in Vancouver where he will go again once more before the World Meetings in Mexico in October. We hope to spend a week at the end of the meetings doing some birding and drawing in the San Cristobal region. Meanwhile, next week we're off to Long Point for an International Conference on Techniques for Migratory Bird Monitoring. Ron just never stops. As for our family they are all well and happy and always on the go. The only time it seems that we ever get together now is at Manitoulin Island.

Mary Tasker