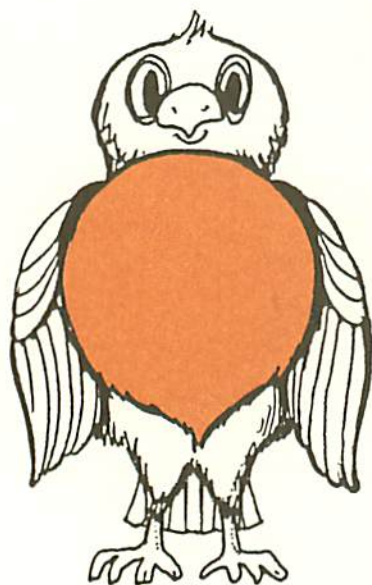
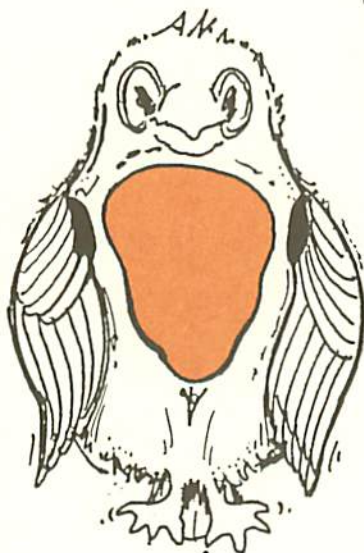
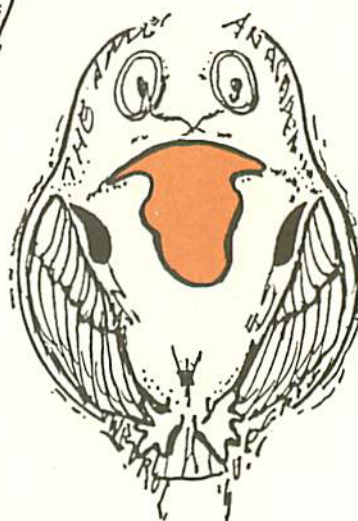


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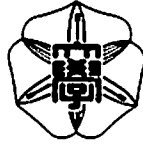


THE ROUND ROBIN LETTER
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Re: Round Robin Letter 1999

Dear Academicians:

It is my great pleasure and honor to be a member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery in 1999.

I was born and grew up in Hokkaido. I graduated from University of Hokkaido School of Medicine in 1962. I finished my residency program of neurosurgery in Hokkaido University Hospital in 1967. Dr. Mitsuo Tsuru, the first Japanese neurosurgeon who took the America Board of Neurological Surgery in 1957, was professor and chairman, University Hospital at that time. Dr. Tsuru had been trained in University of Taft and Boston City Hospital under Dr. Silverstone and Dr. Poppen in Boston since 1952 to 1957. Dr. Tsuru trained us as residents in the U.S. and it was very tough and taught us not only brain surgery but also spinal surgery although most of Japanese neurosurgical clinics treated only brain surgery.

After I finished my residency, I had spent 3 years since 1969 to 1972 in the Ohio State University as a research fellow and worked for experimental brain tumors. Dr. William E. Hunt was the professor and chairman and very kind to me to show his surgery. I willingly had used to escape the laboratory as Dr. Hunt called me from the operating room, and enjoyed to observe his surgery and forgot about rat brain tumors.

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Since 1973 I started to concentrate the spinal surgery. I tried to do anterior decompression and fusion for the cervical OPLL although most of decompression had been performed from posterior by orthopedic surgeons in Japan. I also developed transoral approach to the craniovertebral junction. The removal of intramedullary spinal cord tumors and surgical interruption of spinal AVF are also my favorite surgeries. I have learned many things from all of you through the meetings, articles, and personal communications.

I was promoted to professor and chairman in 1983. I organized the 57th Annual Meeting of the Japan Neurosurgical Society as the President in 1998 in Sapporo and the 13th International Conference on Brain Tumor Research and Therapy in Toya, Hokkaido in 1999. I had to serve as the President of Hokkaido University Hospital in 1995, but I quitted President in 1997 because I wanted to concentrate to neurosurgery.

I have just retired professor and chairman in March 31, 2000. However, I am still working as professor emeritus and clinical neurosurgeon. Now I am writing several articles of my surgery since I have more time.

I got married in 1961. My wife, Yoko is still missing the U.S. since she had so nice time in Columbus, Ohio from 1969 to 1971. She is good at cooking and makes excellent Japanese dishes and some Western dishes, too. She likes Japanese tea ceremony and we have used to enjoy tea ceremony in my only one Japanese room in my house. Yoko also loves golf, ski, but retired from tennis.

We have two daughters. The elder daughter, Takako, went to kindergarten and elementary school in Columbus for 3 years. She had been working as a stewardess in JAL. She is living in Osaka with her husband and a 2 year-old boy. Chako, the younger daughter, had been working also as a stewardess in JAL for nine years and is living with us in Sapporo now. Chako is teaching wine and French cooking in wine school as a wine advisor. Takako and Chako are expert for skiing and have the first class license of Japan Ski Society. They also love golf and tennis. I love swimming, baseball, ski, tennis, and golf, but not so good except swimming. I am

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good at a long-distance swim such as 2-3 hours in the ocean. I also love classic music and like to sing Latin songs.

Again, I really appreciate all of you for me to be a member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. I will try to contribute to the society by scientific activity and social activity.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hiroshi Abe'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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Dear David:

Fortunately, I have an excellent secretary, Chris Sheppard, who saved me the embarrassment of writing a Round Robin letter which repeated a lot of the things I said last year.

But this is a new year and it has been a good year for Betty and me. Our children are all well and we visit our four grandchildren who are in Boston, and have frequent visits from our other children, who are not in the same location.

I like writing and continue to do so, and publish. It is a pleasure for me, if not for those who read what I write.

Russel Patterson has been to Winston-Salem recently as the new historian for the Senior Society, a job which I had for 14 years. He and Julie come down every so often in their private plane to visit.

As much as Betty and I would like to be at the Academy meeting in Colorado Springs, I am not sure we are going to make it this year. It is always the best meeting of the year, from our point of view, and if we can make it we will do it.

We send our best regards to all of the Academy members and their families.

Sincerely yours,

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Eden House
Chowan River at the Western Albemarle Sound
North Carolina

Dear Fellow Academicians:

The 1999-2000 Millennial Year (practice for the real Millennium 2001) has been a busy one for the Alexander clan, indeed. Holley has followed an exponential growth curve in her pursuit of painting wisdom at the Boston Artists' Guild on Newbury Street. She is mentored by one of her most masterful teachers yet, a senior disciple of the R.H Ives Gammel school of thought. I have witnessed a most impressive growth in her technique and results over the last few years with this particular teacher, as well as with some of his fellow disciples with whom she has spent shorter periods. Our home in Needham has benefitted greatly from her work: the charcoal renderings of Greek statues as well as live models, the pastel portraits from life, and the more recent oil paintings of live models and landscapes, and her most recent still life. Her career took only the slightest dip when she delivered our second son, Bond, in April 1998.

Bond has grown by leaps and bounds, his language really blossoming over the last few months. Typical two year old, he reminds one of the Eveready Bunny, a bundle of pure energy, until he drops at the end of the day (which *always* occurs *after* the same fate has befallen his Dad).

Eben IV has ascended to penultimate status in his eighth year at Charles River School in Dover (sixth grade). Some of his greatest academic interests seem to be outside of the school environment: a studio in our home has become a model rocketry laboratory where he designs his own, sometimes radically novel, high speed projectiles. It's not brain surgery!

Eben chose not to return to Camp Sea Gull in North Carolina this summer so he could spend some time bonding with his 2.3 year old brother, Bond, *and* complete his Major League Season with the Needham Yankees. He had a great time, with excellent coaches and a very dedicated team of fellow players. They made it four games into the Massachusetts state championship, and grew tremendously in individual and team skills along the way.

The four of us truly enjoyed the annual week spent with my parents and sisters (and their families) on the beach in South Carolina. My parents are doing quite well, and arrived in time to witness a waterspout/tornado less than a mile away, conveniently

timed between entree and dessert courses their first night there. I am sorry they won't be able to attend the Academy meeting this year.

Work at the Brigham continues to be exciting and rewarding, no matter what curve balls health care reform (or *deform*) throws at us in the Bay State. Writing this letter while sitting on the beaches where Blackbeard used to bribe Governor Eden seems appropriate for any reflection on our Massachusetts HMOs!

I have enjoyed working with an internet company towards the development of an advanced world wide web-based system for enhancing all aspects of the neurosurgeon's professional life. I continue to work with some old Duke Colleagues in tweaking the DREZ operation (especially nucleus caudalis for atypical and refractory facial pains) towards optimal usage. The Intraoperative MR project, with the associated Surgical Planning Laboratory (an impressive operation with many engineers and postdocs working on networked state-of-the-art workstations and supercomputers to develop techniques for better surgical guidance) provides a rich environment for practical day-to-day improvement in our neurosurgical procedures, especially in deep resections involving critical neural structures. Seeking the optimal combination of these real-time image-guided techniques with advanced adjuvant radiosurgical treatment paradigms in specific disease states remains one of my personal goals. The Partners collaboration between the Brigham and the MGH has allowed for a growing effort in advanced radiosurgical techniques including use of the proton beam through the Harvard Cyclotron and the new heavy particle facility at the MGH (Northeast Proton Treatment Center). The impending clinical operation of *that* facility will be very exciting, indeed!

Best wishes to all Academy friends for the real Millennium 2001. Holley and I are looking forward very much to seeing you in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eben & Holley Alexander". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely yours," text.

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Dear Academician,

Hopefully Carolyn and I will be able to be present at this year's meeting in Colorado Springs.

We have added specialists to our staff and now have seven staff members and cover the specialty fields of vascular by Fady Charbel and myself, endovascular with Gerard Debrun, spine with Frank Wagner, tumor with Herb Engelhard, pediatric neurosurgery with Yoon Hahn, functional neurosurgery with Konstantin Slavin, and cell transplantation with Ben Roitberg. Kern Guppy has also been added to our staff. Kern has a Ph.D. in fluid mechanics and is participating with Fady Charbel in the CANVAS program.

We have been asked to provide service to a number of hospitals in the Chicago metropolitan area and we expect by the Fall to be providing our specialty services and standard of care to 12 institutions.

Gerard Debrun has agreed to remain on while we find a replacement as he is approaching retirement age.

Fady Charbel's program in simulation of the cerebrovascular system has continued to develop. A private company has been formed so that the products developed through the CANVAS organization can be made available to the public. One of the Fortune 500 companies is very keenly interested in this partnership. Fady is applying this approach of the mathematical analysis of the circulation to other areas of the body.

Herb Engelhard continues his research on interstitial perfusion of drugs.

Frank Wagner is working on a program of finite element analysis of spinal motion which will have broad implications for neurosurgery in the future.

Ben Roitberg has been working on cell transplantation of the nervous system in the treatment of stroke, Hunting's disease and Parkinson's disease.

Konstantin Slavin, who is finishing his Chief Residency year and worked with Kim Burchiel, is leading our program in functional neurosurgery and pain.

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It appears that the department has been directed in a position for the future developments and changes in medicine.

I have presented a program to the University for a new concept for the future of medicine involving our super computer center, data mining, and image fusion, all of which can be combined to provide the practicing physician with the most up to date information in medicine. Hopefully, we can pursue this.

Carolyn and I have purchased a home in Rancho Mirage, California where we eventually plan to live, perhaps in another 10 or 15 years. We will use this during the year as our vacation retreat.

Sincerely,

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Re: Round Robin

Dear Dave and Fellow Academicians:

The past year has been so incredibly busy and event-filled! Taking a few moments to write this Round Robin letter is always a unique opportunity to assess and to reflect.

At the personal level, thank God, we have all been reasonably healthy and happy. The only exception was a skating mishap resulting in a left-hand metacarpal comminuted fracture. It required pins and six weeks out of surgical commission! During that time, I learned how to be a critical care neurosurgeon and a radiosurgeon, and was frustrated to death, pushing the occupational therapists to fit me with sterilizable splints so I could resume microsurgical work. All is well that ends well, and I rehabilitated fully in a very short time. At least the accident happened while I was playing with my son...

Catherine continues to enjoy the Connecticut lifestyle, with leadership roles in the Madison Garden Club and coordinating the RUNN Course. Armand is thriving academically and also as a cellist. He has been a true delight all year, especially during family vacations in California, Lebanon and Maine.

At work, the year witnessed continued growth of clinical activity in the Neurovascular Surgery Program, with the integration of a second associate and colleague, Dr. Murat Gunel. His addition resulted in significant increase in clinical activity for both of us, while allowing us to improve coverage when one of us is away or in the laboratory. It proves once again that a team is always better than a single individual, and clinical volume often increases with added capacity and availability. All too often, young academicians are nervous about taking on new colleagues in the same subspecialty, but it has been my experience every time that this results in program expansion and enhancement. During this year, I was fortunate to receive a five-year grant from the NINDS for mid-career development in patient-oriented research on "Genotype-Phenotype Correlations in Cerebrovascular Malformations". This has allowed additional protected time for mentoring and clinical research activity related to our clinical programs. The grant dovetails nicely with our other work on the molecular biology of cavernous malformations spearheaded by my young associate.

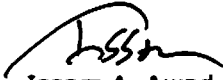
The RUNN Course was a splendid success last year, for the first time under the auspices of the Society of Neurological Surgeons, and with a very dynamic group of co-directors. We are preparing for a similar stellar cast of faculty at this year's course, which will follow

the Academy meeting next October. In April, I took over the chairmanship of the AANS/CNS Cerebrovascular Section from Chris Loftus, and this crowns a decade of hard work with a terrific group of colleagues in the Section Executive Council. The Section is now larger and more involved than ever before in professional and educational activities. Our Annual Meeting continues to expand and we have initiated a new electronic newsletter, the Circle of Willis, and a whole host of other new membership services. I remained very involved in the process of strategic planning for the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, in my capacity as President-elect this year. The boundless energy of CNS members involved in innumerable educational projects and member services remains an incredible asset for organized neurosurgery and a sure investment in leadership development for the future of our specialty.

The past six months have also witnessed recruitment discussions with the University of Colorado to chair the new Department of Neurological Surgery in Denver. At the time of writing this Round Robin letter, I have just accepted the offer and I am enthusiastically planning our relocation to Denver in upcoming months, following a process of strategic planning with the excellent team that Dr. Glenn Kindt has led for the past two decades. This challenge is embraced with great enthusiasm, but also a sense of humility and appreciation for the responsibilities involved. I will surely call for the wise counsel of fellow academicians in upcoming years as we move this enterprise toward its true potential.

I am very much looking forward to meeting fellow academicians in Colorado next October, and maybe I'll get a little house hunting done in Denver that week...

Sincerely,



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Dear Dave,

Greetings from Atlanta and from the Barrow Family. In addition to the usual pleasures of practice and family, I've had the honor as serving as the President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons this past year. It has been a great experience and provided me the opportunity to meet many neurosurgeons around the country. Mollie and I were the guests of the Japanese Congress of Neurological Surgeons in Yokohama this past spring. Dr. and Mrs. Yoichi Katayama were the most gracious and hospitable hosts imaginable. After a very successful meeting, the Katayamas hosted a tour in the delightful company of our fellow American guests Don and Maria Becker, Antonio and Barbara Jean DeSalles and Paul and Freida Muizelar.

I owe an enormous debt to my partners who have provided enormous support during this past year. Shortly after Hunt Batjer passed the CNS gavel to me, my partners secretly convened and took me off the call schedule for the year of my office. I accepted this as a gesture of sincere concern and kindness, but realize it may have been an attempt on their part to reduce neurosurgical morbidity during an otherwise hectic year.

We are deeply saddened by the announcement earlier this year that Dr. Suzie Tindall will retire as of September 1, 2000. Suzie will be irreplaceable as a member of our faculty. For me personally she has been a co-resident, a colleague, a teacher, a friend and, in some ways, almost a surrogate sister. To our residents and medical students she has been one of the most prolific and successful teachers our training program has ever known. She takes the time to teach minor details that many of us take for granted. Her background of knowledge as a neurologist provides an educational perspective that is truly unique. Her clinical expertise in peripheral nerve surgery, management of trigeminal neuralgia and exceptional technical skills will be missed by her colleagues, her referring physicians and her patients. We wish her great happiness and success as she pursues her other loves, including golf, sailing and the beaches of Florida, but we will sincerely and deeply miss her numerous contributions to our chosen speciality.

On a brighter note, our department was most fortunate to have been successful in recruiting Dr. Timothy Mapstone as our pediatric neurosurgeon. From the moment of his arrival, Tim has added a new dimension to our department as a clinician and academician, and also as a great friend and colleague. We're delighted to have Tim and Barbara in Atlanta. Tim and Barbara will be joining us as our guests at the Academy meeting in Colorado Springs this fall.

On a personal note, Mollie and our three kids are doing extremely well. Emily, Jack and Tom went to camp in the outer banks of North Carolina for a full month, leaving the house very quiet, but allowing Mollie and me to catch up with old friends and spend some quality time together. We look forward to spending some time this summer in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and plan to host our travel club, Aequinimitas, in Jackson Hole this August. Robert and Nancy Spetzler will be our guests. Jackson Hole will provide a perfect setting for our group that enjoys outside athletic activities. I have a serious concern, however, about our ability to keep up with Robert and Nancy!

Mollie and I look forward to seeing everyone in Colorado Springs this fall.

With warmest regards,



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RE: Round Robin

Dear David:

It is a pleasure to provide another update for the round robin. This year has been very difficult, but highly rewarding for the Batjer family, as well as our department at Northwestern. I had the honor to serve this past year as President of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and with that position came numerous great opportunities, as well as substantial difficulties. I have worked for many years to ensure that we have two strong national organizations and believe fully that as a specialty we are uniquely advantaged in having generationally separate leadership. Our younger leaders have many more years at risk, and therefore often bring a lot of passion and empathy, as well as high energy to our advocacy tables through the Washington Committee and the Joint Officers. The AANS leadership typically had an extra ten years of experience in various other aspects of medical leadership and is highly effective at placing issues in proper perspective and ensuring that our final product is outstanding. Unfortunately, it became necessary to remove meeting management of the CNS from the AANS national office. This action regrettably has created substantial disharmony between the two organizations, which has not served our membership well over the past several months. The current and future CNS leadership is absolutely committed to creating an architecture and an administrative structure between the two organizations that will provide joint control and management of our key shared operations including the Washington Committee, meeting management, neurosurgery on call, and all joint sectional activities. These discussions are now underway between the two Presidents.

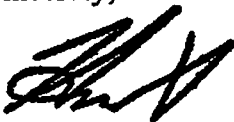
At home, our department had another gangbuster year with continued double-digit growth of our practice. We will turn in another million dollar-plus profit to our faculty practice plan. We have recruited an eighth full time faculty member at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Dr. Gregory Przybylski. Greg joins us in September from Thomas Jefferson University. In addition to his expertise in complex spine disease, Greg

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is also one of the handful of neurosurgical experts in CPT coding and reimbursement issues. We also recruited Dr. Jayashree Srinivasan who trained under Dr. Dick Winn. Dr. Srinivasan is planning to develop a general practice that would include cerebrovascular, cranial based, and some spine disease. Her key functions will be to integrate the advanced neuroimaging resources at Northwestern with our clinical program in cerebrovascular disease to facilitate our clinical research effort. She is fellowship trained in non-invasive hemodynamic monitoring. The Department of Neurology has finally recruited a new Chairman, Dr. Jack Kessler from Montefiore. Jack's primary interest is in stem cell work, and this should be very helpful in generating some new programs in collaboration with our department. We have built our entire clinical operation to date with essentially no input from Neurology. Our only major issues at this time at Northwestern are trying to develop a meaningful strategic alliance with our hospital partners. Northwestern Memorial Hospital is focused on a vision to be a highly profitable community level hospital and not a true academic medical center. As a result, the kinds of programs that we have brought in, which now represent over 20% of all inpatients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, are in fact not truly in line with what they desire. The management of the hospital desires bread and butter practices and not cutting edge. Thus, a fair amount of disparity exists, which we are working our way through.

The Batjer family is growing gangbusters. Our new twins, Ashley and Hunter, are now two years old and absolutely gorgeous. Thank God, they made it. Hannah and Devon are now in fifth grade and third grade, respectively. Hannah is very interested in sports and the piano, and Devon is more focused on artistic areas and is excellent at the cello. We recently spent a week in Texas with my father. Dad unfortunately suffered a non-dominant infarction as a complication of an aortic valve replacement in the spring. Fortunately, the distribution of the infarct did not involve any motor function. He developed a hemianopsia and significant memory issues. To our delight, he has made about a 90% recovery. We had all four of our children and my sister's two children from Los Angeles baptized in Dad's church while we were there. We all appear set to refocus for another year and will again try to navigate the most precarious battles between professional productivity and family growth.

Sincerely,



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 20, 2000

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FROM: Mitchel S. Berger, MD 

RE: Round Robin letter

I am delighted to report that everything is exceedingly well in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of California at San Francisco. We continue to recruit both clinical and basic science faculty to join the Department to further build our Brain Tumor Research Center, as well as our Center For Neurological Injury And Repair. This has been a very rewarding experience for me, and I am very proud to see this department grow and prosper. Clinically, we are busier than at any time in the history of the Department, and we have all come together and "survived" the failed merger with our colleagues on the peninsula. This has made UCSF a much stronger institution, and we are extremely excited about our new 47-acre basic science campus near the new Pacific Bell Ballpark in San Francisco. Eventually, I foresee our hospital moving to the Mission Bay campus, and this will be at the center of a surrounding biotechnology park. Thus, the future looks exceedingly bright, and we are all anxious to move forward and develop new agendas.

The family is doing well, and Lindsay enjoyed her first year of high school in San Francisco very much. Alex is coming along quite nicely, and although his baseball team did not do as well this year as last year, he had a great time, and has grown to like the Bay Area very much. Joan and I are also having a lot of fun being in the Bay Area and in watching our family grow with new experiences. We invite any of you to visit us if you are out this way, and we enjoyed seeing many of you during the recent AANS meetings. Stay well, and we will chat next year.

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August 9, 2000

Dear Fellow Academicians:

This has been an exciting year in Boston and at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Last Fall we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Neurosurgery Service at MGH. It was great fun to see old friends and colleagues and discuss all the changes that have transpired. The most significant part of the Anniversary celebration was the rumor that Bob Martuza would be returning as Chief upon Dr. Zervas retirement. Fortunately, this rumor proved accurate and we are delighted to have Bob and Jill Martuza back in Boston. The transition from one solid leader to another solid leader will be instrumental in keeping us on track to meet the continuing challenges of practicing medicine and neurosurgery in the managed care era. Bob's enthusiasm, energy, and practical philosophy are exciting.

This year will be the crunch year in the Borges household - three children in college: Washington & Lee, Lafayette, and Harvard. After our twin girls graduate this year, we'll only have to manage one in college for the next eight years, barring of course, forays into graduate school. While traveling to colleges will prevent us from attending the meeting this year, we are looking forward already to next year's meeting.

We'll miss everyone this year.

Yours truly,



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Dear Fellow Academicians:

We are in the midst of a long, dry, hot South Texas Summer. Water restrictions are in place and keeping things green is becoming a real challenge.

At the Health Science Center, all is going well. We have a new Dean of the Medical School and he is very clinically oriented, which should be good for the faculty practice group.

Dr. Dennis Vollmer, the Head of Neurosurgery, is doing a superb job: he has recruited two new faculty members, Dr. Christopher Bogaev and Dr. Nathan Simmons, who provide expertise in skull base surgery and complex spinal surgery, respectively; the epilepsy program is going well and recruitment is in progress for a new faculty member to head up our program in functional and stereotactic surgery.

At the Research Imaging Center, there is the capability to do the PET studies necessary for the Carotid Occlusion Surgery Study out of St. Louis and we are planning to participate in that effort. We continue to be active with a number of "NABTT" protocols for Brain Tumors.

Under Dr. Vollmer's leadership, the Divisional Laboratory is flourishing and some very interesting work on cerebrovascular physiology is in progress. The team of residents is fine and a notable number of abstracts and posters has been forthcoming.

With regard to our family, it has been a good year. Both children and spouses have moved close to us in San Antonio. Son Will, who is in corporate sales for IBM, and his wife Jenifer, a successful realtor, live four blocks from us. A member of the vestry at our church, and a new member of Rotary, Will follows his father's community involvement. It was of interest to us that Willis' paternal grandfather was a member of Rotary back in the 1920's in China, his father was also active in Rotary, and now Will is a fourth generation Rotarian.

Both Jenifer and our daughter Lisa are active at our church and in the Junior League.

Son-in-law, David Straub, a pilot for Delta Commuters, just completed Jet Training in Delaware and will continue to be based in Atlanta. He and Lisa live about ten blocks from us and have an adorable son, August Frederick, almost two years old, with a sibling in the oven. So our little family is expanding.... and we love it.

Ann continues the volunteer highway and is the new Chairman of the Board of Friends Hospice, the fundraising arm for our Non-Profit VNA Hospice San Antonio. She also works with the Altar Guild and Flower Guild at church and with the Colonial Dames of Texas, but Grandson Augie is her favorite project.

We are enjoying our children and grandson..... we are planning a trip to Canada at the end of this month to escape the heat and drought.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Colorado Springs in October.

Best regards to all -


Ann and Willis Brown, Jr.

August 3, 2000

Dear Academicians,

This month marks the end of the first year of retirement. So far so good. Christa and I spent 7 of the 12 months in Germany time divided between our home in Espelkamp (1 hr SW of Hannover), Bavaria (where I took German classes), Swiss , and Austria. We celebrated my 66 birthday in a small Bavarian village with the Reulen's and the Fahlbusch's which eased the pain of another year. We are set up okay in Germany with a house, car, and Christa's daughters and their husbands but no grand children.

I failed to put in my letter last year that my Residents with the prodding of Bob Rosenwasser and Patty Weitsel (my nurse for 23 years) had my portrait painted they presented it at a dinner party at the Vespers Club in mid June. Most of the Residents and many old friends came to the affair including Mayor Rendell. It was a very moving evening .I find it curious how fast the 33 years went.

I have been invited to give the Raaf Lecture at the University of Oregon in October. This is a great honor in that John was not only a distinguished Neurosurgeon and a founding member of the Academy but he and Ernie Mack organized the Rogue River Neurosurgical Society which became a splinter group of the Academy that concerns themselves with Salmon Fishing, telling stories and proving over and over that a Gin Fizz taken at the correct time and in the right quantity makes one water proof against either rain or the river.(soon to be published).

Christa and I will be in Germany Oct.-Jan.
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WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE ANYONE WHO COMES TO GERMANY.

Bill/Christa Buchheit

August 1, 2000

Dear Fellow Academicians:

Now a brief blurb 'bout the busy Burchiel bunch; starting with the beginning of the Millennium, which came in without so much as a bleep on the screen. The year has been busy with much travel; meetings, visiting professor gigs and lectures. However, the most exciting event in the year 2000 thus far has been Kim turning 50. Yes the big 5-0 and Kim is still running foot races.

This summer Kim will team up once again with his Hood to Coast running cohorts to run their annual relay race. There are 12,000 runners in all and the "Fossils" (the men and women of the dinosaur age), will once again run the 26 continuous hours from the base of Mt. Hood to the sandy beaches of Seaside Oregon. Until the big weekend, the ancient ones will be training, dreaming of Olympic conquests and stocking up on Motrin and Ben Gay.

To celebrate Kim's milestone, Debra chose the impossible task of attempting a kidnapping for a two week sailboat cruise to the French and Italian Riviera. As Kim was obviously not "in on it" the plans were forced to change more times than a chameleon. To avoid any unnecessary time on the psych ward, Debra embraced the idea of telling him some, but not all the plans. The trip was carefully planned with a three day Rome finale. Tanned, relaxed and enchanted, Kim and Debra looked forward to returning to the captivating chaos and unparalleled sweetness of our anxiously awaiting children.

Speaking of children, here's an update: Jessica will be entering her senior year at Seattle Academy in the fall. She has continued her participation in the Vocal Ensemble and seems to enjoy performing. She repeatedly responds to us with the rhetorical question: "YA THINK?". We are not quite sure if we should actually investigate any further whether or not we should attempt to answer it...Ya think?". Jess is starting to contemplate colleges and has also shown an unprecedented interest in large curved metal objects with four wheels that go "vvrrooom". Adrienne will be a sophomore this year and also attends Seattle Academy. She continues to be involved in Track. She is so swift we are thinking of giving her a nickname: Mercury! As an adventure last summer and again this summer, she went on a backpacking tour through Alaska with friends/students from her school. Sunburn, tired and dirty, she returns healthy and happy with many stories for the telling.

Meridith will be entering the third grade at Riverdale School in Portland. She juggles piano, art, girl scouts and horseback riding. Cole has just recently turned four. He speaks non stop, quite loudly and enunciates every word and when there aren't enough syllables, he is more than happy to add a few for good measure. He loves cars, trucks, trains and dinosaurs. After three girls this wild male child is quite mystifying. Debra continues her job as Domestic Goddess-Queen of all things, as well as CEO of Chez Burchiel. This is a demanding but rewarding career at this point in her life.

On the professional side, the department at OHSU is busy and productive. We added a new faculty member, Dr. Nate Selden, as our new Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery. Our primary faculty now total seven neurosurgeons, and three basic scientists. We have added one new endowed chair this year, and are working on a second. OHSU continues to grow under a sound and (usually) neurosurgery-friendly hospital administration, and deanery.

We look forward to a successful 2000, and the chance to welcome you to Portland should the opportunity arise!

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August 8, 2000

Dear Fellow Academician:

It is hard to believe that it is almost a year since our last meeting convened on Amelia Island. It has been quite a busy year with hard work mixed with periods of rest and relaxation. We celebrated the Millenium New Year in San Diego with our good friends from Peapack. Then we took our annual skiing vacation just after the New Year to Vail. With helpful suggestions from Kal and Linda Post, we certainly enjoyed our first skiing vacation in Vail. We were quite fortunate in having ideal weather with three days of powder, and an opportunity to visit Blue Sky Basin which had just opened. There was a chance to experience the bowls of Vail and the beautiful horizon of the majestic Rocky Mountains.

Joan and I miss the wonderful scenery and calmness of Peapack but have re-located our vacation home now to Eastern Long Island. On Shelter Island just across from Sag Harbor on the fork of Long Island we saw a house that we both felt shared our common tastes. It is hard to believe that during our research we found the name of the architect who had built that house, and we met with him to discuss a future project. Since there has been a building boom on Eastern Long Island, we were unclear after our first visit with him whether his schedule would allow us the opportunity to have him design a house for us. Though we have met with him a second time, we are still not sure if his schedule or whims will allow him to proceed. This summer has been quite hectic with visitors almost every weekend. We look forward to our annual visit from Don and Ilona Quest and the challenge in finding the newest "in" restaurant to experience with them. Fortunately, I was able to get a reservation for the newest "in" spot for us to share yet another enjoyable evening. This summer, our good friends Ann and Bill Whetsell, a neuropathologist who trained at Columbia will also be visiting. Bill and Ann come up every summer from Nashville and we always anticipate with enthusiasm their return. At the end of the summer we will be traveling to Berlin for World Spine, and Joan will have an opportunity to utilize her architectural background as we visit many of the new buildings in Berlin that have been designed by leading architects from around the world. We will also perform a site visit at hotels. From Berlin, we will travel to the Scandanavian countries where we will hopefully enjoy a tour of the fjords of Norway. This winter, we are making plans to visit Patagonia. Needless to say, since this trip is through a region which one can only read about or hear about secondhand from friends,

prior to traveling there, it is difficult to get a true feeling at this time on the discoveries we will make. Hopefully, our travels will be enjoyable, stimulating, and we will have a chance to share them with you in the future.

As always, we look forward to seeing our friends at the upcoming meeting in Colorado Springs. As Future Sites Chairman, I am working hard in finding new and exciting venues for our meetings. At the present time, we have committed ourselves to Colorado Springs, Palm Beach, Williamsburg, Phoenix, and in the future we will be visiting The American Club in Wisconsin, as well as considering having a joint meeting with The German Neurosurgical Society.

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July 13, 2000

Dear Fellow Academicians,

This past year has been enjoyable and productive for the Chandler family. Jesse graduated Phi Bet Kappa from Colgate University and is headed to medical school in August. He is spending 6 weeks traveling in Europe this summer with a friend and spent 6 months last summer and fall working at NIH.

Scott has left the Pacific Stock Exchange for a better opportunity and is now working for a "dot.com" startup in silicon valley. He continues to enjoy the San Francisco area and lives in the Presidio. He recently completed the Alcatraz to shore "Shark Swim".

We had an enjoyable family ski week at Jackson Hole in January. Susie and I are looking forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary in Tuscany and southern France for 2 weeks in July. Susie continues to work part time in social work with families of chemically dependent patients. She is busy with volunteer work in the community and as president of our local stock club. Bill continues to enjoy tennis on a regular basis and, of course, his work at the hospital.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr Pujgas

21 July '00

I sit here with stoned face
for being so negligent of the
Round Robin for so many years.
Reading & enjoying it and neglecting
to write seems like "one of them
deadly sins"

Anyway — having reached the
tender age of 85, retired these
15 years, and having nothing to
offer of medical interest, I want to
say how ~~to~~ much I have
enjoyed & professionally benefited
from the associations of ~~many~~
many friends in the Academy of N.S.

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It aint the wedding bells
thats "breaking up that old gang
of mine". It retirement.

This letter head is way out
of date. Russell Travis has semi-
retired to a less busy breaking schedule
and Dick Mortara has also retired.

All that aint needed to
tell me Im old (health is
good except for instability of gait)
But as a preacher friend of mine
said: "getting old sure beats the
hell out of dying young"

Ill stop this non sense and
say that I have all the
confidence in the world that the
art and science of neurosurgery is in
good hands and its future unlimited

Sincerely

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July 17, 2000

Dear Academician:

We regret that we will not be with you at this year's meeting. We are going to China to visit my sister and her family. We will be going to Xian and cruising the Yangtze Gorges. The big dam is going up fast; we want to see them before they disappear.

Jolene has recovered from the "Valley Fever" which disabled her last year. She is quite active now but not quite up to her usual strength as yet. It was a tough year for us.

This is the first year we are permanent residents in Arizona. The heat is something to get used to but we manage reasonably well. We play golf early before the noon heat hits and drink a lot of water to avoid dehydration. We do miss Minnesota and our friends there. We just spent two weeks in the Twin Cities and had a great time.

One of the interesting thing we did last year was Shelly giving a series of six talks on China at the urging of many friends in the community. It was a longitudinal series covering 4000 years of Chinese history paying more attention to the 20th. century before, during and after WWII. as well as to analysis of current and future US-China relationships. We had to use the Community Church to accommodate the audience, 150-200 in attendance at each session. It was a surprise to us as we did not think there would be so much interest in those talks. In retrospect, we realized that Rio Verde is a retirement community and there are many WWII veterans living here. We are aware that they are expecting another series coming this fall. We think it will be fun to do it even though it will mean a lot of work.

Our kids and grand kids are fine. Tim's family will meet us in China with four grand kids ages 13 to 7. It will be a bit complicated in terms of language and food, etc..But it will be a wonderful experience for all of us. We are looking forward to this trip.

Have a great meeting. Sorry we cannot be with you.

Shelley and Jolene.

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June 18, 2000

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Dear Dave;

Gwen and I have had a good year. To translate that, neither of us has been hospitalized or died even though both of us are walking a little slower and have become little more forgetful. The family, children and grandchildren all are doing well. I must admit I never considered the possibility that a neurosurgeon and his mate would live as long as we have. I assumed that the tension got the male early and living with a neurosurgeon got the female almost as early. Now that we have stayed alive so long, I must admit it IS much better than the alternative.

We continue to winter in San Diego and any of you that go through the South West should stop and see us. Our address is

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With that address, I am planning to take up golf before the next millennium. Perhaps the mild winters are one of the reasons for our still being here. The weather is excellent. Our trip this past winter was through the Panama Canal, with the usual stops. Columbia was interesting. No one offered us any drugs. I was disappointed. I have to assume that we did not look prosperous enough. I wanted to see the Canal because I sat seasick about fifty miles out on the Atlantic, on a destroyer escort in the first part of the war, but never saw the Canal. I was amazed that some of our fellow passengers had gone through it six or seven times. I can recommend being able to say you have gone through it once, but I can not imagine six or seven times unless your career demands it.

We are back in Guilford. Each year, it seems to take us longer to adjust to the cross country change. We think perhaps we will sell the Guilford house and stop the traveling but as soon as we are here and the water, the birds and the fish are all around, we decide 'not this year.' We have an osprey nest just down the bay and watch the parents fish. They are almost unbelievable. They barely get their claws wet as they grab a twelve to fourteen inch fish. It

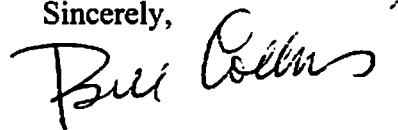
looks like more fun than salt water fly fishing, particularly since I seem unable to land any good sized fish on six pound test. I leave a lot of fine line around the bay though.

In the past few year I have slowly realized that I must be getting soft in my old age, since the residents do not even pale when I question them. It was obvious I needed to do something more than attend conferences. I just as obviously could not start surgery again so about two years ago I started writing fiction. As I tried to get more serious, I took a course in fiction writing this past winter. I do not think it helped much. I took the course in part because of the comments from one of my former patients. He was an editor and publisher, so I sent him my first novel. That was my first rejection. He said it demonstrated to him why I went into neurosurgery. He suggested I write romance novels since no one expects to find any literary talent in the authors of that genre of fiction. I decided to take his advice even though his wife called and said his back was hurting again and not to take him too seriously. My instructor agreed for different reasons. She said it was a good way to practice getting words on paper, fantasizing about plots, finishing stories and getting paid, all very necessary for a writer of fiction. She also said to read some of the different romance novels, so I would know what they consisted of. I took her at her word and I have read some fifty of them. I keep reading a few as I go along, since it keeps my writing direction accurate. There are thousands published each year and my patient's wife later added that her husband hated the fact that his publishing house made almost all it's money selling them. I was amazed at what the authors get away with. All the authors have female names so I have taken a female pen name. I am slowly getting there. I suppose that there, is when I have enough ideas, to have enough output, to be able to get a few published. I have completed three. One thing I am convinced of, medical school was deficient in explaining to me all of the ways to make love and how to react to each way. I think I may recommend a few books by some of the authors, to our third year students before they hit the Ob-Gyn clinics. It can only help their rapport.

Despite my getting more skilled, I might add I have gotten considerably more rejection slips, at least seven or eight more and some almost as blunt as my first one. I still am not discouraged for I am told you are not even in the union until you get more than fifty. I can recommend along with a single trip through the Panama Canal, that you read and write romance novels. They will either make you feel younger or kill you, either is not a bad alternative.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Collins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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Dear Round Robin:

The Connollys' have all been well this past year, which is a change from the last couple of years. Elise has fully recovered from her Chemotherapy and Radiation.

We were able to get all of our children together for our son, Paul's wedding, in April of this year. Paul and his new wife have recently moved to Dallas, where Paul works for Frost Securities. Just after Paul's wedding, our daughter, Patty became engaged and is to be married on St. Patrick's Day 2000.

Sander is still working hard as a young neurosurgery faculty member and Sean is entering the last year of his combined Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine Residency and as of yet, has no idea where he will be practicing next year. Christopher's telephone communication company has just been merged with another company. He will probably be moving from Florida to South Carolina with the merger. Jimmy just graduated from Medical School and just started his General Surgery PGY-I, but is matched in the ear, nose and throat residency. It looks like we finally got everybody out of school and off the payroll.

Ochsner Clinic has been going through many changes the past few years with four Medical Directors in the past six years. It appears now that the Ochsner Clinic Partnership is going to merge with the Ochsner Foundation. This will mean a buy out of the partner's interests and the Clinic 60% interest in the Ochsner Health Plan (HMO).

Elise and I are looking forward to seeing everybody at Colorado Springs.

Sincerely yours,



Edward S. Connolly, M.D.

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Dear David,

It seems that the interval between the Round Robin's is shortening all the time. Unfortunately Adrienne and I will be unable to attend the Academy meeting at Colorado Springs this year because of commitments relating to the World Congress next year.

Planning for the World Congress continues apace. Fortunately the test run for the World Congress, the Sydney 2000 Olympics, is being held exactly one year ahead of our meeting. They should have tested all the necessary facilities thoroughly during that preliminary event.

As Concord Hospital is half a mile from the Olympic stadium and is the designated Olympic Hospital, the events of 2000 will take as much time it seems as the real event in 2001. With further expansion of our Neurosurgical Department I thought that the safest thing was to leave the country but all the aircraft are heavily booked. It would probably be easier to go to the farm and watch the cattle fatten.

A major family crisis was precipitated early in 2000 when Noel thought that it was a good idea to accept a generous sales offer for the farm. After barely surviving protests from the family including the three and five year old grandsons, he has withdrawn to worry about the trivia such as international relations and war and peace and left the important decisions to the authoritative members of the family.

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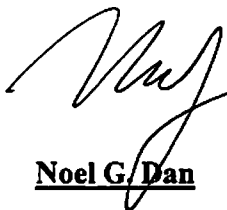
Concord Hospital is about to embark on a re-building programme having just reduced from 2000 to 750 beds whilst significantly increasing throughput consistent with the current approach to hospitalisation. Our Unit beds were reduced from 47 to 31 with a further reduction to 27 by the year 2005. As a trade off, we have increased high dependency beds. Meanwhile, the Neurosurgical staff of the Department has doubled and we are meant to keep everyone busy maintaining full services despite having the budget cut by 5% annually for the past 4 years.

Our tenure has been radically weakened as State Government legislation now mandates that all medical hospital appointments are for a period of three years and are to be advertised as appointments rather than re-appointments. No significant Neurosurgical losses have occurred in the State for the present triennium but a number of medical staff in other fields have been lost to the system because of this change of rule. We have also had constriction of medical incomes. At the same time, our costs and especially medical indemnity insurance have skyrocketed. State and Federal Governments make sympathetic noises but do nothing to help quell the large series of legal actions many of which are ambit or nuisance claims.

On the good side, it has been one of the coldest winters for some years and the ski fields have been superb.

Adrienne and I send warm greetings to our friends at the Academy and hope to see you all in Sydney in 2001.

Yours sincerely,



Noel G. Dan



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August 10, 2000

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Dear David:

Thank you very much for your recent note regarding the Round Robin letter to the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. I certainly appreciate your efforts on this. I have always enjoyed the interaction with the Academy.

Things at the University of Wisconsin in Madison continue to expand rapidly. I must say it has been a pleasure to be here these last five years. During that time, we have been able to add excellent faculty and programs. We are now working on expanding our functional program. The building on campus also continues at a rapid pace, with new neurosurgery laboratories and offices opening this fall and expansion of our OR and ICU capacities on line. Our collaborative studies in the neurosciences building have added a new one-third expansion, which we intend to expand our work with stem cell research. Truly one of the joys of being on the main campus is the rich variety of neuroscientists with which we can interact.

On a personal note, Diane and I continue to enjoy watching our children grow. Kara, our oldest, is now a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin. She is doing extremely well and is interested in primary education. She continues to participate in the university choir and will probably spend part of the next year with Study Abroad. She hopes to also join me with educational work in Ecuador again this coming year.

Conor, our high schooler, has now far surpassed me in both height and athletic ability. He is a pitcher for the high school team. It is unclear what his future career will be, but it most likely will have to do with computers or engineering, as he seems to have gotten most of the math genes in the family.

Overall, they have both adjusted very well to Madison. I sincerely hope the kids will teach their father to play golf decently sometime in the near future.

Department of Neurological Surgery

Diane continues to be active teaching at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum. She is involved in a myriad number of boards and directorships here in town.

We all very much look forward to seeing the other members of the academy. I hope all is well with you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Dempsey M.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Salzburg, August 15th, 2000

Hans Erich and Karin Diemath

Dear friends!

It is now thirty years ago I had been done the great honour of becoming a corresponding member of the AANS.

Time is passing fast and I am in the third year of retirement from the department. But I am still very busy as an expert in medical legal concerns on court and supreme court of justice in cases all over Austria. This is quite a task keeping me studying documents and hospital reports sometimes till midnight – this year there will be done by me over hundred expert opinions.

As chairman of the board of legal medical experts of the Austrian medical chamber I also have to take care of many organizing duties.

I believe in the quality of experts to be very important. At the one hand competent colleagues should be protected against unqualified and unjust attacks and at the other hand patients should be helped when they are right.

Having been a very human and kind examiner with students, I do believe very much in very severe examinations for being a medical legal expert. Sometimes I do not agree with the judge in chair, as the court has less experts than needed and therefore they are more or less generous.

Furthermore I think we also have to fulfill a sociological-political task too. The judges must rely on our expert opinions as they have no special medical knowledge in very difficult specified questions and therefore the jurisdiction is depending on our expert opinion. History has shown a culture always dies when jurisdiction does not work any more.

In all my work my wife Karin supports me bravely as she has done all over the decades before.

As Honorary President of the European Academy Of Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology I have the opportunity of co-working, which I enjoy very much. Our President Prof. Dr. Klaus von Wild is full of good ideas and plans, where I like to support his work.

I am looking forward to the fifth congress of the EMN, which will take place in Paris in some weeks, organized by Prof. Dr. Jean Luc Truelle.

We also attended a workshop in Gent (Belgium) and a world congress of neurorehabilitation in Münster (Germany) organized by Prof. von Wild. All has been very interesting and also in means of legal medical aspects.

Our family is well and healthy. Our youngest daughter Maren studying European Law is working now in Brussels at the European Commission, direction general, in the division of questions of enlargement and she is concerned with the qualification of Cyprus, wishing to become a member of the EU. She is very fond of her job.

In March we took her to Brussels, because we had been concerned about all the real stupid and absolutely unjust sanctions against Austria. We personally had not to face any animosity, in the contrary in the Rotary club in Brussels I was greeted especially heartily.

Three days we had been looking for a flat, for Brussels being known as not very safe a town, the question of security was the main point. Now she lives in an apartment within four minutes to her office and does not need neither bus nor underground. As this job is just for half a year she will be back in Graz at the end of the year. There her husband then will finish his training as dental doctor.

Our eldest daughter Karen lives happily with her family in Basle (Switzerland) where her husband had been appointed head and chairman of the department of Plastic and restoration surgery at the university clinic. Karen herself, a virologist, now studies in Maastrich (Netherlands) to become a bachelor for educational science. She then hopes to get a job at the university or in the pharmaceutical industry.

Our son Hans Peter is still working in the service of our government in Salzburg and is very busy too.

Up to now the number of our grandchildren has not changed, we have six. Our eldest granddaughter Eve has finished Highschool in June and will start to study medicine at the university of Graz.

We are very sorry that we can not attend the congress in Broadmoor, Colorado Springs and wish you all a most successful, beautiful, splendid and happy event.

We still hope very much to come to the States next year and to the Congress of the AANS. Hoping you all are healthy and happy, with our best personal and heartiest greetings

faithfully

Hans Erich

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July 23, 2000

Hi David,

I estimate that every 2-3 years is probably the appropriate time interval between Round Robin reports from a retired guy. Other than the usual news about retirement activities, travel, grandchildren, etc., I can contribute three items that seem significant, at least to me.

First, and perhaps of the greatest impact on Carolyn and me, is our experience of the past year with a temporary daughter in our home. She is Lucia Rybarikova, a seventeen year old American Field Service exchange student from Domaniza, a small village in the Slovak Republic (not Yugoslavia and not Slovenia), who recently returned home. The year went by too quickly. We share great memories, and we like to believe that all three of us prospered. She graduated from our local high school with honors, displayed a previously undiscovered talent for art, and learned to speak "Southern."

Secondly, since January we have a new member of our family, who is doing his best to take Lucia's place. He is Luke, a two year old black Lab, who has won our hearts despite my protests that I didn't want to get a dog. His joining us was pretty much unplanned, except for some undisclosed scheming on Carolyn's part. We did hear that he flunked out of "retriever school," but on the other hand he sure is good at frisbee - - and guess who is his best buddy?

Lastly, and perhaps most significant - - at least in terms of my own satisfaction - - is an event that happened during the past year. One day Carolyn answered our phone and after a brief conversation handed the phone over to me all the while protesting "No! No! No! He's right here and you can talk to him yourself." It was a woman (the secretary I believe) calling on behalf of the AANS Board of Directors who were in session. Apparently someone had "heard" that I had died and the call was to verify and to express condolences. It certainly is one of life's greatest pleasures

to personally report that the news of one's death is in error. I suspect that the confusion arose from my letterhead used in correspondence to various organizations reporting the death of our friend and colleague, Wally Hamby.

We leave in mid-August for a two month sojourn to Britain and the Continent. Naturally our first stop will be Domaniza. I am sorry we will not be at the Broadmoor in October. It sounds like a great meeting.

Sincerely,


Don Dohn

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July 10, 2000

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Dear Academicians:

This year I followed a long line of Academicians in assuming the Presidency of the AANS. It is a challenge to which I look forward, but I could not have anticipate the volume of administration.

E-mail makes communication facile, but also encourages individuals to write. Currently I receive 40-60 E-mails per day. Moreover each E-mail one answers seems to spawn 2 more E-mails. Marty Weiss, my immediate predecessor was extraordinary at this electronic communication and set an example that is hard to beat.

The AANS Research Foundation which was originated by Bob King, later chaired by Bob Ojemann is now chaired by Buz Hoff. The Research Foundation has enlarged it's role and changed it's name to the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation. Buz has attacked the new commitment with enthusiasm and the Research Foundation continues to expand in its performance and capabilities.

For years the AANS sponsored the Van Wagenen Fellowships. Usually individuals traveled outside the United States to complete 6 months of post graduate training. This past year, Mrs. Van Wagenen passed away and left a generous endowment to fund the fellowships in perpetuity. We will probably be able to fund more than one fellowship per year. With this new found wealth for traveling fellowships, we will establish a new AANS -Van Wagenen Committee to use those funds as wisely as possible.

On the personal front, Ellen continues to read voraciously as well as work as a librarian. Our daughter, Shiela, is happily married and lives 30 minutes outside of Chicago. Her husband, a plastic surgeon, practices where there is essentially no managed care (I was tempted to move there).

David G. Piegras, M.D.

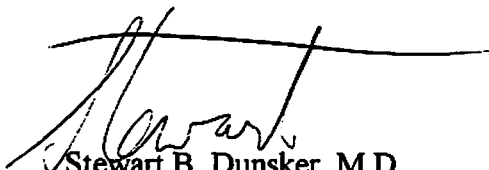
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Our guests this year at the Academy will be John and Suzanne Oro from Columbia, Missouri. For those who have not met John, he directed "Neurosurgery On-Call" for several years and has an intense interest in and knowledge about computers and electronic communication.

I hope every one has a chance to meet them. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again this year.

Sincerely yours,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY

July 28, 2000

Dear Academicians:

Despite an adverse payer environment and a hospital with diminishing resources aimed at a better bottom line, we are still doing well. Every year members of the faculty tell each other that this is the last year; next year instead of bonuses there will be cuts. I am sure that this will happen, but I am trying to be optimistic.

My summer, as usual, is consumed by my obsession with sailing. I did the Newport Bermuda race again. This time I thought that I was really set. I had a great crew, real rock stars! However, mechanical problems right from the beginning, as soon as we won the start, appeared. Also, we made some bad coin flip choices with regard to wind direction, so at the end we came in 66th of 180 or so boats but just in the middle of our class. However, our class did better on lapsed time (real time) than did some classes above us (bigger boats). Go figure!

I wish there was some way of extending the day to more than 24 hours, and I wish there would be some way of extending the summer.

My children and grandchildren are all well, but there are no new additions. Nancy is happy in San Diego, and John, the perennial scholar, switched from math to law and will be in his last year at Yale.

I look forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs this fall.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Members of the Academy:

I am now able to write to The Round Robin with less chagrin than during the past four (4) years. Since John Kusske “took over” the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of California, Irvine on 4/1/98, he has made excellent strides in reorganization/redevelopment here. He has also become vice president of the AANS as well. In a short period of time, he will become full chairman here, not “co-chairman”. Such will facilitate our revitalizing the neurosurgery residency, approval for which we put on the shelf (by our own action) in December, 1997. Our faculty recruitment is solidly progressing, and currently we seek only a spine neurosurgeon. If you have any potential candidates, please let us know.

I am Professor Emeritus of Neurosurgery with honors this and that. I am in the office daily, working on rebuilding our medical student teaching program and basics for the revival of the neurosurgery residency program. Currently, we are seeking approval of a required six (6) week’s clerkship in the 4th year of the medical student’s curriculum for our combined Neurology/Neurosurgery/Neuro-pediatrics course. I have worked diligently to achieve acceptance by the Curriculum Education Policy Committee; and since I am on that committee, there is a good chance of success. This will be our institution’s First Critical Neuroscience Course, and required at that. A feather in our hat for us!

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No, I'm "not" retired. I do a limited number of consultations, no operations, some medical/legal consults. I am responsible for our teaching activities – good fun, lots of new faces here at UCI, and our multi-discipline conferences, rounds, etc., for CME credit go well. Yes, I am only part-time. I have had over 50 years of active academic neurosurgery, and it's time for "part-time"!

I still race my J-92 sloop on the Pacific at least weekly, and have considerable activity with two adult daughters in this region and the grandchildren visit quite frequently – such is fun, but a little hazardous at times!

Looking forward to seeing you all shortly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eldon L. Foltz, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dear Dave,

A short letter from the Frasers that hopefully can be included in the Round Robin.

At the outset it will be difficult for us to come to the October 11-14th meeting in Colorado Springs as it would entail taking the children out of school. Eliza, age 13 and Emily, age 11 are in the important formative scholastic years. Therefore I doubt that Anne and I will be able to see you but we send you all our greetings. Eliza, our 13 year old, has been abducted by aliens. I assume she will be returned in 5 or 6 years able to recognize that her parents are not the STUPID PEOPLE she regards them at present. Emily at 11 still loves us and has turned out to be a phenomenal tennis player mostly under Anne's tutelage. Emily just won The 13 and Under County Tennis Championship, losing only 3 games in 5 matches including the finals.

Anne continues to do well. She has just replaced me on the vestry of our church which is going through some turbulent times.

The health care environment in New York is as unstable as it has been in recent years or more so. We have very little contact with our sister institution to whom we are supposedly conjoined. A departmental search is on as the Division of Neurosurgery at New York Hospital is going to be converted into a Department. I am not a candidate for that office. There have been several rumored candidates, I have no hard data as yet.

My best regards to all Fellow Academicians.

Sincerely,



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Richard A. R. Fraser, M.D.
Neurosurgeon-in-Chief

7/20/00

Dear Bea,

The French family seem to continue to get along satisfactorily - We are both active and enjoying life.

This last month we went on a fishing trip on the Canadian border, caught a few fish (we were completely outfished me) and in general we had a very good time - So glad we can still do it!

We've also been to two major neurosurgical society meetings this year which is pretty good considering that after retirement nothing is too seductable.

During this last year we have changed our permanent residence to California. We still own home on Lake Mendocino in Ukiahville to our son George. We still reserve the privilege of residing there part of the summer.

We play golf almost every day of the year although we limit it to nine holes on some occasions.

Our three children are all living C.B. They are spread across the U.S. so we don't get to see them as much as we would like to.

Salutations to all our colleagues

Yours & Gene's



Daniel W. Fults, M.D.

1 August 2000

Dear Fellow Academicians,

Here at the University of Utah we continue to keep the banner of academic medicine flying, but I'd have to say it's been a struggle. Our new Vice President for Health Sciences (the Dean) is committed to the idea that computers can solve all our problems. He is a rather insular, nerdish fellow whose principal mode of communication is E-mail. His physical presence, however, is rarely seen in the hospital, the research buildings, or even the cafeteria. Overall, I have a bad feeling about this administration.

To his credit, he does recognize that academic medical centers can never compete for efficiency of operation with private hospitals, which do not bear the overhead of teaching and research missions. The VP is attempting to convince the state legislature that the public must invest in our University hospital and medical school if they want to preserve these valuable community resources.

In this stormy atmosphere Peter Heilbrun announced his intent to resign as Chairman of our neurosurgery department by year's end. Any academicians interested in continuing Peter's vision for academic neurosurgery in Utah should contact me at once. I believe our unique position as the only academic medical center in the geographically large, Intermountain West puts in a secure position for weathering the managed health care crisis.

This year I was honored by an appointment to an NIH study section (Brain Disorders and Clinical Neurosciences 4). I have been impressed by the high quality of neurological research being done in this country (even proposals that don't make the payline)

This summer my family and I took a fine tour through Spain where I took a lot of photos, ate too much, and endeavored to adapt my Tex-Mex Spanish to Castillion. Carol and I are planning to attend the Colorado Springs meeting in October.

Sincerely,

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August 3, 2000

American Academy of Neurological Surgery

Dear Academy Member:

We are tardy in our response to the Round Robin. We have been up to Alaska with Bob and Jean Ojemann and Lucy and Cone Pevehouse for the past three weeks plus. Henry and I returned on the 28th of July to Louisville and are now wading through a month's accumulation of bills, magazines and assorted correspondence. Happy to report, for now, all of The Group are doing well – some retired – others in the process of becoming retired (that's us!) –

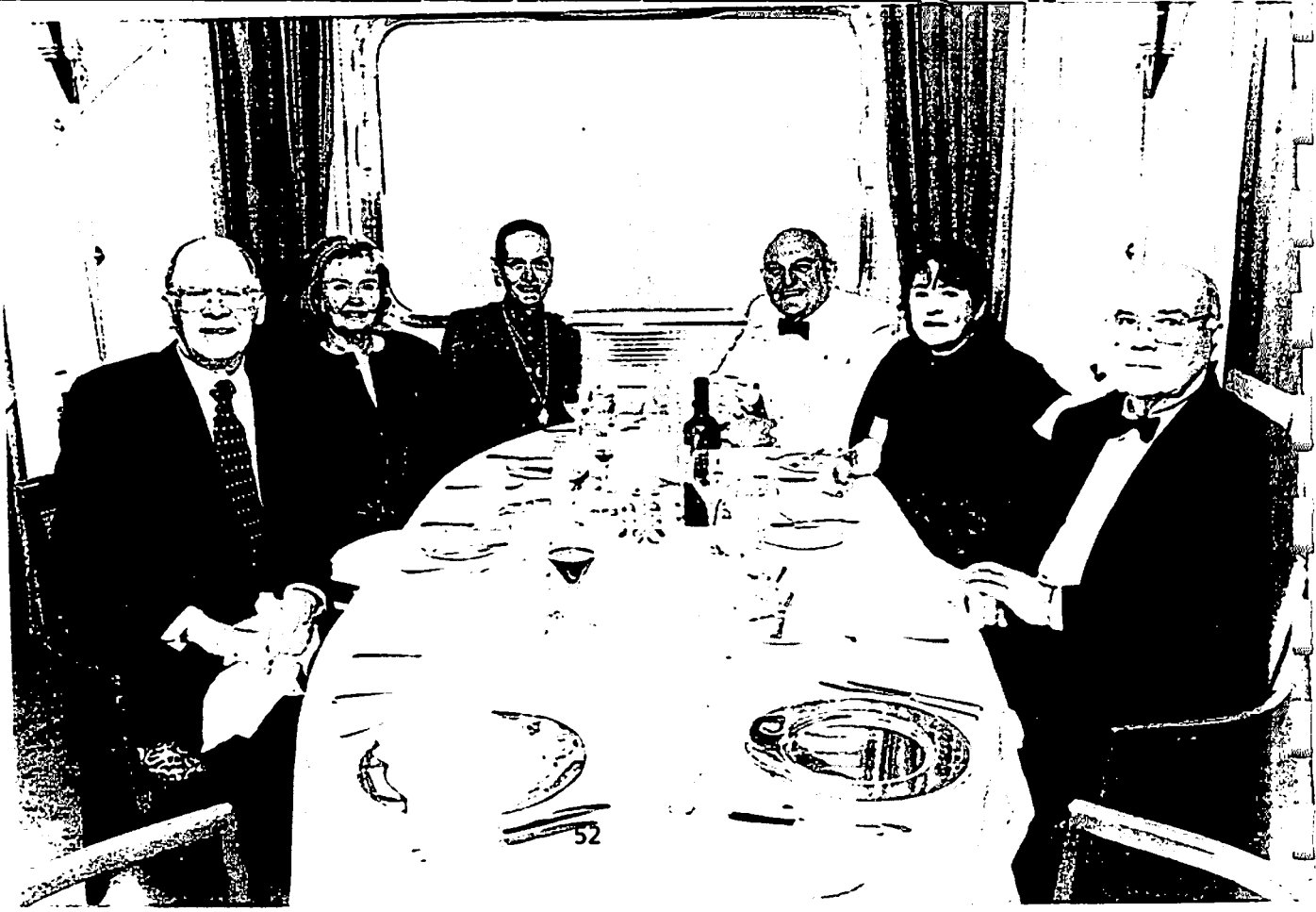
The trip to Alaska was fantastic with absolutely spectacular scenery. Henry and I traveled on (sans Ojemanns and Pevehouses) through the Canadian Rockies on the domed train, stopping in Banff and Lake Louise – then on to Calgary and finally home. It is a relief to report our home on Kiawah Island is once again fully rebuilt and almost fully refurbished! (trip to Alaska helped in this respect). We have been flying back and forth between Louisville and South Carolina in our little putt-putt. Henry is instrument rated and I am working on my private license – makes traveling to Kiawah from Louisville very easy and convenient. Our Cessna T210 is a joy!!!!

I am delighted to report that an endowed chair has been named for Henry and is already occupied (actually for over a year now). Henry's chair is funded at two million dollars with an additional one million dollar supplement from the state and university and Norton Hospital, making a very nice finale for Henry. We still have our home in Louisville (fully rebuilt at the same time as the home in Kiawah was put back up after the fire). We are very comfortable now. Only problem – which home to retire to?! That's probably really a moot question – Kiawah for now, wins hands down – but Louisville has all the family artifacts, etc., etc. Kiawah has the ocean with a gorgeous beach – I could never have dreamed of being where we are at this point in our lives thirty years ago.

Son John (now 33) a New York City intellectual property lawyer at Pennie and Edmonds on the Avenue of the Americas is to be married at Kiawah next summer. Steven, now 30, is here in Louisville working at the local Cadillac dealership and also developing a private enterprise in specialty canning of fresh vegetables and fruits. Steven has a true entrepreneurial spirit as well as an unusual (for a young male) appreciation of good food – both in the preparation of as well as in the consumption thereof.

We look forward to seeing all of you in October for the meeting – our best and warmest wishes always.

Marianna Garretson



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August 21, 2000

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Dear David and Fellow Academicians:

The summer has come and gone all too quickly. Texas schools start this week despite the 100° temperature. Our grandchildren grow apace. The youngest, the twins, are four and are in preschool and the oldest grandson is in 4th grade.

Ellin has retired as Associate Dean of Humanities at the University of Houston, Clear Lake, but a wonderful opportunity came up for her at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, working on special projects such as mounting new shows and working on their outstanding collections of Africa and pre-Columbian gold.

The Department has continued to grow with new basic and clinical faculty. I have been active in the past few years with the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation Consortium of research laboratories. The Department is developing a program in spinal cord regeneration research as a parallel development to our long-standing interest in head injury. Clinically I have become more absorbed with trying to understand the neurophysiological basis of primary dystonia, which responds so dramatically to pallidotomy.

In December we had a wonderful trip to Morocco at the invitation of Professor A. El Khamilichi, Chairman of the Department in Rabat, operating with him and making rounds and lecturing. Ellin and I were overwhelmed with the hospitality of his Department and of the remarkable neurosurgical care given without the great resources we have in our country.

In October, we will go to the Japanese Neurosurgical Society meeting in Fukuoka and therefore, unfortunately, will miss the Academy meeting, but we send our warmest regards to you.

Sincerely,

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July 28, 2000

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Dear Dave:

You are really a glutton for punishment for taking over this job from Bill – trying to “herd the cats” of the Academy into contributing to the Round Robin. Thanks for doing a thankless job.

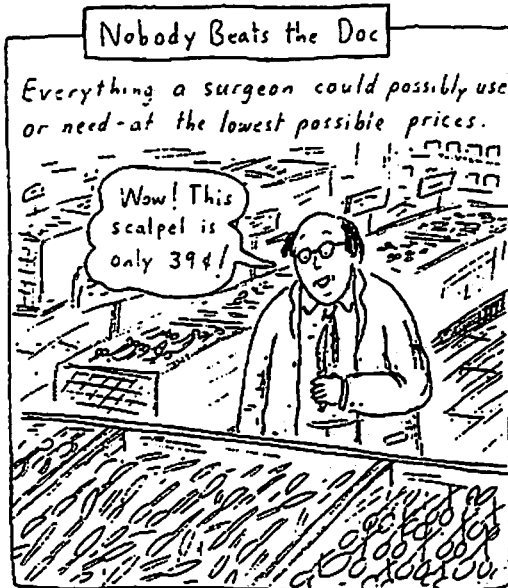
Last year I spent the summer celebrating my big birthday and this year it is Bob's turn – although he is not as frenetic about it as I was. I gave a big party for him and for son Robert (5th year resident in Urology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital) who turned 30 in May: North Carolina barbecue, fun band, and masks on sticks of the two birthday boys – Drs. Grubb-on-a-stick. “A good time was had by all,” as the old southern society columnists used to say. The further celebration is a trip to Italy in late September and October – thus missing the wonderful Academy meeting in Colorado Springs. Girls, don't talk about me at breakfast and someone take notes so I don't miss any important gossip or book discussions. We are taking a villa in Tuscany near Lucca with friends from college, and we'll hike and swim and eat tomatoes and basil with them – maybe drink a little wine!!! Then Bob and I will do Venice, Florence, and Rome where we'll meet up with our friends for a farewell dinner – they are going to hike more in Umbria, but we opted for the history and the art.

Before this all happens, we'll spend our normal August on Pawleys Island with family and friends. Son Robert and a new girlfriend will be down for one week and daughter Mary Connell (and her friends who can join us) will be down for the whole time. Then she dashes back to orientation for Northwestern Law School, and I dash back to Chicago for Labor Day weekend dragging behind me a U-Haul filled with her accumulated earthly possessions (cast-offs from our house and Robert's) to an adorable city apartment which I found for her in Bucktown, a fun area with lots of rehabs and some paperbrick facades still left – she being too busy having fun and working for a dot.com in San Francisco to be bothered. When will our “children” (30 and 25) start taking care of themselves?

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Bob is operating more than ever and spending much time working on organizing a new randomized trial of EC/IC bypass surgery for patients with carotid artery occlusion. Information from centers planning to participate in the study is coming in very well, thanks to many of you. The climate of medicine is not as much fun as it used to be, but it still sounds more fun to Bob than working for an internet company or being a venture capitalist.

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We'll miss seeing everyone at the meeting while we're basking in the Tuscan sun and fraternizing with Michelangelo and Julius Caesar.

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Dear Colleagues,

It's been an eventful year here in Charleston. The Department continues to grow and gain in depth and strength and the future is promising despite the uncertainties that all physicians, particularly those in academic practice, are facing these days.

The residency program took in its first 6 year resident. Bryan Figueroa joined the program after completing his PGY-1 year in Surgery at the University of Michigan. Bryan's training program will include the newly developed full year devoted to research. The last resident in the 5 year program, Tim Hopkins, is also completing his PGY-2 year. Both Tim and Bryan have done a great job in this traditionally challenging but very educational year. On July 1st, Chris Chittum starts his PGY-2 year. Chris came to us from the Medical College of Ohio and has just finished his PGY-1 year in Surgery here at MUSC. Chris has a particular expertise in computers and the internet and we will be looking to him to help us improve our educational offerings online. Vito Tantuwaya transferred into the program from Washington University at the PGY-4 level. Vito brings with him the significant experience and perspective from a different training program and is helping to broaden everyone's perspective. Phil Esce and Vito will share the Chief Resident duties over the next two years. Steve Bailey set a new standard for the residency this year with a written ABNS examination score in the 98th percentile. Good news for Steve and a high standard for the rest of the residents to achieve.

The program suffered some losses, as well. After much deliberation, Quinn McCutchen decided to leave neurosurgery to pursue a career in Anesthesiology. Quinn is an excellent doctor and we all wish him the best in his new pursuit. The Department's biggest loss came at the faculty level when Brian Cuddy chose to leave the "Ivory Tower" for the world of private practice here in Charleston. Brian had done an excellent job of building a strong multi-disciplinary spinal disorders program and his shoes here at MUSC will be big ones to fill. He is now the most active member of our associated clinical faculty and continues to do occasional surgery here at the university hospital. We are looking forward to a continued close working relationship with Brian and all of our colleagues in the community of neurosurgery.

Continued growth in clinical volume coupled with Brian's departure has meant a very heavy clinical load for all of the remaining faculty. Byron Bailey has seen continued growth in the volume of cerebrovascular surgery and, after Brian's departure, has stepped up to be our primary complex spine surgeon as well. Sunil's practice in skull base surgery and primary brain tumors has continued to grow and he is recognized as South Carolina's "Court of Last Resort" for the most complex intracranial surgery. Clinical research both in the treatment of recurrent primary malignant brain tumors and in the relationship of vascular compression to neurogenic hypertension continues to occupy his academic time. Rich Osenbach has seen steady growth in his three areas of primary interest: neurosurgical pain management, movement disorders and peripheral nerve surgery. The Pediatric Neurosurgery Program has continued to grow and the last two years have been the busiest pediatric neurosurgery years ever at MUSC.

Given the substantial growth in the pediatric program, I am very pleased to announce that the department has recruited two new faculty members who will significantly enhance our clinical, teaching and research programs. Jeffrey Campbell is joining us in September. Jeff is a pediatric neurosurgeon who did his residency training at the University of Pittsburgh and his fellowship training at Boston Children's Hospital. He has been on the faculty at the University of Rochester for the past year. He will be the Head of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery (with me as his back-up) and his practice will be limited to pediatric neurosurgery. Jeff has a strong background in clinical research and will be establishing clinical research programs in pediatric neurosurgery.

Ehud "Udi" Mendel will be joining us as Director of the Spine Center and will be our primary complex spine surgeon. Udi did his residency training at the University of Southern California and a fellowship in reconstructive spinal surgery at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He brings the full complement of complex spinal reconstructive surgical techniques as well as expertise in minimally invasive spinal surgery. He will be joining the faculty in August. We look forward to having both Jeff and Udi on the faculty and becoming part of the MUSC neurosurgery family.

Mark Gerber finished the residency program this year and is headed for private practice in Naples, Florida. Mark continued MUSC's tradition of graduating outstanding clinical neurosurgeons. Mark progressed through his training to become a highly skilled, knowledgeable and compassionate neurosurgeon in whom all the faculty have the greatest confidence. We are sad to see him go and delighted to have him as a representative of MUSC to the world of neurosurgery. Mark invited Kim Burchiel, Chairman of Neurosurgery at the Oregon Health Sciences University, as his visiting professor this year.

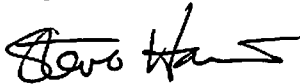
This letter would not be complete without some mention of the Medical University as a whole. MUSC, as is the case with all academic health centers, has come under increasing financial pressure over the past several years. This has been precipitated by the general reduction in reimbursement that affects all physicians, the devastating effect of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 on hospital financing and the specific decrease in federal disproportionate share funding that is paid to hospitals who care for an unusual number of unfunded patients. The Medical Center has responded with firm actions that have brought budgets into balance through increasing efficiencies, greater fiscal responsibility and increased productivity. While times are tight, the Institution appears to be coping well with these challenges. In particular, the

Neurosciences, clinical and basic, are recruiting new faculty, building new programs and playing an increasingly important role in the Institution. The future looks bright.

One of the areas in which increasing fiscal responsibility must be exercised is in the care of unfunded patients. Contrary to popular mythology, the physicians at MUSC receive no compensation for providing care to unfunded patients. The decision to provide unfunded care has the same implications for physician income and utilization of physician resources that it has for physicians in private practice. Since reimbursements for services provided to funded patients are also the same as they are in private practice, it is simply not possible to provide unlimited free care and remain viable. As physicians, we all have an obligation to provide necessary medical care without regard to ability to pay. However, that obligation is one shared by all physicians and cannot be unconditionally accepted by any one group. Therefore, the Board of Trustees of MUSC has endorsed the position that financial need alone is not a sufficient criterion for admission to the University Hospital. We will continue to provide complex neurosurgical care that is not available in the home region of unfunded patients and provide our fair share of unfunded care for patients in the three county region. We will of course be continuing to provide emergency care as needed. We will have to, however, limit the amount of unfunded elective care that we can provide and look to the entire neurosurgical community to provide its fair share of care to the unfunded as I am sure we are all willing to do.

It's an exciting time to be in the clinical neurosciences. The Department is doing well and is positioned to have increasing impact on neurological and neurosurgical healthcare in South Carolina and beyond. We are looking forward to a bright and challenging future.

Sincerely,



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Dear David and Fellow Academicians:

With the new century upon us, Gloria and I felt that we should let our colleagues know that we are alive and well and enjoying our 53rd year of married life

We are still living in the same home in the suburbs of Toronto, surrounded by an acre of forest , grass and garden, with foxes and the occasional deer. We are kept busy grandchildren and their parents visiting, sending parcels and letters to the North Baffin. Where our son and his wife, our soon to be three year old grandson [with a brother or sister due in October. Hopefully our Nunavut goup will be back in Ontario before the new arrival. Our daughter lives in Thunder Bay on the north shore of Lake Superior so family gatherings are infrequent but a great joy when they occur.

We are kept active with golf, church activies [Gloria], art school, sketching and water colour painting [old wrinkly], household and garden chores and with our many friends in Toronto. I retired from active surgery nine years ago, but still look after the spina bifida and injury clinic at the Bloorview Macmillan Centre. The children in the clinic are wonderful and rarely complain about their life,as compared to adults whom I meet at dinners and parties, who moan and groan about life in general. The young patients constantly restore my faith in the future.

For those of us who have retired, the most common question is " and what do you do with all your free time"? At which moment I feel Gloria's hand on my arm to make me modify my answer.

Our best wishes and greetings to the Academy.

Gloria nd Bruce Hendrick.

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RE ACADEMY ROUND ROBIN

Dear Fellow Academicians:

From the professional point of view, there have been no great changes during the last year. As I am sure is the case with the rest of you, we are all working harder to make the same. As a Department, we continue to increase our overhead without a correspondent increase in collections. Much of this is to blame in our continuing attempts to "centralize" some of our business activities such as billing, scheduling, authorizations, etc. The problem is that we have suffered from increased taxation to pay for a central business office without decreasing our internal departmental office overhead. I am sure this sounds all too familiar to many of you..

The good news for me personally in Miami has been the continuing increase in the volume of patients which has allowed me to become a bit more selective in what I do and referring more and more cases to my younger colleagues which helps keep the practice going. I continue to be delighted with my Latin American patients who still hold the medical profession in awe and with the kind of respect that we used to enjoy.

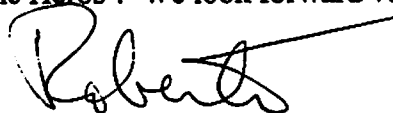
Our full-time faculty has grown with the decision of Glenn Morrison, a very senior and well respected pediatric neurosurgeon in Miami, to join our practice on a full-time basis. In addition, we have recruited another young academic spine surgeon, Jim Guest, who trained in Canada, obtained a Ph.D. here at the Miami Project and then had a research and clinical fellowship at Barrow with Volker Sonntag. He is directing our

service at the VA and doing all the spine work there as well as carrying on excellent research at the Miami Project. In addition, because of the unfortunate disability of Howard Landy, who was our neuro-oncologist and functional neurosurgeon, we have recruited a young ball of fire, Nick Razack, who trained with us and who has had fellowships both at MD Anderson in neuro-oncology and at the Mayo Clinic in spine surgery. He is doing most of our neuro-oncology work, both intracranially and in the spine as well as our functional neurosurgery including a very vigorous Parkinson program as well as the adult epilepsy work.

From the family point of view, the big news is that my daughter, Elsie just got married. Her husband is a law student in San Francisco and Elsie will continue to work as a nurse-midwife at UCSF (San Francisco General) where she is in the nursing faculty. Their wedding was simply beautiful. They chose to get married in a lovely country inn in the north coast of Maine (Deer Isle) and this choice, which initially I thought was kind of crazy, turned out to be spectacular. As it frequently happens these days, the ceremony was unconventional and entirely original and totally designed by them. Hard as I tried, I couldn't help but to have to bring my handkerchief out when they were reading the beautiful vows that they had composed for each other. Rob finished his internship and he is now beginning a psychiatry residency at the University of North Carolina. He is extremely happy, among other things because as he tells me, he won't have any more night call ever. He brought his beautiful new girlfriend to the wedding and it was wonderful for Debbie and myself to have an opportunity to spend some time with them. Carlos will soon be seven years old and he continues to be the joy of our days! He has turned out to be a real soccer superstar and every time he made a goal, I went crazy! I feel very proud of the fact that this time around, I don't blink an eye in telling the residents that I am sorry but I will not be available because I have to attend a soccer game. That is very different than when Rob was coming along and I was a junior staff person at the Mass General; I would have been terrified of Bob Ojemann finding out that I left early on a Friday night or didn't show up at the hospital on a Saturday morning to attend Rob's soccer or football game.

Debbie is much, much happier now that she has established her practice here at the University as Director of Neuro-oncology. She is very busy and her only problem is finding enough time to be with Carlos. She is enjoying very much her return to academics and the residents love her and her teaching. I would not be surprised if she gets the teaching award from the neurology residents this or next year.

In brief, things are going well for the Heros'. We look forward very, very much to seeing all of you in Colorado.



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Dear Fellow Academicians:

If you haven't visited the Osler Library in the History of Medicine section of the McGill University Medical Library, you should! Osler's own collection of about 8,000 books are beautifully catalogued and presented as well as his desk and chair. His ashes reside behind a bronze plaque on the wall!

Bill Feindel is the Curator Emeritus of the Osler Library and is a very gracious and helpful host. For those of you yearning for an academic respite, you would do well to spend a day or two in Montreal recharging your intellectual batteries (I spent a day there last Winter digging through reprints and old books, learning about MacEwen, Horsley, vonBergmann, Kocher, et al. in preparation for my Senior Society paper).

We are in the midst of restructuring the Department of Surgery here at the University of Michigan. The goal is to achieve independence for Urology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Otolaryngology and Plastic Surgery. The structure we are using is similar to that of Johns Hopkins, which has been in effect for a number of years. We will modify it to suit our needs. The bottom line is that Neurosurgery at Michigan will join the majority of training programs in the country that have more financial independence and control of their own destiny. We haven't reached the goal yet, but we are getting close. I am Chairman of the Task Force mandated to come up with a blueprint that the surgical subspecialties can live with. Our current structure was devised in 1920 by Hugh Cabot!

There is substantial interest at NINDS in improving access for neurosurgeons to funds that support research training during and after residency. A Council Subcommittee has been appointed which includes neurologists, neurosurgeons, and a few other neuro-type people. Most helpful amongst the group is Dennis Story, M.D., Chairman of Neurology at Case Western. He has assembled masses of data and a plan that will improve our ability to get grants for our training programs and for trainees as well as junior faculty members. This will be a significant improvement for us and allow us access to many more dollars than we have had in the past. It will also stimulate more research in our training programs, hopefully.

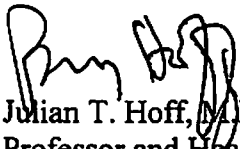


On the homefront, Diane and I have been traveling as we all have. Our two trips this past summer to England were delightful. They were the Intracranial Pressure meeting in Cambridge and the British Neurosurgery Society Annual meeting in Winchester. We had a week vacation driving along the southern coast of England including Dorset, Devon and Cornwall. What beautiful country! For those of you who love Thomas Hardy, the great author, this country is right down your alley!

Diane and I both look forward to seeing you all in Colorado Springs.

Regards,

Sincerely,



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Dear Dave,

We are looking forward to revisiting The Broadmoor, as our son was married there five years ago.

Bob and Cassie have made us proud grandparents. They now have two children—a two ½-year-old daughter and a month-old son and are living in Old Greenwich, CT. Bob is a research analyst at DLJ, responsible for the medical device sector.

Margie and her husband have been transferred from L.A. to N.Y.C.; he's with Merrill Lynch and she has just landed a job with a start-up advertising.com. They miss the beautiful weather but are adjusting and enjoying the excitement of New York.

Betsy, after finishing her MSW at Smith, has also relocated to New York City. What fun to have our whole group together – and so close!

Bonnie and I spent most of March in Jackson Hole hosting our winter ski meeting and enjoying a little relaxation time together. She has been putting up with me for 35 years as of July 31. She maintains her busy schedule of community activities (making Buffalo an even better place to live) and also does property management work.

Our program continues to grow, this July we will add two more physicians to the group making a total of 12 practitioners. The endovascular service is jumping with three attendings, four fellows and close to 500 surgeries.

We're looking forward to seeing you all in October.

Best regards,

Nick

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Dear Dave:

My new low stress career has me dealing with overseas university administrations leading to contract collaboration agreements with Trinity College Dublin; Royal College of Surgeons Ireland; Edinburgh University Medical School; University of Marseilles; Flinders University, Adelaide; Heidelberg University; Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia; and Padova University in Italy. These affiliations allow for exchange of medical students since those coming from abroad enter P&S as matriculated Columbia students and are therefore covered for liability and can participate in clinical electives. This has also led to closer relations at the faculty level for research collaborations.

Somewhat related is my involvement with the student International Health Organization, a group of over a hundred students who have major interests in International Health. Many of them have spent some time overseas in health related situations before starting medical school and over 35% of our graduating medical students spend some time overseas. With a faculty Board of Advisors the students have organized an activity which spans collection of surgical and medical materials which are to be discarded by the hospital for preparation for destinations overseas. This activity which is related to the REMEDY program started at Yale University saves our hospital close to \$200,000 in toxic waste disposal while giving the students a positive humanitarian experience. It also helps them to exchange information on overseas electives in their senior year. The students are also wonderful ambassadors in meeting and greeting foreign students who come to P&S for electives. This year we have over 50 students coming from various parts of the world.

I have also continued my efforts as Medical Director and Vice Chairman of the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR). Besides our continuing support for post-graduate medical education in Armenia which has included the establishment of a national medical library

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which has now grown by networking the major hospitals in that country with the research institutes, medical school and with the National Medical Library in Washington. Another activity has been the establishment of a Children's Reception Center in the capital city wherein street children who have been apprehended by the police are brought, screened for health problems and returned to their families or when appropriate placed in orphanages or boarding schools.

I have also been involved in an initiative to raise a large endowment in support of scientific research and scholarship in Armenia. This organization with the acronym ANSEF (Armenian National Science and Education Fund) is critically important to that country at a time when funds are not available for supporting the many bright scientists and scholars leading to a significant "brain drain".

I must be approaching the age where fundraising is a primary focus. Besides the above activities I have been involved with classmates in organizing our 50th medical school reunion at which time we have pledged to raise a significant endowment to support P&S students with Traveling Fellowships for their overseas medical experiences.

On the family social scene, Marion and I are thrilled to announce the arrival of our very first grandchild, a fine Irish-Armenian-American grandson named Sean. Unfortunately Sean lives in Boulder, Colorado which makes it difficult to visit too often but we will be seeing him in the near future.

Last September we decided to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary with a Bermuda cruise. We were surprised therefore to land in Halifax thanks to a major hurricane which wreaked havoc in the Bermuda region. February took us to Boulder, Colorado to visit our grandson who was born in December and April gave us a week in Sarasota. Later this year, Marion and I will be traveling to Armenia for a meeting of the FAR Board and dedication of the Children's Center following which I will be attending a meeting of the International Association of Humanitarian Medicine of which I am on the Board of Regents in Palermo.

Unfortunately my schedule will again prevent us from attending the Academy meeting in Colorado Springs. Marion and I send our best wishes to all of our friends.

With warm regards.





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Dear Academicians:

We are off! "Sequoia" is floating gently at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club slip and we will start the first leg of our journey to Annapolis in early August. We plan to return to Toronto in mid-September to attend a peripheral nerve meeting being organized in my honour, and to participate in the formal hand-over to the new Chief Executive Officer of University Health Network at our Annual General Meeting. Susan and I will then fly to South Africa to attend my niece's wedding. We plan to subsequently return to Annapolis, pick up Sequoia and head to Miami and the Bahamas. En route we hope to see old friends at various ports, and the Nasholds have offered to give us a short period of instruction when we arrive in the south!

We have had a round of rather exhausting farewell parties, and we are touched by Dave Kline having flown up especially for the 19 June dinner. Dave has many friends in Toronto as a result of his frequent visits and the relatively informal evening went off in great style.

Jim Rutka is doing the expected outstanding job as University Chair of Neurosurgery. It is hard to believe that his first year will soon be up, with nine remaining, and I am sure he will have a significant impact on our program. The highlight of the neurosurgical year was the appointment of Charles Tator as a member of the Order of Canada, which is Canada's highest civilian honour. In addition to his direct in-house academic contributions, Charles has spent a great deal of time with Canadian paraplegic groups, prevention of injury in sports groups, and other such community undertakings. Recently Robin Humphreys was awarded the Harold Hoffman Chair in Paediatric Neurosurgery. This was an exciting day for all of us, as Robin has been both an efficient and popular senior member of the Toronto group for many years. Bruce & Gloria Hendrick attended both Robin's inauguration and my farewell party, and it was great to see him in fine form. We were also delighted to see Ron Tasker at the farewell party, and particularly happy to welcome Mary, who made a special effort to attend.

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The Hudson clan is flourishing, and Susan and I are busy keeping up with ten grandchildren. All four of our children have now returned and set up house in Toronto, and we have signalled our appreciation of this event by leaving on our voyage! We will, of course, see them in hurricane season when we will return to Toronto and Parry Sound.

Susan and I were deeply honoured to hear that the Governor General of Canada has appointed me an Officer of the Order of Canada.

We will not be attending the American Academy of Neurological Surgery meeting this year and wish you all the best. We will be voyaging south and hope at some time to bump into (not literally) Skip Peerless on Epicurious.

All best wishes to our friends,

Sincerely,



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Four years has already passed since I began to lead my department as a chairman of Keio University. The symbolic word that express my leading principle is "interrelationships", among departments, colleges and nations. Seven of Keio Neurosurgeons are studying in abroad now, and 5 of those are in United States. I have been encourage the interdepartment collaborations clinically in the fields of skull base surgery, intravascular surgery and neurorehabilitation. More than 10 neurosurgeons are working in the basic research fields, with such topics as "gene therapy", "neural stem cell transplant", "hypothermia" or "neuromagnetism", in collaboration with physiology, cardiology and technology. I consider that the idea of Neurosurgeons should be flexible, presuming that the border of the department will be modified in the early 21st century, according to the acute development of above new fields. I will not be a man to be called a "classical neurosurgeon" at the time of my retirement.

My elder son, Tsuyoshi is 28 years-old, working in Hitachi Company with his interest in robotics. My senior son , Satoshi is studying in the college, with his hard schedule in American football team. Recently Mrs. Mieko is happy to have an enough time to care our garden flowers, or to come abroad with me at the occasion of medical congress. This year we went together to congress in New Orleans, Phoenix and Germany, enjoying natural resources especially in the National Parks in the United States, by driving , hiking or golfing after the congress. Those occasions are becoming important to compensate my daily busy schedule, having a chance of inter-relation with our family.



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RE: Round Robin letters

Dear David:

Thank you for your note regarding the Round Robin. First on a professional note, I, now 65, have stepped down as head of the Department of Neurosurgery at Wake Forest University Medical Center as of June 30, 2000 and also as the Chairman of Division of Surgery as well. Charlie Branch has been appointed acting head of the Department of Neurosurgery which is an outstanding choice. We are currently searching for a Division Chairman of Surgery and after that a national search for the Department will be conducted.

Charlie Branch with able assistance of the other faculty toasted and roasted Sally and me at a "Stepping Down Party" June 20, 2000. It was great fun for all. Most of the residents returned and Joyce and Al Rhoton, Bruce and Suzanne Sorensen and Allan Friedman joined us as well, unbeknownst to me that they were coming.

Our Department is thriving. We have recruited two new faculty, Tom Ellis from University of Florida whose primary responsibility will be Oncology and particularly Radiation Oncology, and Dr. Joe Alexander, an outstanding spine surgeon. I don't think I have anything to report that is unique. We are very busy, frustrated by the systems currently in place and share concerns about the future of our institutions long term unless changes are made.

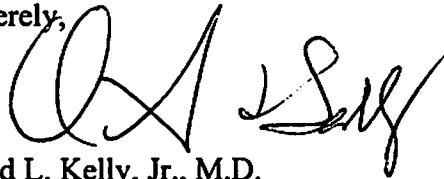
In spite of all of the problems, neurosurgical care has never been better or more fun. The resident pool and the young people going into neurosurgery are outstanding.

I spent four hours a week for the past several months teaching first year medical students. It was refreshing and a great change of pace. Medical students are a lot younger than they use to be.

From a family perspective, we now have six grandchildren that are thriving and are a joy to be with. Except for the babies and toddlers, all can swim and have learned how to fish. Our children and their professional careers seem to be going strongly. Sally and I fortunately are enjoying good health to date. We haven't slowed down much as of late but hope to in the future. I have noticed that they are making golf courses longer and the fairways more narrow, but in tennis, just the opposite, the courts are wider.

Sally and I hope to make the Academy meeting. We wish for all a very enjoyable and rewarding time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Kelly", written over a large, stylized initial "DK".

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

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July 29, 2000

Dear Academy Friends:

We hope you all have had as good a year as the Kings.

As many of you know we entered the year 2000 with our daughters, husbands and grandchildren in a safari camp on the Serengeti savannah. It was a truly unbelievable trip. We are all still relishing the memories and trying to relocate ourselves into the fast paced, overly commercial world that is our everyday lives. As one son in law put it: "to see the first elephant in the wild, the rhino and the calf, the first view into the Ngorongoro Crater, the lion hunting, the leopard eating in the tree, the wildebeests like clockwork moving into the Serengeti, the Tkond dancers bringing in the New Year all so unreal. But the opening scene turned out to be the most telling: the airport by moonlight(the landing lights were dark as there was no electricity) with that scented air. Even in the heart of darkness there was light. We hated to leave on the threshold of learning, but the memories invite analysis and self analysis on their own, especially the feeling of being and becoming a totally insignificant speck of dust. That may be why seeing such pride in a place of such poverty, like the school we visited, provides us with a saving grace, a gift of such magnitude." Did we have a good time? Did it change our lives and perspectives? Forever.

Bob told me about 5 years ago that this was our decade to travel and I have not let him forget it. We left in March with another couple and sailed on a beautiful French vessel, Le Ponant, through the Panama Canal. It was wonderful in a totally different way. Since we both avoid cruises, this one with only 60 people on a sailing ship was much more to our liking. If you ever have a chance to sail on this particular ship it is well worth it.

Meanwhile back at the ranch. Bob is working on several different projects at the Health Science Center. His garden looks better than ever. Our bike riding has not been honed to the degree we like in the summer, but we are working on it. Our children all seem to be doing very well in their own life styles. They give us many opportunities to engage in their activities, considering that they all live a goodly distance away.

The Academy has decided to hold the meetings in the next two years in places very close to two of our daughters. One of them has a new horse ranch outside of Denver. Another lives on the Duke of Gloucester Street in Williamsburg (the year 2001 destination for the Academy). So you know we will be at both places.

We appreciate Dave Piepgras's urging to submit a letter and look forward to reading your epistles. See you in Colorado Springs.

With warm regards to each of you,

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Round Robin Letter

Dear Fellow Academicians:

YK2000 has been bountiful for the Kirsch family. Our daughter, Dr. Claudia Kirsch, Assistant Professor of Radiology at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry, had a marvelous wedding in midtown Manhattan in late May. The venue was the New York Academy of Sciences, the former Woolworth Mansion right off Fifth Avenue - a perfect setting for a tremendous family reunion and the meeting of her spouse's family. When I was originally introduced to her husband I asked Taub what he did for a living. He told me that he was a "croupier in a gambling casino." He amended it a few moments later by stating that he was a Vice President at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and was responsible for playing with the house money in over the counter trading. Taub has a fine sense of humor, great respect and love for his wife, and access to the best seats in Yankee Stadium, Madison Square Garden, and the U.S. Open Tennis complex. A great son-in-law! The wedding was highlighted by meeting many of Claudia's colleagues from the Radiology Department, David Hunt (Neurosurgery) and his wife. Dr. Claudia Kirsch is exceptionally happy with her Manhattan life as well as the opportunities that have been presented to her with intersections in Otolaryngology and Neurosurgery. The New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry is an emerging neuroscience force.

Our grandson, David Kirsch, continues to distinguish himself in hockey competitions in Colorado and has been offered scholarships for training in both Canada and Colorado on the basis of his performance. He maintains an A average in school in order to keep his hockey habit supported. He has been playing since age 4, and now at the age of 13 shows exceptional promise. Our goal this year is to take more time off to watch him play this year in tournaments across the country. He competed for Colorado in tournaments in Chicago and Salt Lake City, has

been selected as one of the outstanding young players for the Junior Olympic Team. Jonathan continues as an executive in the healthcare organizations here in California and I believe his bachelor days may be shortened since he was inspired by Claudia's wedding. Daniel is doing very well as a young executive with the Arabian Horse Association of America and hobnobs with the privileged and the entitled. Marie-Claire remains a wonderful supportive mother and deserves a lot of credit for her help to organize by long distance the wedding, in addition to coordinating all the gardening required in the verdant California environment.

The support of the United States Surgical Tyco Corporation in developing our Center of Neurosurgical Excellence has given me a new life. It is thrilling to control a budget that is independent and free of the progressive strictures that are being incurred in academic medicine and to be surrounded by a group of people that I truly love and respect. We have a very tightly knit organization of a half dozen people that are very dedicated to our mission. Our work is broad based. We have just completed an extensive long-term study of the effect of the clip on the life expectancy of the vascular access procedure for hemodialysis. An evaluation of over 1500 cases clearly demonstrates the superiority of the clip in keeping these accesses open and will incur tremendous cost savings to the Federal Government in terms of financing the Endstage Renal Disease Program. We have a number of publications in press with regard to the effect of the clip on suppressing intimal hyperplasia and now are invited to speak at the major vascular surgical meetings. In fact the Vascular Closure System (VCS[®]) will be featured at the October Singapore meeting of the International College of Surgeons and it will be a great honor to be designated an honorary fellow of this society. From Singapore we plan to journey to New Zealand and then to spend a lovely week on Bora Bora. We will be in French Polynesia at the time of the October Colorado meeting and regret not being with you. Prior to Bora-Bora there will be the response to invitations to speak in Catania, Sicily at the Microsurgical Society meetings as well as Boston. The clip has enabled us to enjoy a very comfortable academic existence. In continuing to do elective cases but taking myself off the night and weekend call schedule I now have time to fulfill my role as a Professor of Biochemistry here at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Our biochemical work has taken an interesting turn. Last fall I received a phone call from Dr. Rod Levine, Chief of Section of Protein Function in Disease, Laboratory of Biochemistry at the National Institutes of Health. This laboratory was formerly headed by Richard Klausner, now Head of the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Levine asked me if I still had any monoclonal antibody left to a peptide bound new amino acid that our laboratory described back to 1984 but could never define relevance. Our work on this molecule (aminomalonic acid, α -carboxyglycine) was dropped because we couldn't get reproducible data or define biologic relevance. Dr. Levine's laboratory is dedicated to the study of iron homeostasis in tissue and particularly the brain. The amino acid that we discovered, aminomalonic acid, [Van Buskirk JJ, Kirsch WM, Kleyer DL, Barkley RM, Koch TH: **Aminomalonic acid: Identification in *E. coli* and atherosclerotic plaque. *Proc Natl Acad Sci.* 1984 Feb;81(3)722-25]** turns out to have a critical role in iron regulation in tissue. One of the proteins that exerts post transcriptional control on iron homeostasis is sentenced to Palookaville, or destruction by the proteasome, when three cysteine residues in a critical loop portion of the molecule are converted to aminomalonic acid! My paper in 1984 hypothesized

that a conceivable source of aminomalonic acid would be the controlled oxidation of cysteine. This in fact has turned out to be the case, although it took 16 years later for it to be demonstrated and proved, by another laboratory. This protein turns the lights on, either "green" or "red," for iron introduction or blockage into tissue and may play a great role in certain neurodegenerative diseases. My hypothesis is that these alterations or mutations in iron regulatory proteins may play a role in certain neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease. Accordingly we are now collaborating with the NIH in a search for peripheral markers that might signal a disturbance in iron regulation and a relation to Alzheimer's disease.

Another highlight of the year, was to be invited back to my alma mater, Washington University School of Medicine, to speak at the Alumni Reunion. The podium was shared with Floyd Bloom (Editor of *Science*) and other notables. Washington University is a great institution and it was a refreshing experience for both Marie-Claire and myself.

So, from all standpoints, family, practice and aging, things are going very well. The oranges in our grove are providing an antidote to the "oxidative stresses" of daily life. It is a great source of pride to know that our laboratory has sponsored the career of a number of unique young individuals who have gone on to successful careers and a variety of surgical specialties including neurosurgery. The summer season is going fast and as the song says "it is a long long time from May to December but the days grow short when you reach November." My 91-year-old mother-in-law in Paris summarized it best by saying that you take every day as it comes along as a gift, you never look back and you keep looking forward - or "live well, laugh often, love much."

With best regards to all of you from French Polynesia (back to work in November),

Wolff and Marie-Claire

Wolff and Marie-Claire Kirsch

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Round Robin letter/Kobayashi

August 2, 2000

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Dear David:

The following is my letter to the Round Robin

Dear Fellow Academicians:

It has been two years since I received a certificate for corresponding membership of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery. I feel very honored. My regret has been that October for me is the busiest month with University matters here and many scientific meetings including the annual meeting of the Japan Neurosurgical Society, etc. This year, again, I have yet been able to decide my trip to Colorado Spring because I have earlier booked the preceding week to attend the Australasian Neurosurgical Society meeting as an invited speaker.

In February 1997, I happened to meet Chuck Rich at the meeting of IOC Medical Commission in Nagano City. I was serving as Chief Medical Officer for the 18th Winter Olympic Games in Nagano 1988. Chuck has just then been nominated to the same position for the 19th Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. The minute we met, we became good friends, as did Jasmine and my wife Hideko. Chuck started then talking about recommending me as a member of the Academy.

As long as the job of Chief Medical Officer of the Olympic Games is concerned, it has nothing to do with the reported gossips. For me, it was a big job to organize emergency medicine and medical service during the Olympic Games by mobilizing nearly 9000 staffs including doctors, nurses, paramedics and emergency personnel. I am sure that Chuck will do well for the Salt Lake City Olympic despite not so friendly atmosphere now for the Olympic Movement.

David Piepgras and I spend residency times at Mayo Clinic at the same time

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and we've been friends ever since. Looking at the list of the membership of the Academy, I am thrilled to see so many eminent neurosurgeons including senior members and friends. Prof.Kawase, a good friend of mine, has been a member of the Academy for some years and kept telling me how nice and enjoyable to attend the meeting in a friendly atmosphere.

We do not have this type of neurosurgical group in Japan; perhaps we should form this kind of society. Before that, however, the Japan Neurosurgical Society, having now as many as or even more membership as AANS, is trying to make the Society a corporate body, which is similar to the status with 501(c)3 in the United States. The process to make it seems complicated and difficult but as President Elect of the Japan Neurosurgical Society, I have to work on it very hard.

Hideko and I have four children, 2 daughters and 2 twin sons. The elder daughter Atsuko is married with one son, younger daughter Yuko is in medical school, elder son Nobu has started his residency in surgery this year, and the younger son Tada works for a Toyota Company.

We are very much looking forward to meeting members of the Academy soon.

Sincerely,



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Dear David:

It is my pleasure to provide this letter for the *Round Robin*.

We have just completed the baseball season so that the unending number of practices and games has come to a screeching halt. I had the luxury of coordinating the batting line-up with one of our university neurologists. I think we were able to discuss virtually every aspect of neuroscience during the two hours spent getting the kids ready to bat!

On top of the usual clinical and academic activities at the University of Pittsburgh, this year I have been pleased to serve as Scientific Program Chairman for the upcoming Congress of Neurological Surgeons Meeting. I know that many of you have coordinated Scientific Programs for major meetings in the past. Simply juggling the huge number of speakers for practical courses, general sessions, luncheon seminars, etc. has been an interesting challenge and one that could not have been completed without a superb Scientific Program Committee. We are also excited to have Senator John Glenn, former NFL quarterback Fran Targenton and actor, Michael J. Fox speak at the upcoming meeting.

Susan and I recently celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary. We spent three days in Rome followed by two days in Venice sampling some of the culinary treasures not easily available in Pittsburgh. After Venice, we were treated to two days on a friend's yacht anchored just outside of Nice and were cared for by captain and crew. That was an experience not soon to be repeated.

Our research program in neurotransplantation continues with ongoing FDA discussion regarding clinical trial design and neuronal cellmanufacturing. A multi-center Phase II trial of neurotransplantation for basal ganglia stroke should begin later this year.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Transforming the Present — Discovering the Future

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Dear David and Members of the Academy,

"Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana" Marx

This dimension we call *time*, has such a profound effect on all of us and is probably the least understood, but to a Septuagenarian it seems to receive increasing consideration, particularly as maintenance and repair processes become larger parts of our lives.

The seventh decade has been very good to Joan and me, I wouldn't want to have missed it. I have been nearly retired for over twenty years, and I am finally learning how to enjoy not being a Neurosurgeon. The only distraction that seems to work for me has been a preoccupation with sailing. Induced to a considerable extent by the fact that Joan and I live on a small island with our own dock, in the harbor of Newport Beach, CA. Watching boats go by was just too much for me, so about five years ago I began taking courses at Orange Coast College in the liberal arts of: *sailing, navigation, coastal piloting, diesel engines, ham radio KF6VUM, Meteorology, marlin/spike seamanship, and finally U.S. Power Squadron*. I crewed on a yacht delivery from Port San Antonio, Jamaica through the Panama Canal to Gulfito, Costa Rica, and a round trip on the Alaska Eagle from Auckland New Zealand to and around the Bay Of Islands.

Three years ago I took the big step and bought the Joey K II a new Hunter 376, spent 2.5 years trying to understand her systems and striving for competence in sailing her. As we have learned on the American Board of Neurosurgery, there is no reliable test for competence, so I decided that as of January 2000, I was ready to go cruising to Mexico. After cruising 1500n/m I am a much better sailor than when I started out, *two years practice before final certification has its virtues*.

Currently I am home while the Joey K II is out of the water in La Paz, Mexico, getting a new propeller and bottom paint while I am getting my DiabetesII re-regulated. Next week I am going to bring her back I hope before the hurricane season sets in. Is the spiritual connection between Neurosurgery and Sailing real? or is it that just an old Neurosurgeon has gone sailing?

Hope to see you all in Colorado Springs but then again October is prime time for sailing and exploring the California Channel Islands.

Best to all



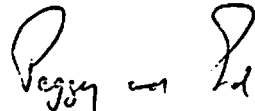
Joan and Ted Kurze

July 20, 2000

Dear Friends,

In this year 2000 we welcome another baby. Mairead Anderson Kilgallon was born on April 8 (Harvey Cushing's birthday) to our eldest daughter Elizabeth, joining Jack who is 2 ½. Margaret continues to enjoy San Francisco and her job with the California Healthcare Foundation. Tory, Todd and Max are enjoying life in Telluride, and Eleanor and Brian have moved from Falmouth, MA to Santa Barbara.

We are excited about the Congress meeting in San Antonio, where Ed is the honored guest. Charlottesville continues to be a great place to live and work. We'll see you in Colorado.

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Peggy and Ed Laws

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Dear Academicians:

This has been a stressful year in the Long family and not one that we would like to repeat. In June, Harriett had breast cancer diagnosed. Fortunately, it was small and favorable but it required local resection, radiation, and we elected a six month course of chemotherapy. We were curtailed substantially in our travel plans over those six months. Harriett has actually done well and is making a good recovery.

I officially stepped down as chair of neurosurgery December 31, 1999. We held a retirement celebration in a family gathering New Year's Eve, but unfortunately, the search committee did not complete the search until May and the negotiations are still ongoing, so in fact, I haven't changed my activities at all. That upset my own plans substantially and I am about six months behind in nearly everything that I wanted to do. Henry Brem has been chosen as my successor and is currently negotiating with the dean. I hope that will be finished shortly and I can give up administrative duties in July.

I certainly don't plan to change my practice and have no intention of actually retiring. I do plan to spend a significant amount of time working on a new concept of an image- integrated modular operating room concept. This is a project that Charlie Wilson and I have been working on for the past three years and we both now have more time to spend in that development. I hope real retirement is still a long time in the future. I thought 27 years was long enough as chair but I certainly do not plan on retiring.

Prior to Harriett's illness, we had a wonderful two week helicopter tour of Turkey with some



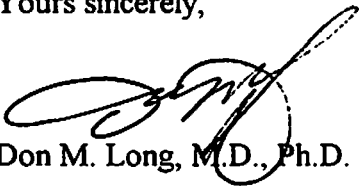
other friends from Johns Hopkins in which we visited many of the ancient archeological sites, met then President Demirel, and generally were treated royally by our Turkish hosts.

Our oldest daughter, Kimberly, her husband, Lee Riley, and their two children live five blocks away. Kim continues to teach on the faculty at Johns Hopkins though she limits her participation to two course per quarter. Our second daughter, Elizabeth, is now co-director of a new department at the University of Chicago which is building a digital library. David is in Baltimore and works for the Caliber Corporation, a fledgling internet distance learning company. His focus is on business education though they have a large medical branch as well.

We couldn't let a year go by without doing something to our 140 year old house. What started out as redoing a bathroom has continued as a major rewiring lighting project and that has developed into a complete renovation of the master bedroom dressing room suite. We just wouldn't know how to behave without a house full of workmen all the time.

Provided everything goes well with Harriett we look forward to seeing all of you in the fall.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don M. Long', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

It is hard to believe that another action-packed year has passed. Leadership of a busy Department of Neurological Surgery has challenges and rewards as most of you know. This past year, we did almost 5,000 neurosurgical procedures and began a significant focus on cultivating innovative, minimally invasive, and molecular techniques into clinical neurosurgery. We now have 21 full-time neurological surgeons within the department, and 12 full-time Ph.D.'s. The clinical volume has continued to grow, and we now have satellite work being done at eight regional medical centers. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center on whose board I serve, has become a \$3 billion enterprise. It has maintained a positive fiscal presence in part supplemented by the healthiness of the stock market. It seems possible to be successful in the health care arbitrage business when one can issue bonds at 5-6% and make money in the market at 15-17%.

This is my second year as President of the Medical Staff of UPMC-Presbyterian, working on behalf of 1,400 fellow physicians in all specialties. Among the challenges that we have all faced has been the amalgamation of 18 separate practice plans into one health care system. We have weathered an increasing the barrage of bureaucratic needs on the part of the central practice plan and the university's Dean's Office. This union has been affected by the clamp down in health care reimbursement across all third party payers. My final challenge during the last year of my two year medical staff presidency is to try to survive the JCHAO assessment. If our rating is low, I suspect I will have to fall on my own sword (I will not, however, be alone).

The faculty continues to be amazingly creative and productive. Introduction of a stroke neuronal restoration trial by Doug Kondziolka hit the news wires. Dr. Hae Dong Jho pioneered minimally invasive techniques, changing how many pituitary tumors are reseted and how spinal compression syndromes are resolved.

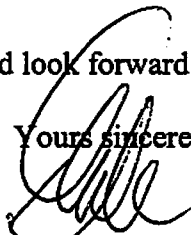
Julie continues to be active in civic, travel, gardening and recreational activities. She maintains a firm balance in an otherwise hectic lifestyle. My daughter, Stephanie, graduated from the University of Virginia in June, a somewhat nostalgic event for me as I had marched down The Lawn years previously. The graduation speaker was the current President of NASDAQ who was

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in my class of 1970. He remarked upon the excessive turbulence of that era, during which most of us refused to wear cap and gown to protest the Vietnam War. The year 2000 seemed much more tranquil. Stephanie elected to remain in Charlottesville, having majored jointly in history and English and seemed geared for a potential life in teaching or the academic environment. Accordingly, she promptly went into business with a financial data management company headquartered in Charlottesville, joining more than 600 employees. The President of the company is 28 years old. At the age of 28, I had long hair, a long mustache and was just learning the ropes as a junior resident in neurological surgery. How times change. My son, Andy, is entering his senior year in high school and beginning the process of searching for a college with an engineering technology program that would meet his needs and skills. He loves to build. He also wants to stay closer to home than Stephanie did in order to make sure that his workshop is not violated by anyone as incompetent as me.

We hope is all is well in your life and look forward to seeing you at various meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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July 31, 2000

Round Robin

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Dear Academicians,

It is hard to see where the time has gone this past year. Since the last Academy meeting and the AANS and Congress, our most memorable trips were two at the University of Arkansas, one as visiting professor and the other to speak at the ceremonial dinner honoring Gazi Yasargil as the neurosurgeon for the last half century. Then in March, Gazi and I were the only two speakers at the International Society of Neurosurgery in Celaya, Mexico. We each spoke for eight hours, Gazi on the intrinsic tumors of the brain, and I on the extrinsic intracranial tumors. This most unusual type of program was amazingly easy to prepare because of the total freedom and lack of limitations.

I just finished the design and testing of a new series of bipolar cutting tools which Codman will have released at the Congress meeting in San Antonio. The design work on the new bipolar thermal lesion generator is now complete, the prototypes have been tested, and we are awaiting FDA approval for production. My work on the next project, as yet unannounced, is just under way in my basement workshop. More about this one next year if all goes well.

On a more personal note, after many years of going together, our son Larry and Vicky Matus were married. Vicky had been my personal nurse in my office and hospital practice for many years and we adore her. They live in Waltham, Massachusetts. Vicky, who in addition to her M.S. in critical care nursing, has an M.B.A from Columbia, and is now director of marketing for Dragon systems. Larry continues as a busy commercial photographer. Larry's son Nick graduated from Harvard last year. He is the movie critic for a New York magazine and writes for television productions.

Our daughter Lynne and her husband Steve live in Long Beach, California. Lynne teaches advanced placement French (she is totally bilingual). Steve is an interventional cardiologist, and has already stented more carotids than I had ever endarterectomized. He

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did the angiography that led to my own aortic valve replacement 5 years ago. Their daughter Danielle just entered Berkeley. Their son Michael is 10 years old and at the moment is concentrating on snowboarding and sailing.

Ruth and I celebrated our 58th anniversary by taking the whole family to the Turks and Cacos islands for a week of scuba diving last November. Now in summer we are traveling about the northeast coast in my 50 foot triple diesel Sunseeker Superhawk, the largest boat I can handle completely by myself. I still use my 35 foot Cigarette race boat for pick up runs against the other amateur ocean racers in the area, but no more official competition. This is because the Cigarette is getting a bit old, not because I already am. Most important, we remain in the best of health.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonard Malis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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Dear Dave and Fellow Academicians:

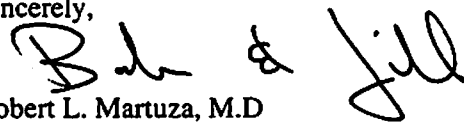
For Jill and me, it has been and still remains a year that has been both exciting and hectic. It was a joy to be asked to return to my old haunt at the MGH. It is always nice when people who know you actually want to see you again. (Although perhaps they just keep making you come back until you get it right.) Whatever the case, it's a pleasure working with both old and new colleagues all of whom are of incredibly high caliber. When I was here previously, Joe Martin was the Chief of Neurology at the MGH and the Brigham was a competitor. Now Joe is the Dean at Harvard Medical School and Partners Healthcare includes the Brigham, MGH, and a few community hospitals. We're all on the same team (although not always running plays from the same book yet).

I am glad you extended the Round Robin deadline, since I might otherwise never have made it. I am still living out of boxes both at the hospital and at home. In fact, as of this writing, I still am not sure if I'll make the annual meeting, although Jill and I would both love to go. Although the settling-in has gone slowly, Nick Zervas and Paul Chapman have been of great assistance in helping me stay out of the usual political quagmires that one finds at any institution. On the home front, Jill has been wonderful in trying to help the transition to be as smooth as possible. She found a condominium in Cambridge that we bought: no grass to mow, no fix-it-ups to do on the weekends. I take the subway to work each day.... a ten minute ride. Jill is happy to see her old friends and looking forward to making new ones as well.

Our oldest daughter, Robin, will enter her second year in the architecture program at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. She lives in Cambridge about a fifteen minute walk from our house. It is great for us to have her so close by and to have her stop over for dinner now and then. After some coursework in London, Chris spent most of the summer with us (which was great) and in a few weeks he is transferring to the University of Miami with a major in film and video production. Kathleen is still with the San Francisco Ballet and we take every opportunity to see her despite the distance. In September, they will perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. so I am sure we will travel back to D.C. to be with her.

I hope to see you and all our friends at the Academy meeting. However, if I do not, I will now wish you all good health and a wonderful time in Colorado.

Sincerely,


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Fredric B. Meyer, M.D.
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July 26, 2000

Dear Colleagues,

So many single events this year, the illnesses and deaths of patients, friends, and colleagues, remind me of our transient, fleeting existence, like wind flipping pages of a book. This has prompted a reevaluation of my personal and professional priorities. I am glad to report that despite this midlife crisis of sorts, I have not as of yet purchased a Harley.

My family continues to be the highlight and focus of my life. Remarkably, my wife Ini continues to balance the demands between her professional career as a neurologist and mother of 5 active children. Jenna, age 8 1/2 is excelling in both school and extracurricular activities including piano, Tae Kwon Do, and competitive swimming. In fact, she beat me in a freestyle swimming competition. (I suppose that this *might* suggest that I am getting fat and out of shape, but I would rather just think that she ~~is~~ a fast swimmer.) She is the most emotionally balanced in our entire family. Ilana, age 7, is growing into a beautiful little woman. She recently told me "Pop, I am really good at talking on the phone! I should do this all the time". Her pursuits are also Tae Kwon Do, swimming, piano, and trying to convince me to buy her more shoes. Obviously she inherited this shopping trait from Ini. Ben, age 6, appears to have a special artistic talent to the point that he is now drawing with an art teacher several days a week. Even I am getting impressed with his compositions. He also enjoys many activities particularly making skid marks across our driveway with his new blue bicycle. Jake, age 4, is our computer specialist. He now routinely plays with 12th grade Reader Rabbit, not because he can read that well, but rather because he has memorized the 500 steps in the program! He also has a particular knack with puzzles. In truth he can put a 25-30 piece puzzle together quicker than I. Currently I am negotiating with him- good behavior= new computer CD's. Our youngest child Bobby, is going to be our athlete, perhaps. He loves playing ball, mowing the grass, fishing, slamming doors, climbing ledges, and basically acting like a monkey. Many say that he looks just like me- poor kid.

I am now actively reappraising my professional life- my goals, expectations, and future plans. It has proven very challenging wearing the two hats of clinician and researcher. Both internal and external financial and emotional support is becoming more difficult to secure. It may be necessary to redefine my position. Looking around it appears that it is common for academic neurosurgeons to go through mid career reevaluations and readjustment. The dwindling number of neurosurgeons active in basic research is concerning.

Fly-fishing continues to be a refuge for my soul. I just returned from my annual trip up to Crowsnest Pass, Canada. This year the fishing was inspiring- big broad rainbows on dry flies (stimulators including the infamous Fred's Kick__ss Fly, quill Gordons, and the Meyer female Adams emerger) averaging 16-18 inches looking like footballs! My brother and I wet waded the Crowsnest River for 5 days. Although *all* fisherman (except for me) are prone to exaggeration, I can honestly boast of 50-75 fish/day. Perhaps more amazing than the fishing was the fact there was only 1 minor argument between my brother and I. Fly-fishing is still the unbroken link between my brother and I and our memory of Dad. I am truly indebted to Bob Ratcheson for the discovery of the Crowsnest River.

Dave Piepgras deserves a strong word of thanks from the neurosurgery community in his pursuit of intellectual honesty and critical analysis of the unruptured aneurysm data. I believe that he is in an awkward situation and is trying his hardest to represent the best interests of neurosurgery. As a whole under his leadership our department continues to thrive and do well. The surgical volume continues to increase at a steady rate thanks to the hard work of everyone- not just the surgeons, but also the incredible supporting paramedical staff. Despite all the external and internal pressures, the Mayo Clinic model still works very well. It is a great place for surgeons to work. When I sit in the staff lounge between cases, I am struck by how all of us look older, less hair but more gray, reflecting the stresses of neurosurgical practice from patient care to clinical practice issues to career evolution.

With Warmest Personal Wishes and Best Regards,



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July 10, 2000

Dear Fellow Academics:

Mary Jean and I have had a busy and reasonably productive year. We have the same level of chaos and uncertainty at UAB as in all academic medical centers, though I have the impression that financially we are a bit better off than some others. We are embarking on a 350 million-dollar building project that will provide us with new operating rooms, intensive care units, and radiology facilities. The downside of that decision is that the parking lot that is being demolished to make way for the new facility contained my parking place. Our credentials committee has recently decided to allow appropriately trained non-radiologists to interpret x-rays, MRI scans, etc., thus giving official recognition to what has been happening de facto for many years. I have surrounded myself with faculty who are very bright and have strong personalities, thus ensuring that there is never a dull moment.

Mary Jean is in her last year as President of the Birmingham Botanical Society, and also as Chairman of the Board of the Little Cumberland Island Homes Association. She has learned an extraordinary amount about how to run non-profit organizations and how to manage talented people who are not being compensated for their work, and after a couple of months off she will be looking for a new challenge for the year 2001.

We continue to bear the extraordinary expense of operating our own airplane, and will continue to do so as long as we can. We look forward to seeing our friends in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

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Dear David:

Tere and I are looking forward to the upcoming meeting at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. This is a wonderful resort in a wonderful setting. The Air Force Academy and Pikes Peak are great places to visit. It is all a welcome change from the flatlands of Indiana.

The highlights of the neurosurgery program at Indiana University in the past year have been the recruitment of Dr. Jodi Smith to join the pediatric neurosurgery service and Dr. Michael Groff to join the spine instrumentation service. We have also been fortunate enough to be given an endowed research chair by the Tony Hulman family who own the Indy 500 racetrack facility. We have been pleased with the caliber of the new neurosurgical residents. The University has also committed space and money to a Neuroscience Institute. We are hoping that our spinal cord injury center will be an important part of the new Institute.

In the past year, I became a patient for the first time. I had a CT of the abdomen that incidentally picked up a renal tumor. I am happy to say that after going through a not so micro partial nephrectomy, that the pathology results were consistent with a benign lesion.

Jonathan Nelson has graduated from Indiana University and is now working in New York City for an advertising agency. Benjamin continues to work in Indianapolis as an actuary. Jennifer is completing her junior year in high school. Tere is enjoying working with her piano students.

Looking forward to some golf at The Broadmoor.

Sincerely,

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

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July 26, 2000

This is the first Round Robin Letter we have written. Without a doubt being elected into the Academy was one of the high spots of the year and my career. Everyone I have spoken with in the Academy has emphasized the tightness of the relationships that are formed with the families of the members. With that in mind, we look forward to deepening our friendships with many of you and those we do not yet know; we look forward to establishing a dialogue.

As a way of introduction, our family is composed of the standard issue two children. Matthew is 10 and has successfully completed the fourth grade. His summer has been occupied with camp in Vermont and soccer practice. This fall he will take his first "big trip" to Istanbul. I'm not sure that is the wisest place to introduce him to the rest of the world but the opportunity presents itself and we'll take advantage of it. Peter is a seven-year-old, second grader. He spent the summer at our neighbor's house periodically dropping by to refuel and replace articles of clothing that he had lost while playing. He is not going to Turkey and therein lies a rub. A frequent expression in the household is "What do I have to do to go?" The silent answer is simply mature a lot.

Jean continues as a partner in Montclair Orthopedics. With six other partners, call is reasonable, although life without house staff is not all it's cracked up to be. Two days a week she mans an outreach clinic in Talladega and those one-hour trips are the low points of the week for her. Right now the trips are necessary to maintain the partnership but she is doing everything she can to avoid them. Despite a full orthopedic practice she is still our soccer person and yard boy. Working the yard is her most relaxing activity. Given her rather, I think she would be happier as a full-time gardener.

My life has taken a big up swing with the addition of my second partner (Jeff Blount). The every other night call for nine months was becoming tiring but we survived. This year's fellow is from Ohio State. Even before we agreed to train him, Scott had secured a position back at Columbus Children's.

The biggest challenge Jean and I face is in organizing next year's Southern meeting in Austin. We will need to breathe some new life into the organization to keep it prospering. Hopefully some advertising, arm twisting and time change to March will revive interest in the meeting. My lathe work has still kept me from buying any wedding presents or resident graduation gifts for several years. I am getting a little behind in the bowl turning of wedding presents and will need to devote my weekends more earnestly to the task.

We both look forward to The Broadmoor in the fall.

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Dear Academicians

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at this year's meeting at the Broadmoor. Charlotte and Glenn Kindt, with the assistance of Dianna Doyle are overseeing the local arrangements. The major events will take place in the classical part of the hotel. For those of you who attended the Senior Society meeting at the Broadmoor last year, this will be a mostly different venue. Charlotte has arranged a number of unique tour options for the afternoons, to NORAD and Pikes Peak. There will also be the traditional golf and tennis tournaments, under the direction of Ralph Dacey and Jacqueline Bello. Howard Eisenberg and his committee have put together an outstanding scientific program, including several "point-counterpoint" debates on controversial issues. Howard has left a slot for a presidential address, too, so one of these days George will have to figure out what to say then (Presidential addresses are so open-ended that making them memorable is a real challenge). Ellen Dunsker and her assistants have constructed quite a spouses program, including the annual book review, this year on the "Poisonwood Bible". The opening reception is Wednesday night. Thursday night will be a Western event, Friday night the traditional black-tie Banquet. All of us are doing everything possible to ensure beautiful sunny fall weather with appropriate foliage, but this is the mountains, so come prepared for everything..

Aside from the meeting planning, the year since the Amelia Island Academy meeting has been a relatively quiet one for us. We both remain clinically active. George completed his term on the Advisory Council of NIH's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. He spent a week in Singapore as a consultant to their Ministry of Health, dealing with issues related to epilepsy surgery, and neurosurgical research. Both of us enjoyed a visit to Japan, for the retirement party for an old friend, Tomio Ohta, formerly head of neurosurgery at Osaka Medical College, followed by a few days in Shanghai and Suzhou parts of China. Before this fall's academy meeting, we will go to Cologne, Germany, where George will be one of the recipients of this year's K.J. Zulch prize, given annually by the Max Planck Institute for neuroscience research. He will be introduced by Hans Reulen, and share this year's prize with Prof. Alim Benabid of France.

The children continue in their career paths: Jeff is now on the pediatric neurosurgical faculty at Washington University-Barnes-Jewish-St. Louis Children's Hosps in St. Louis. His wife, Karen, is a full time mother and part time cardiac rehabilitation nurse. Steve, our second son, is in the middle of his neurosurgical residency with Mitch Berger and associates at UCSF, while his wife, Liz, acquires new responsibilities in her advertising career. Our daughter, Ann-Elizabeth, graduated from Mayo Medical School this spring (the occasion for a great family reunion) and is now in an emergency medicine residency at the University of Arizona in Tucson. We have had fairly frequent visits with our children, their spouses and significant other and our now 19 month old grandson, Will, at neurosurgical meetings, family reunions, visits to the grandparents in Seattle, and at Will's home turf in St. Louis, all of which are great events for the grandparents. Even both of George's Boston area siblings and their spouses ventured beyond the Connecticut River to visited Seattle this year.

See you all in Colorado

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RE: Round Robin Letter

Dear Academicians:

Last December, Hyun Sook underwent an open surgery for retinal detachment that she suddenly developed during our Christmas vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Her vision in the left eye was gone in less than an hour while the Park family was on a beach, so we flew back to St. Louis on Christmas day for surgery the next day. It was a difficult time for us. Fortunately, the surgery gave her back her eyesight and of course we are so relieved and grateful to her excellent retina surgeon.

Our daughter, Mina, spent the summer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to study the status of human rights there. She had a great time learning about Cambodia's different judicial system and culture. Our son, Thomas, is still in Paris finishing his last year of college.

Hyun Sook spends more time painting lately and, we still go out regularly for golfing. My golfing skills have improved and nowadays I can finish a course without losing a ball, which tells you something about my handicap.

Pediatric neurosurgery at St. Louis Children's Hospital continues to grow. This year, young Jeffrey Ojemann (guess who he is?) has joined our faculty after completion of his fellowship in epilepsy surgery with his father, and pediatric neurosurgery with us. He wants to do epilepsy surgery with a focus on pediatric epilepsy surgery and we have high expectations for his career. Our longtime associate, Bruce Kaufman, moved to become the chief of pediatric neurosurgery at the Milwaukee Children's Hospital and professor of neurosurgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin. We are recruiting another pediatric neurosurgeon.

Last fall, we celebrated a decade of Ralph Dacey's chairmanship after a department golf tournament. It was a great event and he should be proud of his many accomplishments as department chairman; he provided an effective, energetic and strong leadership to our department. I feel fortunate that I moved with him to St. Louis a decade ago and built an academic pediatric neurosurgery program at Washington University. Warm regards to all of you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Friends,

Julie and I have had a good year. Probably visits with the three granddaughters top the list. They range up to four years old with two of them in Mountain View, CA and one in Ithaca. Ithaca is easy with the airplane, and it was nice to have the AANS in SFO this year for an additional visit to CA.

We've done other traveling, mostly back and forth to Vermont, but also a trip to Korea and Paris in the spring and our usual trips to Iceland and Canada for fishing.

I've picked up the job of historian from Eben, which is especially nice as we now have an ample excuse to visit Betty and Eben in Winston-Salem two or three times year, ostensibly to work on the archives, which are housed at the medical college.

I'm also involved with corresponding members for the AANS, which has included helping rewrite the bylaws to make the AANS more inclusive. The philosophy is to make the advantages of some category of AANS membership available to all competent, ethical, well-trained neurosurgeons, wherever they are.

I'm also involved with two startup companies that make devices related to the cardiovascular system. One makes a filter for cardiopulmonary bypass, which is sort of a follow-up of a device I cooked up years ago, and the other is a kind of intraaortic gadget to support the circulation.

Then there is golf.

Best regards,

Russel

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Dear Academy Friends:

The year 2000 is a milestone I never thought of achieving but here it is and everything still seems pretty wonderful - almost 50 years since graduating from medical school.

Lucy and I are enjoying retirement, fine tuning the new house and gardens. We really enjoy the Northwest climate although we still have the Lake Tahoe home for shifting to winter snow or summertime in the mountains. In fact, we leave in two days to spend the remainder of August there, then to San Francisco for some time with my oldest daughter and two grandchildren ages 8 and 10.

This past July we had a fantastic ten-day cruise along the Alaskan coast on the new Raddison Seven Seas Navigator with Marianna & Henry Garretson and Jean & Bob Ojemann. We each had a luxurious suite with private balcony to view the whales, eagles, fjords, glaciers and icebergs as we cruised the inside passage from Valdez to Victoria. B.C. Sumptuous meals, great wines and incomparable companions that kept our appetites suppressed and our minds stimulated. I highly recommend that each of you find time for such experiences with friends or family.

For now, active neurosurgery is only a memory but I presume it never leaves your subconscious templates. Many nights, without obvious causation, I will dream in great detail about some clinical event or performing some part of an operation. So far, it has never moved into the realm of a nightmare.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Colorado Springs. Hope you have a good summer and be happy!


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August 7, 2000

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

Here we are in the dog days of summer – somehow my recollection is that things were supposed to slow down during this time of year. That hasn't happened here but the sultry days provide a great opportunity to take time out to put aside other demands to reflect on important personal and professional issues to compose an annual Round Robin letter in hopes that sharing our joys and concerns resonates with fellow colleagues in the Academy, bringing us even closer in mutual understanding and friendship.

Sadly for our family this year, has been the finding that my younger brother Jim has a malignant tumor of the pancreas with metastases to the liver. Our initial grieving for him was eased by the confirmation of an Islet Cell Tumor which carries a more favorable prognosis, as well as his courage in accepting his diagnosis and the prospect of multiple rounds of chemotherapy.

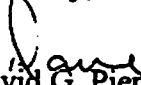
On the happier side, our 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law and 3 delightful grandchildren are providing us with great pride and joy, though from the distances of Dallas, Denver and Salem, Massachusetts. Fortunately holidays, professional travel and occasional vacations together provide delightful reunions. This past March, through Jane's great planning (and some financial assistance to the children), we were all together in Utah where we celebrated my 60th birthday, great skiing at Alta on fresh snow, and wonderful times around the dinner table at the end of the day. Skiing with my 3 sons at age 60 on the black runs of one of the greatest ski mountains in the world was a thrill as well as a profound realization of how very lucky I've been. We are looking forward to all being together for a week in England at the end of this month, this thanks to the motivation and research of my daughter-in-law, Lynda, who has the knack for finding great houses for rent in neat places that compel us all to participate.

I take great pride in talking about Jane's new avocation and vocation. After years of running her own interior decorating business, she has eased out of that work into nearly full time preoccupation with understanding the stock market, the dynamics of the companies, particularly those in NASDAQ, and sharing her knowledge with others through several investment clubs and part ownership with two other women in a small business aimed at educating others about the market and the necessity of personal involvement in one's financial future. Undoubtedly she's responded to my illiteracy in this regard as well as to the intellectual challenge of learning the science that drives business and economy.

Having said so much about family, I will leave discussions regarding pride in and accomplishments of our department to personal conversations and next year's Round Robin. Suffice it to say, our department is thriving with staff, residents and personnel that are outstanding. A special commendation is due our administrative secretary Connie whose personal efficiency and organization keep our department and the Secretariat of the SNS and Academy on track.

Jane and I as well as Connie are looking forward to seeing you at The Broadmoor.

Sincerely,


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July 20, 2000.

Greetings to all Robineers and Robinettes.

The prospect of an Academy meeting at the Broadmoor gave me a thrill of nostalgia for three reasons described below. Alas, I am not up to making the trip because of difficulty hobbling around on two canes, which has robbed travel of its former zest and ease.

Why the nostalgia? First, because ~~when~~ in my youth at age nine I was sent to Colorado Springs for a year of rest in bed on an outdoor porch of a rented bungalow in the shadow of the Broadmoor. A 'spot' on one lung had been discovered. The clean air of altitude was then a classic treatment for this kind of 't.b.' My mother, young brother and I spent a few days at the Broadmoor while arranging lodgings. I liked it immediately and always have.

The second reason I came to appreciate this pleasant hostelry was the occasional good meals I relished there during the following year. Pronounced cured after the year in bed, I was sent, with my brother, to a 'horse' school four miles out in the prairie at Austin Bluffs, now overrun by developments. Besides the school there was only one other building in the area. Forty boys with forty horses comprised the student body. Most of us lads were from Texas, Wyoming or Colorado. Each of us had to have a horse and take full care of it.

To procure a horse my Dad, Dr. Eugene H. Pool, took the three day train trip from New York. His friend, the t.b. specialist who had looked after me, escorted him to the Pikes Peak Glue Factory where he ~~purchased~~ purchased a steed for me and my brother for \$5.00 apiece, thus saving their lives and giving us enormous pleasure. Hindsight indicates that they were pretty sad specimens of equinity but to us they ~~were~~ were the equal of high priced polo ponies. The Broadmoor fits into this school year because the scholastic diet was comprised almost wholly of boiled rabbit stew. Hence an occasional treat of good food at the Broadmoor has never been forgotten.

The third and most potent reason for my appreciation of the Broadmoor was the fact that an early meeting of the Academy was held there and a gala affair it was. We were all young; not a gray hair to be seen! Science in the mornings, but nary a breakfast session as I recall; golf in the afternoons, followed by a few games of squash (with Frank Smith), dinner dancing, topped off by skating on the outdoor rink.

Now that them there days are but happy mem/ories , I try to stave off the accumulation of nasty placques in the amygdaloids by various tamer ploys; e.g., painting watercolors almost daily, bridge, visits to local art galleries, and a bit of writing. Recent examples of the latter include Neurosurgical Notes: World War II, in Neurosurgery, March 2000, and my 16th book, outlined in the appended brochure below: Here and Hereafter.

The concoction and perpetration of this little ~~MMMMM~~ effort represents perusal of a goodly number of recent books concerning astrophysics, a cosmic mind, theories of creation and so on . While I do not pretend to anything even close to a full understanding of much of this material, I felt I should get a glimpse of current theories in preparation for my 'future' , if should be such a thing! Admittedly there are holes in some of my conclusions. Even worse is the plethora of new theories that render so-called up-to-date theories obsolete . Witness the latest finding showing that stem cells can ~~and~~ do and that there may be a form of energy mediating waves like those of light which travel faster than light!

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With best o' wishes for a huge success at the dear old Broadmoor this October,
Yours aye,

Larry Pool
Larry Pool

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Dear Dave:

It is always a pleasure to read the contributions to the Round Robin and similarly to contribute.

This past year has generally been a very, very satisfying one both professionally and personally.

On the home front Linda continues to think that she has the best job in the world as a bioethicist in Montefiore Hospital working with Nancy Dubler. They have more grants than any division should have but they work hard to fulfill all of their obligations. She can talk endlessly on the topic and has directed a graduate course in Medical Ethics run by NYU and Einstein. Our daughter and son-in-law, Illana and Lawrence, live down the road from us in New Jersey and had a second child, on June 1st, 1999. We just celebrated his first birthday. He and our granddaughter Sophia are always wonderful injecting us with a love of life. Alex, who graduated last year from Mount Sinai School of Medicine matched into neurosurgery at University of Vermont and has become engaged this past year to Lauren Monahan who is from Georgia and just finished her second year of medical school at Mercer School of Medicine in Macon, Georgia. She will be transferring to the University of Vermont to complete her medical school. Needless to say they are in seventh heaven. So are we.

Our department has continued to grow as well. The volume of surgery has increased perhaps 10% which is necessary to keep the receipts for the department declining only 10-15%. We have just recruited Mark Krieger as our pediatric neurosurgeon. He is a delightful young man who I knew as a medical student at Columbia who just finished his neurosurgical residency and pediatric

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fellowship at USC. He will be a wonderful addition to our department and already fits in perfectly. Clinically all of our programs have continued to expand and our laboratory has been very successful this past year with three NIH grants in the vascular and translational gene therapy laboratories. The institution itself seems to be surviving the threats of financial compromise that all New York institutions are addressing and we are looking forward to the next year which clearly promises to be easier and better than the last.

All in all we are content and look forward to seeing our colleagues and friends at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.

Best regards,



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Dear Friends,

After reading Don's round robin letter, I elected not to edit it as in the past but instead just not send it! Do the two of us live in the same house?

We have had a wonderful year. Don continues to love his work at Columbia under the excellent leadership of Bob Solomon, giving credence to the saying "A happy man is easy to live with". Thank you Bob! Don was a little wistful at finishing his tour of duty with the ABNS but has new commitments on the horizon to keep him busy and consequently me happy.

Our family is doing well. We have had wonderful times together including a trip to Hawaii with the entire gang - it is amazing how everyone can juggle their otherwise busy schedules for these vacations!

Our oldest daughter Wendy and her husband Pete have moved back to New York from Santa Fe. Pete has founded an internet company called WAYBID and is set up in "Silicon Alley" in lower Manhattan with a staff of 14. Wendy continues to work for Thornburg Investments - they asked her to start a branch office in New York. Wendy and Pete's biggest accomplishment is that they are going to make us grandparents in November. We are so excited.

The excitement grows because Amy and her husband Ted are giving us two months to practice before presenting us with our second grandchild in January. Ted continues as an assistant golf professional at Bethesda Country Club. Don's game improves everytime he speaks with Ted - consequently there is a great deal of communication. Amy loves her work as the patient care coordinator at a sleep disorder clinic (I'll bring a sign-up sheet to the Academy); however, she is entertaining the thought of becoming a full-time mom.

Susan, our youngest, is completing her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy at Columbia. She can't wait to become an aunt though she is coming to the realization that soon she will no longer be the "baby" in the family. She is still dating Jared, a terrific guy she met at Vanderbilt. We are blessed to have such wonderful young men in our lives.

I am doing well still fund-raising for children's group homes in New Jersey, travelling with Don, loving New York and Santa Fe, and finding that we still like each other's company.

We look forward to seeing you at the Academy meeting, which is always such a highlight in our year. We are grateful for that as we are for your friendship.

Love to all,
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Ilona - Don too!



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Dear Dave:

I would have to say that the past year has been a pretty quiet one for me both professionally and personally. Work here at the Mayo Clinic continues to be satisfying. The pediatric neurosurgical cases are challenging. I sometimes wish I had a few more cases to do, but most of my work time that is not clinically related is devoted to my laboratory. I think we're making good progress in understanding the molecular genetics and molecular biology of medulloblastoma, but lab work is always slow. I wish we were generating data faster, and the struggle for funds for the lab is a constant burden. Nonetheless, on my last RO1 submission I got a reasonable score, and I am hopeful it will get funded on second review.

On a personal note, my sons are growing up quickly. Today is Forrest's 15th birthday and Colin will be 13 in November. Forrest especially has changed dramatically in the last year. He is now inches taller than Kathy, much to his delight and her dismay. He has started acting pretty much like a typical teenage boy—responding to most questions with grunts. I can still beat him at tennis, but I think that will change in the near future. My son, Colin, has learned to play the guitar. He participated in his school spring talent show as one member of a five-person rock and roll band. At the end of the performance, he told Kathy that he felt like crying. When Kathy asked him why, he responded, "Because I'm living my dream".

Kathy continues to work part-time at Mayo Clinic in the Department of Patient Education. I get the impression she'd like to change the direction of her job a little bit and get more involved with online teaching. I continue to ride my bicycle, though much less than I'd like, whenever possible. My 120-gallon marine aquarium is up and running and the corals are slowly growing and filling up the tank. I continue to carry my fly rods wherever I go in the hopes of having a fishing opportunity. Hopefully, I'll find such opportunities during the meeting in Durango.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dave:


In response for letters to the Round Robin my life is somewhat complicated. I'm separated from my wife Lori and two children, but we are on good terms and I have dinner with them once a week at our home. I'm living at an assisted living facility and am retired from active practice.

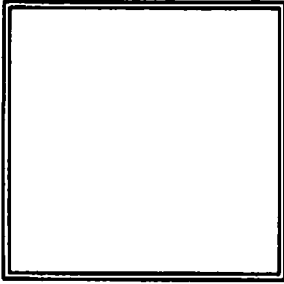
My professional life is mainly that of senior editor of a book on malignant tumors. The first six chapters are basic chapters on principals of pathology, radiation therapy, chemotherapy etc. Then the subsequent chapters are on the specific malignant tumors with contributions by the authors of the basic chapters as appropriate. The publishers have named the book "Malignant Brain Tumors- A Team Approach". As I'm sure you know, books don't go quickly especially when most of the authors are busy practitioners!

I'm also going to start on some experimental surgery on paraplegic rats with the use of hNT cells injected after the trauma.

I ride my bike 4 miles and swim 10 laps everyday so am trying to stay in shape at 85. I also have a 28-foot Bertram and am doing some fishing. Dave Cahill, our chairman has been very good to me and for that I am very grateful! My best advice to our fellow members is "don't grow old".

Sincerely,


Joe Ransohoff, M.D.



August 9, 2000

Dear Academicians,

Our usual summer vacation enjoying the fresh air and outdoors of Montana has been seriously curtailed by the forest fires, which are currently consuming our beloved Bitterroot Valley. The odds are greater than 50% that the summer home we share with the Weiss's will burn. We have never been more impressed with the unbelievable power of Nature and the inability of humans to do anything about it. We are not sure this is what Spinoza had in mind when he espoused the acceptance of Nature as perfection. So much for the philosophizing this event has forced us to do. We are thankful that so far no one has been injured.

On the home front, the Department of Neurosurgery and University Hospitals of Cleveland are continuing to grow and thrive, in spite of a very competitive and hostile local environment. Bob is absolutely delighted with his recent recruitment of a member of the Academy who will be joining his department soon.

Our older daughter, Rachael, who lives in Seattle, continues to combine her work at a travel agency with her parenting of our two wonderful grandchildren. Her husband, Carl, is involved with a Seattle bio-tech company that may soon go public and, hopefully, would lead to his undertaking a new venture closer to us in Cleveland. Our younger daughter, Abby, who is now 13, has blossomed into a young lady. She is still a delight to her aging parents who take pride in her numerous accomplishments. She continues to be an academic whiz and this year was named M.V.P. of her middle school track team, setting school records in the 100 and 200 yard hurdles and the 400-yard run. Our son, Alexey, remains close to home and seems to be doing better.

Peggy continues to work as a curator in the Cultural Anthropology department of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Her book on Indian baskets and the People of Owens Valley, California, is in press and her exhibit on the same subject opens in Cleveland the first week in October.

Bob is spending part of his summer doing some non-neurosurgical, fishing-related writing. Professionally, this has been a very busy year with rewarding clinical activity and the pleasure of seeing once-young faculty mature into tremendously accomplished neurosurgeons.

All in all, it has been a pretty good year and we look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting in September.

With best regards,

Bob and Peggy
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Dear Dave,

I am amazed at how rapidly the Round Robins seem to come. The Rhotons are doing well. Bill Friedman as Chairman and Art Day as Co-Chairman of our department have provided me with an excellent opportunity to continue my clinical and research activities. The millennium issue of *Neurosurgery* on the posterior fossa, which Mike Apuzzo asked me to do, has just been completed and will be distributed at the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Meeting in San Antonio. Our new microsurgery education center is open at the Brain Institute and we are holding periodic dissection courses. In addition, I have been involved with numerous courses overseas in the last year. Over all, neurosurgery has continued to be a wonderful career and I am thrilled by circumstances that have permitted me to continue the work which I love so much. The Rhoton's Chairman's endowed chair, which is held by Bill Friedman, will probably top five million dollars as a result of Bill's continued efforts.

Joyce's and my time at home is frequently spent with our grandchildren who are deposited with us when our daughters are on-call. Our sons, in medical practice in North Carolina, continue to find their work most rewarding.

The Rocky Mountain Neurosurgical Society asked me to be the Honored Guest at their meeting in Aleyska, Alaska. Our children heard about this meeting and the whole clan, with 12 grand children, decided they wanted to go to Alaska with Joyce and me. We had a wonderful family week there.

Joyce and I regret that we have not been able to attend some of the Academy Meeting in the last couple of years because of conflicts with international meetings. Please accept our best wishes for another excellent Round Robin year.

Sincerely,

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Fellow Academicians,

Somehow, I always figured that at sixty-four years of age I would be sort of a country gentleman. Jasmine agrees that our present pace and lifestyle could not differ more from that characterization.

This fall our son, Stephen, is getting married and after trying unsuccessfully to accommodate both families' schedules (including the fact that Jas and I will be in Sydney for much of September and early October), he and Mindy decided on October 13th – right in the middle of this years Academy meeting.

The Olympic job continues to be an adventure. Without any warning – at least not to us – the University of Indiana and their Lab Director, Larry Bowers, we had selected for drug testing at the 2002 Games here, just decided to close and we are now talking to Don Catlin at UCLA to perform that function. Indiana and UCLA were the only two IOC-accredited labs in the United States and Don and I are the only two Americans on the IOC Medical Commission. I would have been happy to have Don in the first place.

In September of 2001 we will host the Sixth IOC World Congress on Sport Sciences. At my insistence, CME credits will be offered to registrants for the first time. Jas and I just returned from New York and the celebration dinner for the awarding of the 2000 IOC Olympic Prize. The recipient, Dr. John O. Holloszy, is director of Applied Physiology Section at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He took me aside at the reception and asked about the cervical spine surgery he was soon to undergo there at his home institution. It was a pleasure to reassure him and speak highly of Ralph and the superb surgical faculty he has assembled. The 2000 IOC Olympic Prize is endowed by Pfizer and included a \$500,000 cash award. John is an impressive gentleman and will present his research at our meeting in September 2001.

We are working hard at physician recruitment. I have just called up some guys and plead with them to become involved because I know that they can provide leadership – attract others. Emergency Room physicians are the best fit because more than ninety-five percent of all patient encounters during an Olympic Games are a one-time affair and what is needed is really accurate triage. We have some really good ones on board.

Shigae Kobayashi was a great Chief Medical Officer in Nagano. You all would have been proud of him. I hope to have him come here as an inspector looking into the appropriateness of our preparations during one of the periodic IOC Coordination Commission meetings held here. He even let me watch him clip an aneurysm one morning during the Games over there.

To understand the daunting nature of providing medical services in an Olympic Games environment, for those of you who have been out here, consider this. On the second day of competition there will be 94,000 ticketed spectators up Parley's Canyon – at Winter Sports Park (luge and bobsleigh), Soldier Hollow (biathlon and cross-country), Park City (snowboarding) and Deer Valley (moguls and aerials). All of them will be transported via Park-and-Ride provisions.

For those of you who follow the doings of our kids: Joe and Stacey plus kids are great; Chuck, Tiff and Coulson are adjusting to Chuck's role as the youngest and, therefore, most hammered by emergency room coverage in our six member group – Tiff is expecting in October; Steve works with the Utah State Sports Commission and loves it – and the fact that he's getting married; Chris, Mindi and young Jasmine have departed for the University of California at San Diego where he begins his psychiatry residency; and Michael, multiple injuries and all, was elected co-captain of Harvard's tennis team for next year – it remains to be seen whether he'll be healthy enough to help them.

Can't think of two couples for whom we would rather be present and honor than Sharon and Steve Giannotta (President, Western Neurosurgical Society) and Molly and Dan Barrow (CNS President). We'll miss both meetings because of Sydney. On the subject of exceptional young colleagues – I am sure with the blessing of Peter – I am serving on the Search Committee to replace Peter at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center. Someone is going to benefit from the great job he did building a small section into a large, strong department. Hope some of you will be interested. We have a lot to offer.

We are eager to see you.

With best regards,


Chuck and Jasmine Rich

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Dear Friends,

I'm responding to David's request for Round Robin contributions- I'll make this short since I don't have much to report. My wife and I have some health problems, but we are both vertical !

The GWU Neurosurgical Department is doing fairly well. I retired in 1987 and have been Emeritus in Residence. Laws succeeded me as chairman until 1992, when he left to go to UVA- we were all sorry to see him leave. I became acting chairman for nine months, until Sekhar came aboard as chairman. However, early this year he elected to enter private practice in DC and VA. He continues to do some of his surgery at GW. Dr. Anthony Caputy is now acting chairman and he is doing an excellent job. I might add that a Chair of Neurological Surgery was established in my name last October. I continue to serve on a voluntary basis - I see patients one day a week and meet with the students rotating on our service.

GW Hospital was sold (80%) to Universal Health Services 2 or 3 years ago. They have started to build a new hospital across the street from the old hospital..

I doubt that I will be able to attend the meeting in Colorado Springs; I wish all of you a very enjoyable meeting and a healthful and happy year.

Sincerely,


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Dear Fellow Academicians,

Deborah and I both hope this note finds you all well, and enjoying the summer months.

We will soon graduate our third fellow in Cerebrovascular Surgery and Interventional Neuroradiology, and the interest in the neurosurgical community for endovascular specialists is increasing, as you all know. The current fellow will be finishing in January and will return to St. Louis to join Ken Smith at St. Louis University.

Another very exciting development is the accreditation by the ACGME for fellowship training in endovascular neurosurgery. This is a milestone in opening the door to our specialty.

Within our department, a significant change occurred with the retirement of Bill Buchheit as the Program Director. While I know he is enjoying retirement, he is sorely missed by the remaining faculty, and especially the resident staff. Every day, we try to lure him back for some activity; however, he is so busy with various activities here and in Europe, so we don't see him as much as we'd like to.

Deborah and I continue to go out West in the summer and hike through the national parks. Most recently, we were in Yellowstone and Teton National Forest, where we relaxed and enjoyed the splendor of the scenery.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the Fall, and wish everyone the best in the upcoming academic year!

With warmest regards,

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August 10, 2000

Dear Academy Colleagues:

This year was marked by many outstanding events within the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto. The year marked my first as Chairman of our Division. In all honesty, I cannot remember a year that passed so quickly as this one.

I have learned the art of delegation. I have appointed Chris Wallace as Program Director, and Michael Fehlings as Research Director within our Program. We have revamped our resident curriculum. I have asked Michael Cusimano to take the charge on this matter, and we will embark on an exciting new curriculum this fall.

We have two major lectureships annually. This past year, we invited Dr. Peter Black to be our Botterell Visiting Professor; and Dr. Arnold Menezes to be our Visiting Keith Professor. They both delivered outstanding lectures to our residents and faculty, and we were grateful for their presence in Toronto.

Last January, we celebrated the career of Dr. Charles Tator who was Chairman of our Program these past 10 years. A wonderful, gala tribute was paid to Charles on this evening. I am also pleased to bring to your attention that Charles received status as a Member of the Order of Canada, one of the highest awards granted to civilians within our country.

Dr. Alan Hudson who was Chairman before Charles Tator has just announced his retirement from a career as a busy executive administrator. He has stepped down as the Chief Executive Officer and President of the University Health Network, the largest health network conglomerate in Canada. He has also been recognized recently for his many achievements in neurosurgery and health care, and has been appointment as an



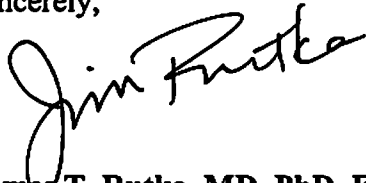
Officer of the Order of Canada. This year, he will be spending most of this year on board boat, the Sequoia IV. Please watch for him in the Caribbean and around Florida!

In addition to the Dan Family Neurosurgical and Ricard Cerebrovascular Chairs within our Division of Neurosurgery, we are pleased to announce three new Chairs. The Harold Hoffman/Shopper's Drugmart Chair in Paediatric Neurosurgery, held by Robin Humphreys; the Ron Tasker Chair held by Andres Lozano; and the Robert O. Lawson Chair held by Dr. Michael Fehlings.

Furthermore, two large endowments have been received to support research in peripheral nerve and pituitary tumour surgery.

We have faced the growing problems of a shrinking resident pool and the difficulties inherent with trying to cover several adult and paediatric hospital facilities. Garnering resources to keep all sites open has been a challenge. As a Division, we are very excited about this year's 2001 AANS meeting coming to Toronto. We do look forward to seeing many of you in our city, and on behalf of our Division, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy summer and a productive academic year ahead.

Sincerely,

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July 27, 2000

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Dear Dave,

Thanks for your gentle reminder about the Round Robin.

This has been a good year for the Samson – Bergen family here in Dallas. I came back from my administrative sabbatical in September to find that no one had noticed my absence, and have subsequently tried, with relative success, to be certain nobody realized I had returned. The department seems to work better the farther I am from the paperwork, and we've really had a banner neurosurgical year. The practice is continuing to expand and the Foundation devoted to cerebrovascular and spinal cord diseases is beginning to be productive.

Patricia's general surgical practice is growing by leaps and bounds as she is now full time at the University Hospital. Her focus on surgical education continues and recently she accepted the directorship of all surgical clerkships, in addition to being the associate residency program director for general surgery. I'm vicariously learning how different today's third year medical students are from those of twenty-five years ago; her patience is truly awe-inspiring.

Our two sons, Dan and Gabe, are well and growing like proverbial weeds. Dan, the elder, played his first year of tackle football last fall, and his old man got drafted as the assistant coach. It was a gut-wrenching experience for all concerned except Dan, who ate it up with a spoon. He's got good speed, reasonable size and likes to hit, so the season was an unqualified success despite our team having only a .500 record (poor coaching, no doubt). We're signed up for another go this September, and Mom (our board certified trauma surgeon) has her fingers crossed.

Gabriel, our soccer player/swimmer, is far too bright to spend his afternoons butting heads. Blessed with quick feet and quicker wits, he's eight going on

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about nineteen and absolutely certain the universe is his personal property. His proudest possession is Jedi, his ancient quarterhorse; together they've got one speed, which is flat out. Something else for Mom to worry over.

The ranch continues to be everybody's favorite hangout, and we're spending most of our off-call weekends playing cowboy. Even the hot dry Texas summer doesn't seem to diminish the kids' enthusiasm for country living. The drought ravaging most of the Southwest has recently become serious in East Texas and, although our only crops are hay and fire ants, we're really hoping for some August thundershowers.

Look forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,



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RE: Round Robin

Dear David:

The year has been another busy one for all of us. Our department now has 4 full time pediatric neurosurgeons, including myself, and our operative volume continues to increase. It is interesting to me that the success of an academic or clinical venture is often measured by patient volume, but in our own particular situation, I wonder if we are not reaching a point where patient care and training will shortly become compromised. The patients move through the hospital very rapidly and the house staff only get a quick look at them in the operating room. I am more and more concerned about how residents will learn to care for their own patients in this environment. I also realize that these are concerns that we probably all share. We had a disconcerting event this year in our Residency Program – two outstanding residents left our program to pursue careers in medicinally related business ventures. Their resignations provided much food for thought, and I suspect are harbingers of things to come in the world of neurosurgery and medicine in general. On the other hand, we had a superb fellow in pediatric neurosurgery this year who was a joy to teach and a real pleasure for all of us to work with. When she left to go into an academic practice at Indiana, I was reminded of why we continue to work to train residents and fellows. It is also thrilling to see how well our younger faculty is doing and how rapidly they are advancing in their own areas of interest. My practice continues to be a fascinating one since many challenging problems in pediatric neurosurgery find their way to the Children's Hospital. By the time this round robin is published, I suspect I will have operated on my 150th pediatric moyamoya patient; my New Year's resolution for 2000 is to get this pediatric series written up by the end of the year.

Our granddaughter, Taylor, is now more than two years old, and Susan is able to provide care for her at least once a week while her mother works. It is wonderful for us that we are able to see her so frequently. Susan finally left her job as a nurse at New England Medical Center. Even working on a per diem basis, she became required by the hospital to work mandatory week-ends and holiday coverage. It really didn't seem right at this stage in her career to continue to work under these strictures and her resignation will give her an opportunity to look at other options for employment over the next several months should she so desire.

Our children seem to be leading happy and productive lives and everyone is healthy. I shortly will be heading out to the Cape to play some jazz duos on the bass with my son, Robert, the jazz pianist who has a steady job playing in a bar and restaurant on Cape Cod. We will look forward to seeing everyone in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

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August 18, 2000

2000 Round Robin

Dear Academy Colleagues and Spouses,

It just seems like yesterday that we prepared last year's letter! How can the time just fly by when some days at work just seem to take forever? "Shoulder to the wheel", "pulling the plow", "nose to the grindstone"..... I'm still working, to quote Peg, "too much and too long." So that tells you that it is still "situation normal" here in Rapid City. September will see the arrival of new associate, Stuart Rice, who will be joining us from Grand Forks, North Dakota. We are actively seeking another associate so that I can truly and actually consider retiring. Peg said not to use the phrase "slowing down" because that was the purpose when we moved out here and it didn't happen!

The Black Hills area is just recovering from the 2000 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the largest rally yet. The final numbers are not in yet but it is estimated that over 400,000 motorcycles were in the area and around 900,000 - 1,000,000 people! For a region that has less than 100,000 people, it makes quite an impact! The people (and bike) watching is extraordinary, though. We are continually told that this is one of the most beautiful areas to ride in and that is why a lot of the bikers return. Some never even go to Sturgis but come at the same time every year just to be around fellow riders.

This year we had the pleasure of taking a cruise from Bangkok to Hong Kong with 2 stops in Vietnam. Vietnam is such an incredible experience - going from the pandemonium of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to the rural area in just an hour. It is like traveling to a different point in time. The visual impact of every shade of green in one landscape is breathtaking. Watching people plant rice, harvest rice and make rice paper as they have for hundreds of years was so interesting. We were fascinated by the transportation of almost everything by bicycle. The vision of a man delivering a sofa and loveseat on a platform on the front of a 3-wheel bicycle was something! Pigs in baskets, chickens in baskets, fish in pans, small orange trees for Tet (New Year's) celebrations....you name it, we saw them all on bicycles and motor scooters.

Speaking of transportation! The traffic in Ho Chi Minh City was incredible and 95% of it is bicycles and motor scooters. We learned how to cross the street: just step off the curb, keep your eyes off the traffic and walk at an even pace so they can judge your speed and scoot around you. Disconcerting to say the least but it worked, courtesy of tour guide, Phu. Very few traffic lights and no one paid attention to them anyway. Hanoi was the same way but on a lesser scale due to less dense population.

That brings to mind the difference between the North and South. It is so palpable. Saigon gives you the sense that it is ready to explode into world commerce due to the energy and vitality you see everywhere. Hanoi is much more subdued; more military presence, reminders of "Uncle Ho" everywhere. Seeing Ho Chi Minh in his mausoleum was bizarre but interesting, to say the least.

Unfortunately we were unable to go to port in DaNang due to the rough South China Sea (rough is a mild term!) but thoroughly enjoyed our trip and the people of Vietnam. We do hope to return in the future and travel more in-depth in the country.

To catch up on family matters..... son Eric, wife Terri and 9 month old Samantha moved to Rapid City from Orlando and purchased the Blockbuster store, previously run by the company. We are thrilled to have them here and are enjoying watching "Sammy" change day by day. Steve, wife Sarah (known as Subway Sarah when having to distinguish from daughter Sarah) and their 3 children continue to thrive here and are overjoyed at having Eric & crew in town. With Steve's Subway stores and Eric's Blockbuster we can always enjoy "Dinner and A Movie!"

Vanessa continues to be on the faculty of Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, as Assistant Athletic Director, working with Irv Cross. She made a choice not to seek the Director's position so she could keep coaching Cross Country and Track.. She is extremely happy and has stated that she will not complete the family emigration to South Dakota!

Daughter Sarah is returning to Vanderbilt University for her senior year. Sarah's major is Communication Studies with a minor in the American Political Process. As Executive Vice President of Alpha Delta Pi and Site Leader Trainer on the Alternative Spring Break Board, we hope she remembers to go to class! Her plans, at this point, appear to include law school either next year or shortly thereafter. She spent the summer doing administrative clerking for a large firm here in town and she thoroughly enjoyed it. Peg says that she knew law was in Sarah's future since the kid has "argued the point" since she learned to talk!

Son, Christopher, is entering his senior year of high school and states he knows his college intentions but has yet to have fully described them to us! We were approached by Chris last year in a discussion that went something like this....."Dad, Mom, I know you are spending a lot on Sarah's tuition and want you to know that I don't want to put that burden on you. [What is coming now, we wondered?] I am really interested in going to school back in Minnesota at the University and as you know, Minnesota and South Dakota have a reciprocity agreement. [Using a 5 syllable word made us immediately suspicious.] I was figuring that with the cost savings..... ["Wait, you already have a car," we said.]that maybe WE could get season tickets to the Vikings games. That way we could see the games and spend time together when you come to visit me." Apparently, he has a future in sales!!! Actually he is intending to focus on international relations and possibly some kind of media, so he can become the next Wulff Blitzer! "Great!" says Peg. "Could you please let me know beforehand if there will be missiles exploding behind you when I watch you on CNN?" What a kid! Bragging note: was elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at South Dakota American Legion Boy's State!


Last, but not least, Peg (a.k.a. the Ghost Writer) sends her best to all. The year has been busy: President of the SD Children's Home Foundation during a major endowment growth drive, board member on the local domestic violence shelter, guidance office volunteer and "Drama Mama" (helping with feeding and chaperoning drama students at the high school), yadda yadda yadda. Believe it or not, the activities have been cut back due to organization-impairment problems left over from the (mild) traumatic brain injury from the car accident three years ago. Finally learned: will power and attitude can only overcome so much. Sometimes it is OK to ask for help and say no. Continuing Cognitive Therapy and organization coaching are making a difference. A final "Peg pondering".... If the plural of mouse is notmouses but mice...why can't the plural of spouse not be spouses, but SPICE? We are the original Spice girls and guys. Wouldn't it be more fun to say "Dear Colleagues and Spice" next year?!!!!

Other than the above....."same old, same old!"

Fondest Regards,



Ed (the Creamed Peas on Toast Guy)



and Peg (the Spice Girl) Seljeskog

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Dear Academicians:

Diana and I send our greetings from our favorite get away in Jackson, Wyoming, where we enjoyed a few days respite from Cleveland's rainy summer. Jack, Hadley and Jordan have been enjoying summer camp, while eagerly awaiting the start of school. This year, all three children will be in school, so Diana may actually get a little time to resume her pottery.

This past year I had the pleasure of experiencing surgery from the other end of the scalpel, but fortunately have recovered with no ill effects. The Cerebrovascular Center, and the Department of Neurosurgery have grown again this past year, and both seasoned veterans and new recruits are enjoying working with each other to meet the challenges of our expanding health care system.

We both look forward to seeing all of you in Colorado.

With warmest regards,



Warren Selman



August 14, 2000

Dear Academician:

This year saw the completion of many projects.

Christina was graduated from college and she is finding new worlds to conquer.

Plans were devised to display the family sports car collection in a foundation setting with increased public access, emphasizing educational and safety messages for the teenaged driver.

The five-year plan for the revitalized Jefferson Medical College residency program was also completed. The department now operates suites for linear accelerator and gamma knife radiosurgery as well as an interventional radiology facility, so residents gain firsthand experience in these techniques as well as the gamut of tumor, spine and epilepsy surgery (over 4,000 cases).

Wills Eye Hospital has been converted to a specialized neurosurgical center.

Our research laboratories include a central nervous system gene therapy team whose M.D.s and Ph.D.s were widely published. Early trials for the treatment of gene-deficient brain disease have begun. The recent review by the Residency Review Committee was concluded with a five-year approval.

The future of neurosurgery, here and elsewhere, still depends on the complex economic relationships among health insurers, government funding sources, product manufacturers and the legal system...an unpredictable mix. We hope fellow academicians can meet these challenges.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Fellow Academicians:

Ken and I are planning to be at home the better part of the next two months! And we plan to be working! And we will feed the dogs and water the plants, ourselves!
We've been away A LOT.

The first trip really started out because of the proposed World Congress business meeting in Pakistan.

It was canceled after we had already planned to connect it with a middle east trip. Well what do you do? Mohamad Elfiki, Ken's former resident now professor of neurosurgery in Alexandria was expecting us. It was a wonderful visit with him and his family in Cairo and Alex as well as some great times in Lebanon, Jordan, and Israel. Thanks to Ken's nominating committee duties, our dreams about visiting the middle east are now a reality.

We also had always dreamed about doing some mission type work in Africa. So when Paul Young started organizing a neurosurgery work trip to Nairobi in May, we signed up. The team consisted of three neurosurgeons from St. Louis University and three from Washington University along with an anesthesiologist, two physician assistants, two scrub nurses and a secretary. And of course they needed a mom. Most of their work was at Kenyatta National Hospital operating, doing clinics and lecturing and teaching. They were able to take along a lot of needed equipment and supplies also. They developed an excellent working relationship with the neurosurgeons at the university and are continuing to work with them via e-mail, etc. We believe this relationship with our universities here in St Louis will not only benefit Africa but also give some valuable experience to us here. We are already talking about returning next year.

While the team worked, I was thrilled to be able to "work" also. I visited about ten schools and an orphanage. There is tremendous need to fund students and supply books. Education there is not free like here in St. Louis and many students of poor families cannot afford very much schooling. I hope by the time we go back that I will have located some books and supplies and perhaps some funds. Anyone interested in helping me with this project, please let me know.

We also had a wonderful weekend on Safari seeing many animals and enjoying the beautiful countryside.

After returning from Africa, we tried to catch up on our work along with attending the Society meeting in Pasadena. And then got ready to go again. This time we had tradition driving us - a birthday trip with two more of our kids turned 40. Sally and her family and Ken and his family went with us to Tuscany. Of course true to form, the group expanded to finally include about 20. We spent three weeks in Chianti country also near enough to Florence and Siena. The wine, food, scenery, weather and especially the fellowship and fun together were perfect. Ken and I also spent three wonderful days seeing Rome for the first time. And our evening in Milan seeing Da Vinci's Last Supper was icing on the cake before we flew home.

We finished this incredible three months with a Sandin family reunion celebrating three fiftieth anniversaries of my siblings. There were 49 of us ranging from 2 years to 82 years on a mountain top in North Carolina. Truly a once in a life time experience.

We continue to be thankful for so many blessings of family, friends, work and play overflowing our life and the beauty of the earth everywhere and the opportunity to be channels through which God's overflow reaches other lives.

We are looking forward to seeing you in October.

Kenneth and Marjorie

July 10, 2000

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Dear Dr. Piepgras:

The academic year is basically over and, as always, surprisingly quickly. The chief residents and fellows are joining the real world, all of them with excellent jobs, most in the academic arena. During their tenure with us, they were productive and worked hard. Our program continues to be busy and our staff continues to grow. We now have 16 full-time attending neurosurgeons.

On the personal side, my family life has also been busy. Lynne completed a mini-triathlon last year, and she and Alissa are training for another one later this summer in Seattle. As always, Lynne is busy with charity activities, Stephen's school, and managing the rest of us.

Christopher played LaCrosse in high school. He did well academically, graduating from high school. He is off to college in the fall.

Alissa graduated from UCLA "summa cum laude" in communication science. She will start working for Bain Strategic Consulting firm in September. She will stay in Los Angeles where one of Bain's home offices is located.

Stephen finished third grade and is on to the fourth grade in the coming school year.

After Alissa's graduation, the family went to Ireland for a wonderful week-long bicycle tour. The country was green and beautiful, and the people were extremely friendly. Ireland has quite a few hills or "undulations," as the locals call them. They seemed like enormous mountains to the family when biking, but we all made it and had a lot of fun together.

In late spring, Lynne took care of the Sonntag sick bay. Alissa had all her wisdom teeth pulled and looked like a chipmunk for several days. Just before that Stephen fell out of a tree and broke his forearm. He had to wear a long arm cast for 6 weeks. I broke and severely strained my left ankle playing soccer during our Annual UCLA-BNI Olympics. We are all on the mend, but I am still limping.

The year seems to be moving along quite quickly with the children's activities, Lynne's busy life, and my work and traveling. Hope all is well with you; see you in Colorado.

Sincerely,



Volker K. H. Sonntag, MD

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Dear David:

The Spetzler Family has had a good year and had the pleasure of greeting the new millennium in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Being in our favorite part of the world among the Teton Mountains was a picturesque beginning for 2000. Our 23-year-old son, David, announced his engagement to the love of his life, Kerstin. Nancy and I are delighted with the match. Christina, our daughter, has finished a year of work in the laboratory and is returning to graduate school at the University of Arizona while applying to medical school.

Our biggest adventure of the new millennium was a climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with our immediate family; David's fiancée, Kerstin; close family friends Larry Tice and his family; an assortment of nephews; and my brother. After seeing the wonderful array of animals on safari, we commenced a 6-day, 5-night journey up and down Kilimanjaro. This magnificent mountain, its peak higher than 19,000 feet, offered a stupendously diverse environment. We climbed through a rain forest, high alpine country, and then along a beautiful glacier to the very top of the continent. It was an exhilarating experience, and everyone reached the top.

Professionally, the Barrow Neurological Institute continues to do well and I rest on the laurels of my accomplished associates. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Robert F. Spetzler, M.D.

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Lois Sundt Mueller (Thoralf M. Sundt, Jr.)

We are now spending half the year in our Napa Valley home and half in my beloved Arizona.

Two of our three are in Tucson, Laura is a V.P. with Northern Trust Bank, her husband a FedEx captain flying a 727. They have three dogs, 2 shepherds and my Doberman (we travel too much).

Our youngest, John, is in-house counsel for Sundt Construction, no children yet. (I keep hoping)

Son Thoralf III and wife and son (11) are in St. Louis and this spring he did the first piggy-back heart transplant at Barnes-Jewish, Washington U. All are well, happy and a delight to me. Thor has contacted Ed Laws occasionally and I am grateful that he has Ed to consult with since he no longer has his Dad.

John and I have a little more than 18 acres in Napa Valley and our vineyard is 8 acres of syrah and cabernet sauvignon. In the past we have sold the grapes, but last year decided to "do our own thing". So with a partner, and a winemaker, we now have 1999 grapes in barrels and will bottle our first production in 2001. We are on the edge of the Rutherford Bench, prime ground, between Joseph Phelps and Wayne Hogue's Terraces. It has been an exciting endeavor and we have just been granted the O.K. for our label which will be "Rutherford Oaks". There has been so much to learn and we have had some wonderful trips to France, to Australia, to New Zealand and always check out the grapes. I'll let you know when it is available!

Had an exciting trip to Forbes Island of Laucala, Fiji, for John's 70th birthday. We left on the second day of the coup and have to say they are destroying a beautiful place. We took all John's children and grandchildren and had the island to ourselves. Lovely place, gentle people but it will probably take years to restore confidence in it now.

Have found wonderful trip experiences with Univ. of Arizona Alumni and also travel with a British friend.

Fortunately, we both love to travel. We intend to keep on trucking as long as we can.

I find myself saying a little prayer for Thor in churches all over the world.

Come see us in Napa and we'll have food you wouldn't believe (French Laundry, Terra, Tra Vigna, etc.) and we'll raid John's 700 bottle wine cellar!!!! My very best to all of you.

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Dear Academicians,

Once again the Secretariat has failed to recognise the fact that L S is retired, and continues to send mail to the Hospital, so we get it rather late !

However, time is not of the essence now, indeed, if it were not for the frequently frenetic pace of the social life, we could be regarded as having a quiet time.

Pauline remains active musically, with her London Choir, the Church Choir, the Clarsach Society and the Queen Square Concerts, while Lindsay remains heavily committed on the golf course. Now off thirteen, and two trophies this year, but duly abashed after spending a few days at St. Andrews watching young Woods demolishing the field in the Open.

As usual, we were in Portugal in the spring, and were then in North Devon with the Royal Archeological Institute looking at Medieval Churches and some Prehistory. The village History which Lindsay and other friends published for the Millennium has been a great success, and has had to have more copies printed.

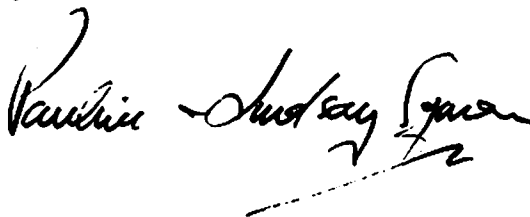
The children and grand children are all well, the arachnoid cyst in grand-daughter no. one is being watched, after dye studies appeared to show free communication with the subarachnoid space. Grandson no. one with his grandfather, came second in the prep school golf tournament, and the lad is going to Marlborough School in the fall. Grand-daughter no. two has won a scholarship to Woodford High, and the two other grandchildren grow apace. Fraser continues free lance work for the BBC World Service while the girls are extremely busy, Fiona in the BBC World Service and the Financial Times and Rosemary in General Practice.

Rosemary is currently touring the USA and Canada for three weeks with the entire family.

We plan to go to Tunisia in November to visit Carthage and the Punic war sites, and will, of course, be in Scotland in September to play the R and A Autumn meeting and go on to Skye, the outer Hebrides and Iona.

So there you have it, Archeology, Music, Golf and some Church politics combine to keep the mind occupied and the body more often than not, suitably tired.

Our best wishes to you all, .



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July 19, 2000

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Re: Round Robin

Dear Dr. Piepgras,

Mary and I regret we will not be able to attend the 2000 Academy meeting though we look forward to seeing everybody next year if at all possible. Because of the hospital rule I stopped operating July 1, 1999, but through the generosity of my colleagues continue to use my office to see patients and carry out academic activities ~~until July 1, 2000~~. I must say vacating my office after all of these years was an experience in itself from which I have not yet recovered. The many ways in which my colleagues have helped in this and their continuing offer of office space and facilities has been a tremendous asset and I hope that I can make some minor contributions yet. We have been looking at our experience with some of the common pain operations that we have done over the years and hope to get these things published soon. Our thoughts on facet rhizotomy will be coming out in the Canadian Neuroscience Journal very soon. I continue to puzzle over the path-~~of~~ physiology of stroke induced pain in the light of microelectrode recording and microstimulation done in the thalamic area in the course of trying to help people with central pain using deep ^{brain} ~~vein~~ stimulation. Combining these studies with the clinical and radiological picture has led me to some rather amazing conclusions which I hope I will have enough wit to put together in some meaningful form.

My eldest daughter continues as a stock broker and has just bought a house for herself north of Toronto which is a major event. We will spend a two week holiday with our son and his family from Boston at our beloved Manitoulin Island

in July. Our youngest daughter Allison who works for Nortel in Calgary will join us there in August and our younger son who lives not so far away in Kingston and who runs his own computer software business is installing solar panels so that he can use his computers at Manitoulin where we have neither electricity, running water nor telephone.

All our best,

Ron + Mary

Ron and Mary Tasker



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Dear *Dave*

The last year has been one of hectic activity. A major enjoyable but demanding task has been organisation for the XIVth Congress of the ESSFN (European Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery) which is to take place in London 25th-27th October 2000. Regretfully, because of this Congress I shall not be able to attend the Academy Meeting at the Broadmoor. Other time-consuming tasks have been overseeing the publication of a document "Safe Neurosurgery 2000" produced by the Society of British Neurological Surgeons as a guideline for Hospital Trusts and the Department of Health to the requirements of neurosurgery throughout the UK. This is the second edition of a much expanded edition of a document published in 1992.

The former document proved very influential in obtaining increased resources and it looks as if the new one, taken together with another new document "British Neurosurgical Workforce Plan", will lead to an increase of UK neurosurgeons, at present around only 190, to about 260 in the next five years.

Hazel has also been very active professionally and is in the middle of an audit for the Blood Transfusion Service of transfusion in severely premature babies which has led to new findings about T-cell activation in these children.

William returned for a year both to University and to live with his parents. He has done a Masters Degree in International Politics with Special Reference to the Middle East at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London). Although some might think this an unpromising subject he did well and obtained a Merit and we hope he will travel abroad again soon!

With best wishes to you and all Fellow Academicians from Hazel and myself
Yours sincerely

David

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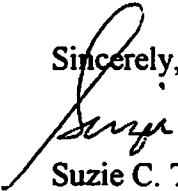
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Dear David:

The biggest news for the Round Robin regarding me is my upcoming retirement from the Emory Clinic on August 31 of this year. I am looking forward to spending some time building furniture and small boats.

I will not make it to the meeting of the Academy this fall. My best to all of the members.

Sincerely,



Suzie C. Tindall, MD

August 17, 2000

Colorado Springs with the Academy brings back happy memories of Arthur and myself and our warm friends of the Academy. I can't recall the year but it SNOWED right in the middle of our golf game – shorts were not really adequate! I do thank you for your kind invitation to the meeting this year but 82 years is beginning to show several wrinkles (etc.!) so I send my love to all and wish you a happy meeting.

Warm regards.

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Dear David:

This past year was somewhat more eventful than I would have wished. While vacationing with my wife in the Cayman Islands, I felt unwell and assumed it was some sort of tropical bug. I returned back to Chicago in time to moderate the Annual Interurban Meeting. I was supposed to fly on that night to California to the Princeton Conference, but fortunately began to have rigors. To make a long story short, I ended up in the hospital with multiple bacterial liver abscesses which required drainage on a couple of occasions and long term antibiotic therapy. Happily, I survived, but I do not recommend this method as a weight reduction program. The source of the infection is not known. I came away with an increased respect for my interventional radiological and infectious disease colleagues. I also have even more reason to give thanks to Godfrey Hounsefield of CT fame.

During the past year, I finished writing a book on cerebral vasospasm, which I hope will be published within the next year. It took a lot of my spare time.

My daughter graduated from McGill with a Bachelor of Arts Degree this past month, which was a source of great happiness to all of us, and my son will be finishing his last year of business studies next year. Mary Lou is active in fund raising for our Brain Research Institute.

The Section of Neurosurgery continues to run smoothly. Having been here for eight years now, people know what to expect from me and I have brought into play all of the changes that I felt were necessary. Consequently, the situation is somewhat placid – but will probably heat up as my retirement approaches if history is a guide.

D.G. Piegras, MD

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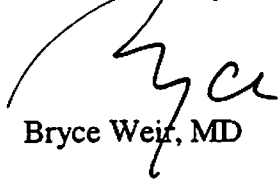
I am looking forward to my McGill Medical School Class' 40th Year Reunion this fall, about twenty of us are going on a trip to Scotland, the native land of our founder.

The Brain Research Institute, of which I am currently the Director, has more than ninety-five fellows from basic and clinical departments. Neurosciences have taken a giant leap forward in the recent past at The University of Chicago.

The city gets to be a more beautiful and exciting place to live year-by-year.

Best wishes to all of my fellow academicians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryce Weir', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B' and 'W'.

Bryce Weir, MD

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Dear Dave:

The millennium has not brought a great deal of change to Savannah or to my activities. I am still on the call rotation along with my five partners and our new associate, Louis Horn, who joined us this June. Managed care is a challenge for us, but not to the extent it is in some areas of the country. The group has grown to a total of seven neurosurgeons with our senior partner working part-time in the office. We have eight neurologists with us in Savannah, two at Hilton Head and one in Waycross and six psychiatrists in Savannah, Hilton Head, Brunswick and Dublin.

Son, Philip, and daughter, Carolyn, are living in downtown Washington within six blocks of one another. Philip continues to work in the environmental area with Versar and Carolyn is teaching school in Arlington, VA. Both have completed their masters. Andrew will leave Savannah this fall to attend the Terry School of Business at the University of Georgia in Athens. Lynn and I are still seeing each other regularly, but have no announcement to make as yet.

Yours truly,

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