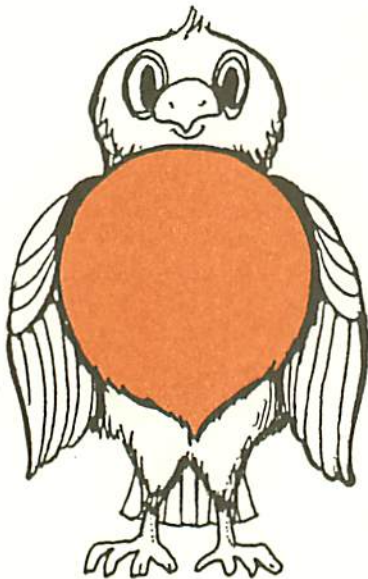
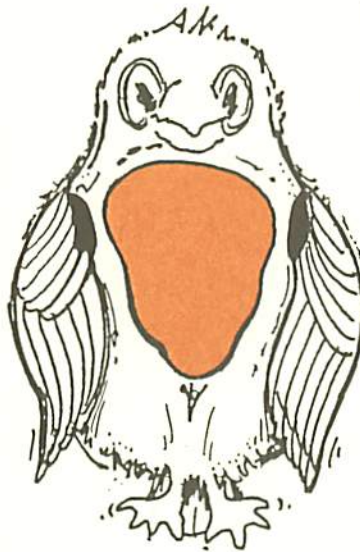


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Dear Academician,

Thanks to Bill for his second note prodding us to respond to the Academy.

I am now starting my fifth year at The University of Illinois at Chicago. Fortunately things continue to grow. Our numbers, in all categories, have increased from 400 to 600% during this period of time.

Gerard Debrun has now been with us for a little over a year and the interventional therapeutic procedures have increased. He has done over 250 in a year. This involves aneurysms, malformations and a variety of other endovascular approaches. There is no question in my mind that, with superb endovascular people like Gerard, more and more aneurysms will be done by endovascular surgeons. As we make our decisions based on what approach has the lowest risk for the patient and the best benefit, we reach choices which either direct the patient to endovascular routes or surgical routes. It will probably take 10-20 years to train more endovascular radiologists or, hopefully, neurosurgeons to become involved in this area. It will become essential in neurovascular surgery and unless neurosurgeons become interested in this, it will be another area that essentially we have given away. Gerard is a member of the Department of Neurosurgery and bills out of neurosurgery so we work together as a team. He admits patients to our service, who we care for, and it has really worked out quite well.

The forces shaping medicine are profound and from my vantage point I see many scurrying in a frightening manner to join the gallop to managed care and abandon the mission of academia. Deans and health care administrators and others constantly paint a dismal picture and yet data such as ours and those of others out there, like yourselves, who are experiencing growth, are being ignored. People will always come for outstanding care, the best possible care, and the people to deliver this are in academia.

We are also faced with problems in our own institutions because neurosurgery is a high cost specialty in times of limited budgets and in a managed care environment the academic centers are torn between allocating funds to neurosurgery or earmarking it for primary care. I am sure this has left neurosurgery departments around the country in a serious quandary. These are questions we intend to pursue at the Senior Society meeting in Chicago in May.

The challenge of *Surgical Neurology* has been very exciting. We have developed a new format with international comments and a variety of new features and we hope that everyone has either had a chance to see it and/or has enjoyed it. If you would like a complimentary copy, I would be very happy to get it to you. The number of papers has increased by 40% in the last 12 months and this has added an additional workload but it is very challenging.

As Chairman of the World Federation Education Committee, I have had an opportunity to organize a course in Peru this year and have ones planned for Egypt, Brazil, South Africa, Romania, China and perhaps Indonesia next year. This is a great opportunity and a number of you have participated in these courses and I think have found them worthwhile. If you are

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interested in participating, let me know. The professors contribute their travel expenses, the rest is paid locally. We have been able to develop a set of guidelines that societies around the world can use in terms of developing training programs, neurosurgical departments and national societies.

In my spare time I have had a chance to be a member of the Board of Directors of two biotechnology corporations which has given me an interesting insight into the business world.

Carolyn is busy working for the Dean of the Medical School and the CEO of the hospital. This brings us both to work at the same time and home at the same time at night. Basically, by her hours, she is a neurosurgeon!

Our youngest daughter, Susan, is moving to Chicago to take a position in a law firm here so at least three-quarters of the family will be together again in this city.

We are looking forward to seeing everybody in Tucson. My father has a home there year-round so that ought to be an added pleasure.

This should bring you up to date on the Ausmans.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill and Fellow Academicians:

Looking back to my last communication of August 15, 1994 I found that I left all of you with a trache still in place. As you may recall this tracheostomy was part of a lengthy pulmonary illness encompassing over three months of hospitalization.

The ensuing months have shown some improvement in my condition. The trache is out and the wound has healed satisfactorily. I am still using oxygen whenever I exert myself physically, particularly on walking, but do not have to use it around the house.

As irony would have it, Elizabeth was next in line for a tracheostomy! On April 18 she tripped and fell striking her throat on the metal rim of a wastebasket. This happened just as she was going to bed and within a few minutes it became apparent that she was having difficulty in breathing. The upshot of this was a hurried trip by ambulance to the hospital and an emergency tracheostomy since a hemorrhage in her larynx had shut down her airway. This occasioned two weeks in the hospital but she is now fine and taking care of me in her usual superb fashion.

The grandchildren are doing very well. Allison, Tad's daughter, has just finished her first year of medical school at Penn State which she has enjoyed tremendously. She is also engaged in a great many extra-curricular activities such as explaining problem-based learning to the Penn State trustees! Her older brother, Tom, has just finished a post-graduate year at Yale in environmental studies. He is finishing his summer job with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute at Woods Hole. This gives him an interesting insight into other environmental studies and allows him to do plenty of sailing. The youngest, James Gardner, is engaged in a work study program at Rensselaer Polytech. He is currently working for one of the very specialized small computer companies here in the Boston area.

I hope to come to the meeting in Tucson if I can make arrangements for the oxygen. If this is not possible, I hope that as many of you who are able to will drop by to see us here in Boston.

E joins me in affectionate greetings to all of you.

Tom

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Dear Bill:

The past 12 months have been most eventful for the Barrow clan. Mollie and I derive our greatest pleasures through our three kids: Emily (7), Jack (5), Tom (3). This spring the entire family joined my brother and his family on a trip to a Colorado dude ranch that my parents took us to 28 years ago. It was a great reunion and all of the young ones had a spectacular time. During the summer, we joined our travel club, Aequinimitas, on a camping trip to the Wind Rivers in Wyoming. Warren and Diana Selman put together a most memorable week of camping, hiking, horseback riding, fly fishing, and quality family time while surrounded by breathtaking vistas. On the home front, Mollie continues to perform a most remarkable juggling act in managing her busy practice, our household and farm affairs, and the duties of a true "mother of the year."

I was honored to be selected to succeed Dr. George Tindall as Chairman of the Department and was named MBNA/Bowman Professor of Neurosurgery this spring. Having served in this position for only a short period, I have developed a deeper appreciation of the remarkable job George did in building a department with such depth and strength. If the transition has been smooth, I owe this to the outstanding colleagues I inherited from George's prior recruitment efforts. Each of the faculty members have willingly taken on new responsibilities during a period of transition, not only of leadership but in the delivery of health care. Roy Bakay is our Vice Chairman in charge of our academic and research activities. Suzie Tindall continues her important roles as Chief of Staff at Crawford Long Hospital and Director of our residency match program. In addition to his role as Chief of Service at Grady Memorial Hospital, Austin Colohan is utilizing his business expertise to help us in our preparedness for a world of managed care. Jeff Olson heads our neuro-oncology effort and continues to be extremely productive in the laboratory. Joe Petronio, our pediatric neurosurgeon, has developed a large pediatric service and acquired significant funding for his laboratory efforts in pediatric neuro-oncology. Regis Haid heads our spinal surgery effort and continues to make important contributions to his field. We were fortunate to recruit Reg's first spine fellow, Gerald (Rusty) Rodts to remain on our staff; and, within short order, he and Reg have added a new dimension to our department

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with their interest and expertise in spinal instrumentation. It was a moment of great pride for me to witness Nelson Oyesiku defend his Ph.D. thesis and handle a barrage of questions from an audience of basic scientists, much like Brooks Robinson handled hard-hit grounders at third base. Our two research Ph.D.s, David James and Jim Allen, continue to be enormously productive in their efforts to unravel the molecular biology of intracranial neoplasms. As I attempt to scale the steep side of the administrative and business learning curve, a faculty of this calibre provides a most appreciated and necessary series of boosts.

Mollie and I are looking forward to seeing you and the members of the Academy this fall.

With warmest regards,



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Dear Academy Members,

Today marks my 10th anniversary at UCLA, having moved west for the 2nd time in September 1985. It has been a challenging decade as I've worked very hard to build on the quality programs here. The effort, I believe, has paid off. Despite the socio-economic siege mentality in medicine that exists, we have firmly focused on programmatic excellence in teaching, research, and patient care. Consequently our clinical service has never been busier and our research and teaching programs are a source of continuing pride and satisfaction. My large and outstanding faculty is constantly besieged by institutions looking for new Chairs of Neurosurgery but, happily for me, they find it difficult to leave L.A. We have weathered the storm of managed care and emerged strong and harmonious.

The West Los Angeles area where UCLA is housed and most of our faculty live, continues to be safe, lovely, clean and economically healthy and this includes much of the medical environment.

I am celebrating all of the above by taking a 2 1/2 month vacation-holiday-mini sabbatical beginning next week. Maria and I will be in Wintergreen, Virginia (just south of Charlottesville and west of Richmond) where we have a small cottage on the 7th green. I'll be playing golf, reading Journal of Neurosurgery manuscripts, going to meetings (including ours in Tucson), taking care of my mental and physical health and just recharging the batteries.

See you all in Arizonal

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Dear Bill,

Greetings from the Black Family. This past year, Katharine has been the Assistant to the Chaplain to Harvard College as a Kellogg Fellow and has enjoyed this immensely. She has also been the Interim Rector at St. Mark's Church in Westford, MA. She has found that doing interim work is a very satisfying kind of endeavor which has different challenges centering around transitions than those a permanent rector faces. Dia has finished her sophomore year at Smith College and is majoring in History and Psychology. Katy and Libby have finished their freshman years at Harvard. Katy will be majoring in History and Science with Neurobiology as the area of science concentration. Libby will be doing Classics and History. Peter Thomas is a junior at Boston Latin School and is in the process of sorting out where he would like to do his further education. He continues to work hard at his Chinese. Christopher is in the ninth grade at Roxbury Latin and is finding that school is an enjoyable and interesting experience.

I am in the process of juggling administrative work, a very busy surgical schedule and other commitments. I have spent this year acting as the Academic Surgeon-in-Chief at Children's Hospital as well as the Neurosurgeon-in-Chief there and at the Brigham.

Our program continues go well. We were devastated last year, however, by the loss of Gene Rossitch, our spine neurosurgeon and have spent much of the year in a search for his replacement and in communal grieving.

I wish you all well and especially you personally, in your work at Jefferson. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

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Dear Academicians:

The last year has been quite interesting, although sometimes topsy turvy.

After the meeting in Sea Island, Christa and I took a vacation in Europe. We started off in Switzerland where we were visiting her sister. That part of the trip was highlighted by my getting the flu and being confined to a hotel room for several days. Following the flu we went to Christa's home town in Germany. After several days Christa got an acute appendicitis and had to be operated. The operation took place at 2:00 AM on a rainy cold night in a local hospital. In spite of the fact that I was very nervous about the details of this procedure, it came out extremely well and she was back home in about three days. There were no complications and all ended well.

As a consequence of the surgery, we had to postpone our trip coming home for a few days. Lufthansa let us come first class back to the USA on Thanksgiving day. We had a wonderful goose dinner and splendid accommodations which did a lot to soften the blows that we had sustained.

In March we went back to Europe for two weeks of skiing. We skied with one of Christa's daughters, her husband and my nephew. We had a great time. The snow was perfect, although I have to confess that my ski legs are not what they used to be.

Jefferson has turned out to be a wonderful experience. We have the most unbelievable caseload which may even top 3,000 cases the first year. We are reorganizing the academic aspect of the Department. All in all I am very pleased. It is a big change in one's life to leave an institution where you have been ensconced for over thirty years, but in reality it turns out to be a very good thing.

Christa and I send very best personal regards to all Academy members.

Best Regards,

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Dear Bill:

The Chandier family has had another busy and enjoyable year. Susie and I just returned from a 12 day trip to France to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary and our 50th birthdays. We had a delightful time and recommend Provence to anyone who has not yet been there.

Our oldest son Scott has completed his second year at Colby College in Maine and will be off for six months next year to study in Florence. Jesse just returned from a two week trip in Montana with the Outward Bound group and will be finishing his last year of high school this year.

We have a brand new golden retriever puppy to provide inspiration for our other somewhat aging golden retriever.

All is well at the University of Michigan and in spite of all the changes in the managed care systems, our service continues to grow and prosper.

Best wishes to all of the members of the Academy.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Bill and Academicians:

We are sorry we won't be able to join you in Ventana Canyon this fall. We will miss you. The fact is that Shelley finally re-retired as of June 1995. It has been an interesting and demanding two years as interim Dean of the Medical School and Deputy Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Minnesota. We learned a lot and wished we could do more for the Academic Health Center at Minnesota.

Jolene has been the president of the Women's Auxiliary at the University Hospital and Clinic. She oversees a number of enterprises, mainly the Gift Shop and the Espresso Bar which earn approximately 450 grand a year. The money goes to benefit patients and their families. They also subsidize the Academic Health Center Symphony Orchestra. All these activities tremendously enhance the esprit de corps of the institution which, in the competitive managed care environment, has a very significant morale-boosting effect on the faculty, staff and students.

Due to the above, our friends at the Academic Health Center gave us a present - a five star trip to Vienna to attend the State Opera. We will see Bellini's I Puritani and Rossini's The Barber of Seville. We will also visit Salzburg and then be back.

In October, we will be going to China to visit Kanpu, my birthplace of which I spoke at the San Antonio Academy meeting many years ago and which I last saw in 1946, almost half a century ago, sort of a last visit and bonding. A lot of water has gone under the historic bridge; what can we say! By the way, it will be Jolene's first trip to Kanpu.

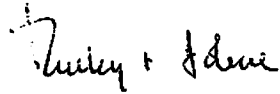
In November, we'll close our Minnesota townhouse to spend the winter in Rio Verde, Arizona where we have a nice house, only partially furnished. We'll make our house there comfortable and enjoyable as we plan to spend winters there on an annual basis.

So, our friends, we'll be on the go for much of the fall. Thus we'll miss you in Ventana Canyon. When we get back to Rio Verde in November though, we'll get in touch with Lois and hopefully we can have a visit with her.

U of M President Nils Hasselmo and his wife Pat had a farewell dinner for us several weeks ago. Our number one son, Shelley, Jr., and his wife Stephanie from Salt Lake City, daughter Dana from Denver and her friend, and number two son Kerry and his wife Andrea were all there. It was a very intimate, family-like occasion. Lyle and Gene French were there, too, to complete the larger University family. It was a dinner to remember.

Have a good meeting!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley + Jolene".

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Dear Bill;

This had been an interesting year. I became Professor Emeritus on July 1, 1995 and assumed all the benefits of retirement. They are different and quite good. We bought a place in San Diego so we could get out of the New England winter and although it was very mild here last year it was even milder at our new house during the three months we were in Southern California. Marty Weiss was kind enough to put me on his faculty at University of Southern California and although I had only a chance for a single visit I will visit more often next year.

Our plans now are to see some of the areas of the world we missed when our travels were basically going to neurosurgical meetings. Our next trip is to Alaska in June and then Southern Italy in September. I still do a little clinical work but no surgery. I agreed to help Dennis Spencer by being the staff attending at the V.A. Medical Center for April and May. It is fun to argue with the residents again and to see how little has changed in the games played when the resident wants to do something which he or she is not certain the attending will allow. I do not cover the OR. One of the other neurosurgical faculty supervises the surgery and I cover the rest of the service. My more continuing plans are to read fiction, history and economics, to get better on my computer and to be more involved in music. I purchased a great new violin. I also plan to finish a book that is designed as a text for a combined neurosurgical and neurological clerkship. Clark Randt who retired as chairman of neurology at New York University, is helping. I figure I need at least 10 years to do all I want to do and perhaps I can get them if they keep patching me up.

I just finished attending my 50th class reunion at Yale this past weekend. It is amazing how many of the class jokers turned out well and how many BMOC's did not. My other observation was they all looked older than I felt. Gwen and I ended up attending about five functions including a boat trip that went by our house. It was a much wilder weekend than we are used to and Memorial Monday was welcomed. I do not think one should go to more than one 50th college reunion.

I also have been involved in trying to help set up a managed care facility in the Medical Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs. That is the new designation for the old crippled children group. Yale has not gotten its act together for the problems with managed care but perhaps it will before it becomes a fatal omission. We still are holding adversary positions

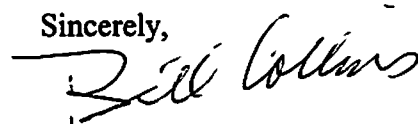
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with the community and the hospital. Neither are the enemy. I find that as I talk with parents and family physicians that we, as physicians have few chits left to call on to help us as all the changes take place. The overwhelming flow of comments when one of them finds out I am, or was a neurosurgeon, is that surgeons do unnecessary surgery and charge too much. Surgeons appear to be even more in the dog house than other specialists. I might say the person usually adds, 'I do not mean you.' I also have started to look at just how much a primary care physician does for a patient aside from triage. There are little data. This concept that more than 50% of physicians should be primary care is interesting but not based on any data except other countries with that percentage have as good a mortality. There are little data on morbidity or patient satisfaction. Perhaps we can not afford either but I doubt it. Yale has an unusual situation where they have an in house HMO for students, faculty and employees, a School of Epidemiology and Public Health that has been a leader in setting up, Medicare, Medicaid, and DRG's and who, in combination with the School of Management, train hospital administrators and health care delivery specialists. (ugh) Some of us are trying to get the University to develop a department or program in managed care so all aspects of managed care and its effect on the population can be studied. That study will take more than 10 years. At first glance the only thing that I can see going for American medicine is that people require it and therefore physicians cannot be just done away with. Politicians, corporate executives, industrialists, parents and almost all those involved in the new frontier of medicine appear to wish that physicians could be taken out of the picture. Unfortunately I think we have ourselves to blame for their response. We and I include neurosurgeons, did not police ourselves. We did not act as a profession so our actions were for the common good rather than ourselves and we now probably can not reverse things so we can as a profession have a major play in the future. My guess is these errors will result in somewhat of a mess and about a decade from now if we grow up and become professional, perhaps we can take over the resulting mess and set up what should be done, affordable care for all with workable quality control.

My other recent job is to help with a clinical trial that CIBA is holding in Europe, Australia and the States. It is different to work with a drug company rather than the NIH. They send you first class to Europe and think little of the cost of keeping a safety board satisfied. My job is to review the SAE's (severe adverse events) each week and then monthly put the composite of such events into an understandable form for the rest of the safety committee. It was fun to get going on a new database and although the fun runs out after a bit I wonder how we use to do such reviews before computers.

Finally Gwen and are in good health. We are getting older somehow and one of the reasons for the trips in rapid succession is that neither of us is certain when such trips would no longer be fun. So far they have been great. I hope if any of the members are out on the West Coast that they will give us a call. After the Tucson meeting we should be in San Diego during November and December until a week before Christmas and then back in January until mid April. We are told that persons with the snow bird behavior, that is to be in San Diego when there is a chance of snow at home, gradually become a transplanted Californian. It has not happened to us yet but who knows. Our best to all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Collins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".

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RE: 1995 Round Robin

Dear Bill:

Please excuse my tardiness in answering your summons for letters.

1995 has been a milestone year for me. Having reached the ripe old age of 60, I have reached the age at the Ochsner Clinic where you may no longer be the department chairman and have now retired from the chairmanship. Rand Voorhies, who has been with me for the last twelve years, has succeeded me as chairman of the department and will make a wonderful boss. Rand trained with Russel Patterson at Cornell and is an extremely competent and attractive individual who I hope will be a prospective member of the Academy.

1995 also was the last year of my tenure on the American Board of Neurological Surgery. My tenure on the board was the most enjoyable experience of my neurosurgical career. I was fortunate to serve with some really remarkable and wonderful human beings.

On the home front, 1995 marked the first marriage for the Connolly family. Our oldest son, Sander, who is a neurosurgery resident with Ben Stein at Columbia, married Kendall Genre who is the daughter of the chairman of the Department of Pathology at the Ochsner Clinic. Both Kendall and Sander are Dartmouth graduates and she is presently a social worker in New York City. We are waiting to see if this marriage bug is contagious, but as yet our other children appear to be blissful in the single state.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Bill,

Corinne, the children, and I have had a good year in 94-95. The children have been to the hospital a few times - Lizzy with acute appendicitis and Ralphie with a hand fracture sustained in a water-skiing accident. Otherwise, we have had a fairly safe year.

We have been very busy with the kids' athletics this year. Ralphie plays baseball and ice hockey, which involves a lot of driving back and forth to games and practices. Lizzy has been active in field hockey and plays on a select soccer team. She also has an extremely busy schedule and requires a lot of driving around. Although, in about three months, Lizzy will get her driver's license. It has been a lot of fun, but sometimes we think the kids' schedules are more demanding than ours.

I'm the President of the Congress this year and have been busy planning the meeting and working with the AANS officers on joint projects. This has been a rewarding experience and I have really enjoyed getting to know so many neurosurgeons across the country. Corinne and I are looking forward to the meeting in San Francisco and hope that all the members of the Academy will be able to attend.

We are looking forward to the meeting in Tucson, especially the nice golf courses there.

With best regards,



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Dear Bill

This year I am responding with greater speed because procrastination led to me not responding at all last year. There was no real reason or excuse for that neglect except that it was, for me, the first year of retirement and being sequestered from one's office led to a new kind of inefficiency which had to be conquered.

As you know, 1994 was for us in South Africa a very important year and indeed, I cancelled a trip to the United States just to be here at the time of the election. I am not sorry that I did that because it was probably one of the most extraordinary experiences, not only in this country's history but in that of the world. The country is going through a process of significant change and is doing so remarkably smoothly. That does not mean to say that there are no problems and worries, but then it would be extremely unnatural if there were no problems. Nothing that is worthwhile comes easily!

Change is also affecting medical practice in the widest sense of the word but many of the problems that we have to cope with are ones which are well known to colleagues in the United States. The only marked difference is probably that you are dealing at a very high level of economic capacity whereas here the financial limitations are very severe.

This whole scene has provided me personally with a task for which I had very indirect qualification. Here in the Cape Peninsula within a radius of 30 miles, there are three universities as well as two technikons sharing two medical schools, two dental schools as well as independent health science faculties. You can well imagine that the concept of 'rationalisation' would come to the fore when financial considerations are necessary. The local government appointed an Academic Priorities Group and this in turn, had a Task Force to deal with this very problem of academic/service rationalisation. I was elected as Chairman of that because I am probably one of the few medical practitioners who had worked at all three universities. This has kept me busy since September last year but will be coming to an end in June. The whole process is now on its way and it is a matter of a continuing evolution and implementation of agreed arrangements.

From July onwards I shall be working for the College of Medicine of South Africa, dealing particularly with the task of carrying higher medical education into Africa, south of the Sahara. This is a task with which I have been involved in the WFNS to a limited degree.

All this has been part of my retirement - I am still looking for that alleged time in which to do nothing which people talk about!

There is time for an old hobby which is gradually beginning to focus and that is the writing of the medical history of the Anglo Boer War - something which has not been done before and for which I have been gathering material for many years.

All these are extraneous, fascinating and interesting things but still extraneous.

Our family has consolidated - which means it is expanding! Our son Charl and his wife Erika now have a family of two little girls - Mila and Clara - and our daughter Elfrida and her husband Leon have a little boy, Jean Charl who has just turned a year.

Jeanne is continuing with her work at the Poisons' Information Centre at the Red Cross Children's Hospital here in Cape Town. It is a fascinating work in a country where over and above the "normal" forms of poisoning which occur everywhere, we have an abundance of snakes and insects which make their venomous contribution to this unusual aspect of medical practice.

We are happy because we are healthy and live in peace. Our country has become new, makes great demands but offers wonderful opportunities. It may be problematical at times but it is never dull.

Keep well.

With kindest regards and best wishes

Kay de Villiers

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Dear Professor Buchheit!

Enclosed is my letter for the 1995 Round Robin. I am sorry that it took such a long time, but it is explained in my letter.

Hoping that you are healthy and everything is going well, sincerely yours with very best regards



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Round Robin Letter

Hans Erich und Karin DIEMATH

The thought not to have delivered a contribution to Round Robin for almost years burdened my mind extremely. I am sure this has nothing to do with our highly esteemed academy, but only is due to an awful lack of time. In times of deep reaching changes in our health service, we all are asked to defend the rights of our hospitals, which demands a great amount of time. As I am not only the head of the Neurosurgical Department but also director (president) of the hospital with 1170 employees my task are broad spread. The problems seem to be very much the same all over the world. The running of a hospital becomes more and more expensive. But sometimes it is not taken into account that the costs for the treatment in patients are steadily rising too. Furthermore greater expectation of lifetime with polymorbide patients and also upcoming of new diseases with very expensive treatments, as for instance AIDS.

The department is fortunately running well. We get on quite well with our 62 beds and took care of in 2810 stationary patients - last year and 1862 operations were done. We cover the whole field of neurosurgery reaching from Neurotraumatology to stereotactic operations, from tumorsurgery to periphere nerve surgery. Naturally discoperations are still kept in our hands. The encreasing of operations during night duty on sun- and holidays of about 34 % compared to last year causes one more problem. Our outpatient clinic took care of 3708 patients. In the field of research we especially worked on brainoedema in our MRI unit belonging to Neurosurgery. Furthermore we took part in multicentric studies concerning head injuries as well as aneurysma research.

The family is well. Our eldest daughter Karen, a doctor of medicine, is working at the University Institute of Hygiene in the viruslabor in Graz. She is married to Univ.-Doz. Dr. med. Gerhard Pierer, a plastic surgeon at the University Hospital in Graz.

Our son, Dr. jur. and Mag. jur. Hans-Peter (studied law) is working for our Government. He worked his way very well as his chief has retired earlier than expected. Now he is responsible for the department of Radiation protection, pharmacy, hospitals and social affairs. He is married to Mag. pharm. Susanne, who runs her own pharmacy not too far away from Salzburg (in Braunau).

Our youngest daughter Maren, 19 years old is studying law (with special concern of european community laws) at the University of Graz. She now got a car - Golf-Rabbit - which she longed for and therefore enjoys her very much. Karin and I have a good time as grandparents and we do enjoy our five grandchildren very much.

The first part of our holidays Karin and I spent in the mountains at a place called Ramsau, where I endured a rib fracture on a not too exhausting and dangerous climbing tour. It really could have been worse as the boulders suddenly began to slide away under my mountain boots. In spite of my fractured rib I took up all my clinical duties including operations. This has not been very wise, I know quite well, as I pay for it with shooting pain which keeps me awake almost all nights long.

The second part of our holidays will we spend with our daughter Maren at the Algarve in Portugal.

Our farm is going well although it is getting more and more difficult as by becoming member of the European Community, the prizes of agricultural products dropped enormously and therefore many farmers have to struggle hard to survive.

For the next year we have made up our minds to attend a congress of your Academy and we are already looking forward to seeing many of our old friends. In the years of 1959/1960 I was staying as a NIH research fellow with Professor A. Earl Walker at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. My former chief and many of my highly esteemed friends are already dead, now. Time is passing fast and you should see to your days.

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Dear Academicians:

This has been another exciting and challenging year for us. Time moves so rapidly, it seems we fix our clocks for Daylight Saving Time and Winter Time every other month. In Cincinnati, the University Hospital has formed an alliance with The Christ Hospital and there are more and more committees doing more and more work. To add to the bureaucratic maze, the J.C.A.H.O. has set up totally new guidelines that are guaranteed to increase committee assignments, increase costs and probably have no effect on patient care.

This has been an exciting and interesting year. The practice of Neurosurgery certainly has its vicissitudes. The primary care physicians cannot decide whether to send the patients early and risk having surgery performed or to send them later when a more complex procedure with more complications is likely to occur.

On a more pleasant note, Ellen and I had the opportunity to tour the Grand Canyon, Brice Canyon, Monument Valley, Mount Zion National Park and Lake Powell. In our wildest dreams, we did not envision the country was so beautiful. I am sure most of you have experienced the beauty of the West, but to us it was an eye opening experience. We cannot wait to return.

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Our daughter Sheila, after working in a bank for five years, has decided to return to school for her M.B.A. Although she is anxious to move on in her career, she has the expected ambivalence of whether or not she wants to go back to the rigors of studying.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you this year.

With best wishes,



Stewart and Ellen Dunsker

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Dear Academicians:

This year has been just as hectic as was last year. The neurosurgical program at Maryland is finally taking the shape I had imagined when I started, only I had thought that this phase was a six-month, not a three-year project. I am really lucky to have such a capable, energetic, and supportive faculty and office team.

Unfortunately, my responsibilities at the Shock Trauma Center have not really decreased and there seems to be a continuing struggle between the faculty, the medical school, and the hospital.

Life in Baltimore has been very pleasant with a lot to do and wonderful proximity to the Chesapeake Bay, Washington D.C., and New York City. Janet is still working as a consultant, but now also is a part-time and will very soon be a full-time student in the masters program in finance at Johns Hopkins.

Despite all of these nagging responsibilities, as well as the *Journal* and the Board, I have decided to take real time off this summer. I brought my boat to Rhode Island where it will stay for the month of August for some racing and I hope a lot of cruising Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, etc.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill,

I did not make your excellent Round Robin last year so I will make this an update. We were sorry to miss several of the past Academy meetings because of the conflict with the Fall Convocations at Acadia University in Nova Scotia where I am now going into my fourth year as Chancellor. This has been a gratifying experience for Faith and myself; quite pleasant to return to the beautiful campus, looking over the Bay of Fundy, where I did my pre-medical studies. The duties of a Chancellor are not onerous - presiding over the Spring and Fall graduation ceremonies, attending quarterly meetings of the Board of Governors and visiting other universities across Canada when they install new Chancellors. In addition, it has been a crash course for me in the financial and political aspects of higher education, the Nova Scotia government considering quite reasonably that thirteen universities may be too many for a population of about 700,000 citizens. This is leading to a major restructuring and consolidation of the university system which is probably long overdue.

The Neurological Institute flourishes. Ted Rasmussen and I have laboratory offices in the Penfield Pavilion next to nearly 4,000 dossiers of the patients treated surgically for epilepsy since the beginning of the Institute. Ted's meticulous follow-up data on the cases continue to be invaluable for assessing the longterm outcome in relation to methods of selection of candidates for surgery and also in regard to various patterns of surgical excision, particularly in the temporal lobe series. We are actively reporting these evaluations, since it appears recently that radical excision of the amygdala without a major excision of the hippocampus provides a highly successful long term result; this pleases Brenda Milner by retaining her favourite memory structure, the hippocampus.

André Olivier who is now Neurosurgeon-in-Chief as well as Chairman and Programme Director of the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery of McGill University arranged for an enthusiastically attended Neurosurgical Reunion in May with about 150 of our former trainees returning with wives and family to celebrate with Ted Rasmussen, Gilles Bertrand, Jo Stratford and myself the memories of the joys of residency life and the reports of rewarding careers and achievements since then.

A few weeks later, in June, the MNI Fellows' Society had their Annual Research Day with the visiting lecturer this year being George Ojemann who to my pleasant surprise, was announced as the first William Feindel Lecturer of the MNI. I found this especially gratifying and not least because George and I have had mutual backgrounds in epilepsy surgery, he with Art Ward who was my older contemporary here at the Institute when we both trained with Wilder Penfield, Bill Cone, and Art Elvidge.

My major writing project these days is to complete a history of the Montreal Neurological Institute in its first 50 years. I am hoping to wind this up by next year which is the 175th anniversary of the founding of McGill University's Faculty of Medicine. The Neuro's history epitomizes the remarkable growth we have all seen taking place over the past 50 years in the brain sciences and the revolutionary changes wrought by brain imaging. I well recall after the meeting of the Academy with the British Society of Neurological Surgeons at New College, Oxford in 1972, how Phanor Perot, Ellis Keener and I visited James Ambrose the radiologist at the hospital near Wimbledon to view the world's first CAT scanner. I was so impressed by these early results (which in retrospect now seem so primitive) that we were able to get a CT unit in the late summer of 1973 one of the first three scanners in North America, along with the Mayo Clinic and the Massachusetts General Hospital (aptly installed in the 3-Ms). The integrated brain imaging centre which we opened at the time of our 50th anniversary in 1984 continues to expand with the advent of MRI and MR spectroscopy, a second replacement baby cyclotron, and I believe our fifth PET scanner and third generation MRI within the centre. The neuropsychologists, of course have found PET a boon for cerebral localization but - the technology still has a way to go at the purely cortical level. It cannot yet reproduce the fine point to point localization from the cortical stimulation responses on which Dr. Penfield made his reputation.

Last year Faith and I attended a session in London and Oxford organized by the History of Neurology section of the World Federation chaired by Frank Rose, combined with the American Osler Society. The social events included an excursion to Oslerian haunts in Oxford with tea provided by Lord Walton at Osler's former home and as the last event on the programme a day in the west country to unveil a commemorative plaque to Thomas Willis on the

thatched cottage where he was born in 1621. I joined with the two other biographers of Willis, Hansruedi Isler of Zurich and Trevor Hughes of Oxford, in a tribute to this famous founder of neurology.

Faith continues in nursing at the Institute of Psychiatry of McGill University. We had the transcontinental experience of our youngest son Michael graduating in Law in Nova Scotia while his oldest sister, Pat graduated in Fine Arts a few weeks later in Vancouver. Janet and her husband Bob Haley are in full swing at the Canadian Stratford Festival, she in speech coaching and Bob playing roles in three of the productions. Our youngest daughter Anna after a stint in the commercial world, has decided to return to graduate studies at McGill. Christopher our eldest son heads the heart transplant unit at the Toronto Hospital. As I write, he is here on a stopover with his two sons Michael, sixteen and Andrew, fourteen heading for a well earned holiday at his seaside cottage in Bluenose country near Lunenburg, Nova Scotia where we will join them later this month.

With warmest wishes to our friends and colleagues in the Academy and all the best to yourself and family.

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

Bill Feindel



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Dear Bill:

Certainly after your recent "summons" letter, I feel I must get down a line or two regarding retirement life. I hope to hear about your change of address from Temple to Jeff.

I recently underwent a reconstruction of my prosthetic hip (left) and was surprised at the lack of pain. We were very lucky to have our oldest son Dave come from Oklahoma City to help the senior citizens. Rehab has been easy with a daily swim in Newfound Lake where our home is located. The "hydrotherapy" has been so helpful that one wishes a pool present in each hospital to aid patients. I am not high jumping yet but think I can get back to sculling soon.

The family is well - Connie has the joint problems as I do, but doing well and enjoying three generations of children. Our latest is part Kiowa Indian, his nickname is Sundance.

Still working on the functioning of the pineal gland. Our team, like others, is now closing in on the biochemistry of melatonin. One realizes that this may be extremely important in understanding new approaches to what have been unsolved neurological problems.

We regret missing this year's meeting. Our best wishes to all.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Academicians:

I gather from many inquiries that the state of neurosurgery in Philadelphia has raised some questions. As far as I can tell, it is simply a matter that virtually every neurosurgeon got into a taxi and said, "Take me to the institution to the right." In spite of all this, we continue to have all of the university departments headed up by well-known neurosurgeons.

At the University of Pennsylvania, we continue to see an active development in The Neurological Institute. Our neuro-oncology program is benefiting greatly from the new leadership of Dr. Peter Phillips. Under his direction, a variety of new tumor protocols have been introduced, and we are anxiously awaiting final approval of our gene therapy program. Our representative to this group from neurosurgery is Kevin Judy.

Vascular neurosurgery continues to occupy a large part of our clinical and research activities. We continue to be active in all aspects, including surgery, radiosurgery, and interventional neuroradiology in management of these disorders.

Our residents seem to be thriving in spite of the pressures that we exert upon them. Last spring, one of our chief residents, Ellen Shaver, received the Ken Shulman Award from the Pediatric Section at the AANS. This fall, our other chief resident, Grant Sinson, will give a presentation for which he received the Resident Research Award from the Congress.

Susan and I are looking forward to seeing all of you in Tucson.

Yours truly,

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

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Dear Round Robin 1995:

It's a little difficult to start this letter given the tumult in this Division but here goes!

Russel Patterson has retired from the practice of medicine and was relieved of his post as Chief of the Division of Neurosurgery on January 1st. Drs. Gamache, Lavyne and Snow have rented a suite of private offices and left the full time faculty though continue operating at The New York Hospital. Dr. Patterson has moved in with this group.

Recruitment of new personnel has proceeded as follows:

(1) Dr. Mark Bilsky, a Cornell Neurosurgical Graduate, has returned after doing a year of spine surgery fellowship and has been appointed at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He will be doing complicated spine cases as needed here at The New York Hospital also.

(2) Dr. Mark Souweidane, fresh from a fellowship at Toronto Sick Childrens under Harold Hoffman, has assumed responsibility for Pediatric Neurosurgery at The New York Hospital and at Memorial Hospital. He is clearly very able and already very busy.

(3) Dr. Ethan Taub, graduating Chief Resident, is currently a Functional Neurosurgery Fellow at the Toronto General Hospital and will join our Cornell Neurosurgical Group in July 1996 and will take over this area at The New York Hospital and Memorial Hospital.

Memorial Hospital has harbored a tragic neurosurgical experience. A patient from India with an unenhancing left anterior temporal glioma underwent, through miscalculation, a right temporal



lobectomy. The surgeon involved had the "wrong patient's MRI." As a result of that surgery, the patient also suffered a stroke. The patient in question was transferred to The New York Hospital where we carried out a limited left anterior temporal lobe removal in order to biopsy the tumor. A more resolute tumor removal was precluded by the prior temporal lobectomy.

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The surgeon involved at Memorial has, for the moment, had his clinical privileges suspended. Further Dr. Joseph Galicich, the other operating surgeon at Memorial, elected at this moment to retire! I have been helping out at Memorial Hospital as much as possible. Given the fortunate juxtaposition of our starting two residents rotating at Memorial Hospital, we are managing quite well. This however, does leave us busier clinically than I had either anticipated or ever considered desirable.

A loosely knit consortium of multiple hospitals impacts on my life to a considerable degree. This stems from the fact that the United Hospital Medical Center, our local community hospital in Rye, New York, is now a member of The New York Hospital Network and requires considerable personal attention from me. We have connected their emergency room CAT scanner to our New York Hospital neuroradiology computer. This allows us to read their emergency scans 24 hours a day at The New York Hospital and allows us to more intelligently discriminate and identify appropriate patients for transfer to The New York Hospital.

On a personal side, our family is growing both physically and in intelligence. My oldest daughter Cynthia has graduated this year from the University of British Columbia occupational therapy program with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is now employed at the Vancouver General Hospital and spends much of her time on the neurosurgical service.

Number Two daughter, Heather, who received her Master's Degree from the London School of Economics last year, is now an economist working for the Federal Government of Canada in Ottawa and has just been assigned to the Canadian Mission to the United Nations in New York. Unexpectedly, we will have her and her new husband (they are to be married on September 9th) living near us. I couldn't be more delighted with my daughter's choice of a spouse and feel more fortunate than I deserve.

Eliza (a star in all areas) was 8 yesterday (Hiroshima Day). Great fun was had by all. Emily, our 6 year old, is really the son I never had. She is a delightful kid who already has a sensational tennis game derived under the tutelage of Anne. My dear Anne, the super athlete that she is, has taken a hit this year with an anterior cruciate ligament rupture and repair (cadaver graft). She

is busily involved in a physical therapy program, but of course, cannot play tennis for at least another 4 months, a major deviation to her schedule. She is the most disciplined person I know and is now riding a stationary bicycle 20 miles a day and swimming as well as undergoing a rigorous daily physical therapy program.

Given all the professional demands of this year, we will not be able to take our usual Nantucket sojourn. We however, look forward to our trip to Vancouver for Heather's wedding.

We look forward to seeing you all in Tuscon.

Best personal regards,

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Dear Bill:

This last year has been a very good one for us. A year ago, in June, Gene had a cataract removal and now has almost perfect vision. Later that month I had both hips replaced and am back playing golf and enjoying life. We keep very busy in curricular, as well as extracurricular, activities.

In the summer we live on Lake Minnetonka in a suburb of Minneapolis. Much time is spent with our children and grandchildren. The grandchildren are ages 20, 9, and 8 years so there is a great array of activity. We hope all this helps to keep us young. In addition, Gene spends a great deal of time with her intricate designs and sewing. I still am on several University and state medical committees.

We still enjoy travelling by car to and from Minneapolis to our winter home in Pauma Valley, California. We vary our route each time. In the process we have visited many of the national parks and have crossed the Indian reservations. This has led to some very interesting reading, both fiction and nonfiction, about the historical and physical attributes of the areas. The areas change each year, depending on the weather and season. We are continually amazed at the beauty and grandeur of the mountains and deserts.

It has been over ten years since I retired from our Department of Neurosurgery. I must acknowledge that the preceding 40 years endowed me with an everlasting interest in its progress, especially since Roberto has left to join his native Miami. Bob Maxwell is now serving as interim head and doing very well. Don Erickson keeps busy, mainly with spine problems. Steve Haines does the skull base and pediatric work; Walter Hall is primarily interested in oncological problems. Paul Camarata has taken over most of the cerebrovascular work. In addition, many of the "downtown" neurosurgeons are returning to the fold so the Department is certainly thriving. Of course, our other three teaching hospitals, the Veterans' Hospital, Hennepin County Medical Center, and St. Paul Ramsey

Medical Center are busy and substantially supplement the training programs, as they always have in the past. Gaylan Rockswold at Hennepin County Medical Center has maintained a very active clinical and research service there for over 20 years. Our basic research group has excellent facilities and are competing successfully for grant support. They are also very active in our teaching program.

We hope to see you all in Tucson this fall. It should be a great meeting in a simply spectacular environment. With best regards to all . . .

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RE: Round Robin

Dear Bill:

Sharon normally makes our yearly contribution to the Round Robin, but her busy schedule has pushed this responsibility onto my desk. The good news is it gives me an excuse to brag about my kids. The big news is that the County of Los Angeles is broke. There are all sorts of threats to the healthcare system in town including closing County General Hospital. When the smoke clears the hospital will still be standing, we will all still be working, the patients will be sicker because of the closure of ambulatory care centers, and there will be less money to take care of them. On the practice side, managed care continues to gobble up what few patients are left who have any health insurance at all. Two of my young associates, sensing this trend, opted for private practice in a more rural venue hoping to put off the inevitable for another few years.

The Executive Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons is finally putting me out to pasture. To ensure that I have no extra free time, I have been made a Director of the ABNS.

Brent, our fourteen year old, left grade school, packing a bunch of academic and athletic awards. He spent the summer vying for the quarterback position of his high school freshman football team. He is currently in Minnesota at a two week hockey camp (his true love). Nicole, our twelve year old, has gotten into the fitness craze. She has a personal trainer and is lobbying for her own personal treadmill. Robin, our ten year, is the athletic and academic equal of her older brother, but due to her sunny disposition has been elected Princess For Life by the other members of the family. Sharon's tennis skills continue to escalate. She is now able to find time for golf which may allow all five of us to participate in a family sport. We look forward to seeing everyone in Tucson.

Sincerely yours,

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RE: ROUNDROBIN

Dear Academician:

After some insistence from the editor, I am writing a few words to share with you the project that I am now involved with.

In October 1993, at the World Congress of Neurosurgery in Acapulco, Mexico, Hiroshi Hatanaka presented his twenty-five years experience in the treatment of malignant tumors with Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (BNCT).

This method was started by our colleague William Sweet in 1951, in Boston. Unfortunately, the early results were not satisfactory and in 1981 the clinical trials were suspended. Dr. Hatanaka worked in Dr. Sweet's laboratory for about three years. Upon his return to Japan he developed BNCT. After twenty years some of his results were outstanding, to the point where the United States Senate had a hearing on BNCT last year. In September 1994, the first patient was treated at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). Now, after proven safety and efficiency they will proceed to phase III.

Our project involves a modification of one of the nuclear reactors of the Chilean Nuclear Energy Commission to obtain Epithermal neutrons and follow protocols similar to BNL. We are very excited, because after years of frustration with Glioblastoma Multiforme we can see some hope for the future of these patients. We are aware that BNCT will not cure Glioblastoma Multiforme, but it can prolong survival with a good quality of life. The European Collaboration Group is going to start BNCT next year. We also hope to start our project in Latin American next year.

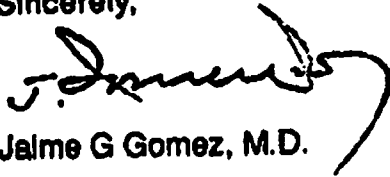
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Thank you, your comments and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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RE: American Academy of Neurological Surgery Round Robin

Dear Bill:

This is my first round robin letter and because I have never even attended a meeting, having been elected at last year's meeting, I am a bit unsure about what to include.

It certainly has been an eventful year. Massive changes in the organization from the health care system of Minnesota are creating a great challenge for the University. So far, it is responding well and we are meeting the challenge. The University of Minnesota Medical Center is undergoing the process of "re-engineering" that will change its structure and function in substantial ways. Exactly what will emerge is as yet unclear. My own role in this process is to lead the effort to create a single faculty practice organization that can retain a good deal of flexibility at the departmental level, while functioning with a single voice to compete effectively for contracted patient care. While this position has made me everyone's "close personal friend", it has certainly created a big demand on my time.

The department has faced the challenge of Roberto's departure. In six spectacular years, he added depth and dimension to the department and created an outstanding learning, practice and research environment from which we have all benefited. His loss is a big one, but the environment had changed in dramatic ways that were antithetical to his goals and mode of practice. However, the department has remained very stable and all of the clinical and academic activities that he set in motion have remained vigorously active. Our energies have been focused on stabilizing these activities in the present environment and things are going quite well.

On the personal front, younger son Jeremy just graduated from Yale this spring and is hoping to embark on a career in interactive computer graphics. Dad is just delighted to have tuition payments over and done with. Older son Christopher works in the music business in the Los Angeles area and is living with his wife in Palm Desert. They had their first child in May, pushing me grandly to a status of maturity to which I did not aspire, but have accepted with equanimity (and with some pleasure).

And so, in short, for those of us blessed/cursed to live in interesting times, it has been a most interesting year and we are responding in "grand" style.

Best wishes.....

Sincerely,

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

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July 24, 1995

Dear Academicians:

So far we have collected twenty-three letters for the 1995 Round Robin. Please take a minute and drop us a note. I would be interested to see if we couldn't get enough enthusiasm to have the majority of the Academy respond.

Please take note of my new address.

With Best Regards,

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Dear Bill - I had a stroke Nov. 1994 & had to retire. My home address is as follows -

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July 31, 1995

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RE: Academy's Round Robin, 1995

Dear Bill,

The year has been complicated for me and there have been some ups and downs. Fortunately, I seem to be settling quite nicely in Miami and all I need now is for Debbie and Carlos to join me; they are planning to come to Miami late in August.

The decision to leave Minnesota was one of the hardest in my life and was one about which I vacillated a fair amount. Basically, my finding it increasingly difficult to maintain a Department of the scope and size that we were able to develop and my inability to maintain a high enough level of clinical activity to satisfy me were the two factors motivating my decision. Both relate to the highly competitive managed care environment in the Twin Cities that has made it very difficult for many patients to be referred to the University Hospital, which is essentially a tertiary referral center without a significant primary care component or active emergency room. The problem was compounded by a very competent and sizeable regional neurosurgical community that simply did not need to refer routine vascular cases, especially if to do so they would have had to send the patient "out of plan". Fortunately, the University of Minnesota Health System is developing what I consider a very viable strategy to cope with the problem in general and in particular to maintain a strong neurosurgical Department that, albeit likely to be smaller, will continue in the same tradition of excellence started by Lyle French and Shelley Chou. I feel strongly that Bob Maxwell, who has taken over the Chair in Minnesota, will continue to build in that tradition of excellence. Bob, with the great respect he has in the community, with his political acumen, with his patience and with his gentle but firm, hand is clearly the right person for that job.

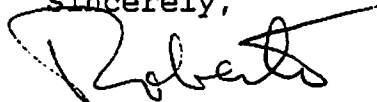
There are several reasons that made me decide that Miami is the right place for me to spend the rest of my career. First of all, I do like it very much here and the older I got, the more of an urge I felt to return to being closer to my roots. This is not

Cuba, but I can assure you that it is almost Cuba, both in the good and the bad. My first month here has amply confirmed my presumption that it will be relatively easy for me to build here in Miami the kind of referral practice that will satisfy me. Additionally, my interactions with South American neurosurgeons and patients will undoubtedly be greatly facilitated at Miami. In this respect, we are developing an International Institute with the support of the University that will endeavor not only to develop strong multidisciplinary programs to attract Latin American patients but, just as importantly, will have a service and a educational mission that will undoubtedly give me additional satisfaction. I envision developing a structure that will make it possible for us to bring neurosurgeons from less developed areas to come and spend time with us here; that will allow us to spend time doing "free clinics" in collaboration with local neurosurgeons in some areas of Central and South America and, importantly, that will allow us to bring patients with certain complicated neurosurgical problems who cannot pay from different areas of Latin America to our center. I am very excited about this aspect of my role here and Barth Green and the Dean have been very supportive. My third major role, together with building up the cerebrovascular and skull base service and directing the University of Miami International Neurological Institute, concerns the residency training program, which I will also be directing. Considerable work is needed in this area, but the raw material is here, both in terms of the quality of the residents and the quality of the clinical material. We are currently in the process of recruiting two excellent academic neurosurgeons to supplement the faculty and we will have more to say about this next year.

As mentioned earlier, Carlos, who is now two, and Debbie will be joining me in a few weeks. Unfortunately, she has to pass the FLEX in order to practice in Florida-a burden that I was thankfully exempted from since it was realized by the Dean that I probably had little chance of passing this test-. My son, Rob is starting medical school at the University of Tennessee, my old alma mater. Elsie will be finishing her Master's in Nursing and will be obtaining her certificate as a midwife at Yale University this year. They are both well, happy and in love.

I look forward to seeing all of my fellow academicians this Fall in Tucson.

Sincerely,



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Re: Round Robin 1995

Dear Bill:

Much of the fun that Program Directors have in neurosurgery derives from the patients with interesting problems streaming into our hospitals and the quality of the residents we have entering our Specialty. As educators, we all derive enormous satisfaction from the process we oversee as new neurosurgeons are "born" each year.

The current uncertainties forced upon us by health care reform, third party carrier interference, governmental regulations, reduced funding for education, shrinking reimbursement, and shrinking salaries make the life of a Program Director less happy than in earlier times. To say that these are challenging years, particularly for those of us in the academic setting, is clearly an understatement.

The steady flow of patients with disorders that span the entire spectrum of neurosurgery is directly threatened. Complex epilepsy surgery, sophisticated spine surgery, cerebrovascular surgery, skull base surgery, etc. are all part of the repertoire we offer at academic centers today. In fact, those parts of our programs are probably fairly secure. The bigger problem that looms is access for our residents to the "meat and potatoes" of neurosurgery, i.e., carpal tunnels, discs, gliomas, etc. Patients throughout the country are required more and more to have these less complicated problems treated locally because of cost. Our training programs and their teaching material are thus in jeopardy.

How to preserve access to the entire spectrum for resident training is the challenge. Having faculties fan out into community hospitals is one solution. But, neurosurgeons established in those community hospitals don't relish the thought of additional competition from an academic faculty with residents in tow. Alienation of established colleagues in the neurosurgery community is a direct by-product of



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that "go-to-community-hospital" approach, and unsavory competition is its spin-off. Somehow we need to establish relationships with community neurosurgeons who are teaching oriented, so that residents can learn under optimal circumstances. Finding colleagues in community hospitals where there is a significant academic commitment is probably the best solution in the long run, assuming the patient population base shrinks in high-cost academic centers as predicted.

Our traditional methods for teaching residents need to be revamped over the next decade or two. The "ivory towers" we work in will need to be retooled so that they become more efficient, more "user friendly", and more accessible. At the same time, relationships with neurosurgeons in community hospitals will have to be nurtured if we are to protect our residents and the quality of education we've provided for them over the last half dozen decades. So much for philosophy and lamentation.

Diane and I are enjoying Ann Arbor a great deal. We are fortunate to live in this fair city and to be a part of the University of Michigan community. It is now 14 years since we moved to Ann Arbor - hard to believe!

We look forward to seeing you in Tucson. With regards from both Diane and me,

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Dear Bill:

This is a short note for the Round Robin. It is just to let you know that Cathy and I are still living and well. Both our personal and professional lives have been exceptionally busy over the past several months. My oldest son was married at the end of May this year and my middle son, and ENT resident, is getting married at the end of this month. Both are attached to wonderful young women and we are extremely pleased with their prospects for a happy future.

We spent several weeks up at Martha's Vineyard this year and enjoyed what was a fabulous spell of warm weather. We swam, rode our bicycles, and generally overate.

The Health Science Center at Syracuse, I suppose like most other institutions, is having some problems adjusting to the world of medicine as it exists in 1995 and as it threatens to exist in the near future. Nonetheless, we remain busy, active, and are attempting to hire new faculty members to keep up with our clinical load.

I look forward to seeing you and the rest of the Academy members this autumn. My warmest personal regards.

Yours truly,

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Dear Bill,

The past year has been eventful. JoAnn and I are expecting our second grandchild. Our daughter Katie has returned from Boulder with her MBA and is now working as a marketing executive with American Express.

I was elected to Honorary Membership in the Japan Neurosurgical Society and attended the meeting of that Society in Tokushima, Japan, last fall. The two young men in my department are academically productive. Jim Drake was the honored guest of the Japanese Pediatric Neurosurgical Society last year, and Jim Rutka was the honored guest of the Japanese Pediatric Neurosurgical Society this year.

We are in the process now of establishing a brain tumor research center housed at the Hospital for Sick Children but functioning as the brain tumor research center for the University of Toronto.

This spring Tony Raimondi, who is presently the Professor of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the University of Rome, has been producing wine in Verona and sponsored a fund raising event for the neurosurgical unit at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto where his wine was featured. The wine was superb and the fund raising event went over very well.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Buchheit,

This year is very special to me both professionally and personally. With the recent recruitment of Robert Fenstermaker, M.D., the SUNY at Buffalo department of neurosurgery has grown to a staff of 10 full time neurosurgeons. We are now capable of offering a full spectrum of neurosurgical care, from skull base surgery, to neuro-oncology to neuroendovascular surgery. Hopefully, we are now positioned to meet the challenges the health care environment will assuredly present us with over the coming months.

About a year ago, I assumed the chairmanship of the Joint Section on Cerebrovascular Surgery. This has been a particularly rewarding experience. I have worked with some of neurosurgery's most innovative minds to tackle issues which will affect the future of our discipline, such as the role of neurosurgery in carotid disease. I look forward to my second year in this position.

This year has brought me much personal happiness. In the summer, my wife, Bonnie, and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. Also this summer, my son, Bobbie, will graduate with his M.B.A. from the Columbia Business School and will marry - out first child to take marriage vows. Our oldest daughter, Margi, is enjoying her position in the alumni affairs office at George Washington University in D.C. And our youngest, Betsy, works with challenged children in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Thanks for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the 1995 Round Robin.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

Although my family is thriving, medicine in New York is not. There is no question that the rapid expansion of HMO's has adversely effected our practices and is adversely impacting on our teaching responsibilities. It is hard to understand how the public is willing to put up with the current situation where more and more people do not have any healthcare while HMO's are making money for their investors. I don't believe this situation will be acceptable for long and expect we will see major changes over the next several years.

Marion and I celebrated our 40th Anniversary by treating ourselves to a wonderful far east trip through Bangkok, Rangoon and a cruise through the straights of Malaka to Shanghai and Hong Kong. Soon after we returned I injured my back and had L5 decompressed in early May. The surgery was not at all a bad experience. I was up the next day, out in two or three days and back to work in about two weeks. That was the good part. About two weeks later severe bilateral interstitial allergic pneumonitis saw me back in the hospital and then left me totally washed out for another month. It's all over; I am back in the office and operating again.

Meanwhile, I continue to be involved in overseas Medical Relief Programs. Most recently FAR facilitated a contractual relationship between New York State and the Health Ministry of the Republic of Armenia for the development of standards for education, licensure and certification and to improve healthcare management and post-graduate training. FAR is the PVO of which I am Vice-Chairman and Director of Medical Programs. It continues to support the National Medical Library in Yerevan as it develops an Information Network for a number of major hospitals and scientific institutions in that country. Our Medical Fellowship program continues at the request of the Armenian Government and has become stronger as we learn how to manage it more effectively. We plan to upgrade the anesthesia facilities at one of the major hospitals following which we will be able to deploy surgical teaching teams as well as medical visiting professors.

Marion and I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting at Sea Island. It was fun seeing you and many friends again and we look forward to the meeting in Tucson.

With warm regards.

Most sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

Susan and I send our best wishes to you and our friends in the Academy.

Glory Hallelujah! Our province (state) election has just concluded and the left-wing rascals have been thrown out. The soggy, middle-of-the-road party was heavily favoured to win the election but a last-minute swing resulted in the government being formed by a right-wing party, by a decisive majority. Any one of the three parties elected would face the same appalling deficit and debt situation in the province, but the recently-elected government is pro-business and pro-excellence, so I think the overall philosophy will be more in keeping with the vision of The Toronto Hospital. The outgoing provincial government managed to double the debt accumulated between confederation and the onset of its election in a matter of four years, so we are looking forward to renewed fiscal responsibility. (Interesting parallel with the recent electoral behaviour in the United States.)

Susan is in excellent shape and is preparing for the remarriage of her 77-year-old father. In addition, she is managing the wedding of Erin (our third child), who has just returned from teaching in the jungles of Guatemala for the last six months. Erin holds an Honours Degree and a Bachelor of Education, and will return to get her Master's while her husband, also a teacher, returns for a year to get a major teaching qualification. Jean, our eldest, and proud mother of two of our grandchildren, is setting up practice in Toronto, about half an hour away from us. Katherine continues as a product manager at Procter & Gamble and has produced our third grandchild. Roy and his wife Lynne are currently walking around Nepal. He has done quite well with Northern Telecom and is working out of Fort Lauderdale.

The Hospital is doing extraordinarily well, and we closed out last year's financial year in very good shape. We watch, somewhat nervously, the very rapid and major changes occurring south of the border and also the significant changes occurring in virtually all the other provinces in Canada. The new provincial government will have to do something, as healthcare consumes one-third of the provincial budget. We hope that it will behave in a sensible fashion and that we will be able to influence events to a reasonable degree.

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Charles Tator continues to do an excellent job leading neurosurgery. We are bringing on a further three neurosurgeons to The Toronto Hospital, all of whom are getting post training experience with our friends at various units in the United States.

The most important academic event for me this year has been the publication of the Nerve Injury book, which Dave Kline spearheaded, and with whom I was honoured to be a co-author. Although this was a labour of love, it was an incredible grind and, as you would expect, Dave's immense dedication, conviction, and "stickability" drove the project to its conclusion. This is a remarkable friendship, which started at the AANS meeting in 1970, and it is both my pleasure and privilege to be part of the US/Canadian enterprise in the peripheral nerve area. I believe one of the more pleasing features in latter years has been the appearance of several outstanding American and Canadian neurosurgeons who have significant interest in this field, following a period in which the more glamorous areas of neurosurgery had consigned peripheral nerve surgery to a very peripheral part of neurosurgical consciousness.

Susan and I thoroughly enjoyed the World meeting in Berlin. Standing 100 meters from the site of Hitler's bunker on 8 May was an extraordinarily moving occasion. We also visited Potsdam, the site of the famous conference. Both my Dad and my uncle fought for many years in the second World War and I have been an avid reader of the various historical books surrounding that great conflict. The Germans were great hosts and it was an excellent opportunity to resume friendships with our German and other European friends. As usual, the election of the site of the next World meeting was an exciting contest and we look forward to visiting Sydney in due course, particularly as we have never travelled to Australia.

I have resigned from several neurosurgical societies but, of course, I retain my membership in the Academy, which I prize greatly.

All best wishes to our friends,

Sincerely,



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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your reminder to participate in the 1995 Round Robin.

Sally and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting in Tucson in November. Lois Sundt and Jasmine and Chuck Rich have done a terrific job of making available to us all of the various points of interest in Tucson. They assure me that our stay will be very pleasant and comfortable.

Suzie Tindall informs me that she has received a large number of papers from Academy members. She has decided that there is more than enough talent in the Academy to have an outstanding program, and therefore, we will not plan to have invited speakers. Also, she plans to have an appropriate time for discussion of the papers which should ensure audience participation. This makes for a much more enjoyable and productive scientific meeting.

Sally and I are happy and well. We are both still looking for the twenty-eight hour day...there seems to be more and more that needs to be done. I am so superstitious that I feel I should not say our children are doing well, but things are going great! We now have three grandchildren, two girls and a boy, and we have two more that are expected in the next few months. We will have gone from zero to five in very short order, it seems. They are all a joy for us to visit and to babysit and to love.

At this moment, our medical center and more specifically, the Department of Neurosurgery, are going splendidly, but we have some major concerns about our future, as do each of you. We are working hard to be able to realistically compete in the future.

We have received some significant monies for research through the NIH and from philanthropy. Both the numbers of cases and spectrum of cases for resident training are excellent. We are not sure how much longer this will continue, and we are preparing for and expecting things to dramatically change for the worse. Although we live in a semi-rural area, two-thirds of the working population in our locale are members of an HMO. We have formed our own managed health care plan, but it is in its infant stages, and we are working hard to make it successful. I have put a great personal effort into doing what I can to help the institution, mostly, I suspect, because I am now one of the oldest members of the faculty and have been working with different medical communities for a long time. We are in need of further faculty, but are fearful of hiring because of not knowing what is going to happen to us in the near future.

Sally and I are still enjoying tennis and fishing. It seems I am getting older and she is getting younger, but we are very much enjoying our times together.

We are certainly looking forward to seeing everyone in Tucson November first. Hopefully, the OJ Simpson trial, White Water, Packwood, and Waco, will all be behind us by that time!

Best wishes,

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Dear Bill;

Hope that you've had a good summer. I am submitting the following for the "Round Robin":

I am sitting at my laptop computer set up on the chart table of my yawl CYGNUS which now rests quietly at her moorings in Northeast Harbor, Maine. Two hours ago we'd been on a great beam reach off Great Duck Island, south of Mt. Desert. Now I sit here, typing this, between sips of a Gin & Tonic, with NOAA weather radio crackling in the background. It gives me opportunity to ponder the existential fact of absurdity.

I've been at New York University almost two years now. I'm not sure that I've accomplished anything; except, of course, stay employed. But, I have a great group of residents and my practice keeps growing. My 6 year old daughter goes to an excellent Manhattan private girls' school. My wife loves Manhattan and we now have a good apartment with adequate space having bought the adjoining apartment and combining this one with ours. Professionally, I am waiting for the challenge of my career. I wish that I could report that it was going to be an earth-shattering scientific contribution or at least an advancement in neurosurgical technique. No; the challenge is going to be survival in difficult economic times for academic health centers.

"It happens that the stage sets collapse and one must face the elemental fact of absurdity".-Albert Camus

A heavy thought - but appropriate now. Managed Care has not yet hit New York City as it has elsewhere in the country. That was partly because of tough New York State regulations on Health Care delivery systems, hospitals, Insurers, etc. That was until last year. Now most regulatory restrictions have been rescinded. Managed Care companies and HMO's have been infiltrating New York like carpetbaggers heading South following the Civil war. They've been signing up physicians left and right. We now sit waiting for the economic impact resulting from this onslaught with a feeling similar to what the Polish people must have felt in 1939 as they watched the Nazi juggernaut take up positions on their border. New York, they tell us, is "ripe" for Managed Care.

This all means money-less of it for us and big time aggravation. Less money for a particular service or procedure. Less money for sponsoring research. Less money to bootstrap new faculty. To maintain income we will have to increase volume-hard to do when one considers that there are only so many neurosurgical cases to go around and we have more than enough neurosurgeons in New York City. In addition, academic health centers have never been known for their delivery of cost-effective health care or their efficiency. All of this will have to change.

In the past neurosurgeons have been the "good guys" for their hospital administrators. Our patients utilized the pharmacy, laboratory and radiology services as we fill the hospital beds with our patients requiring neurosurgical procedures. If patients were discharged before the DRG limit, hospitals made money from us in a very big way. With managed care we are no longer the "good guys". We will become the money losers since our patients will now shift from purchasers of services to consumers of resources.

Gross income will go down. Overhead, however, will stay the same. In New York everything costs more; office space, insurances, services and people. The "bottom-line" will dwindle. It will be a time which will truly separate the men from the boys as some will no longer be able to afford staying in practice, will either have to retire or work for a salary somewhere. So we are truly living in interesting times. I am reminded

now of Bismarck's curse on his enemies: "May they live in interesting times".

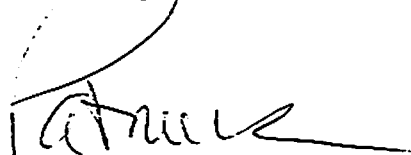
Nonetheless, I've always been a survivor and believe that neurosurgery is the best field in medicine.. In addition, I have the utmost faith that because of the young people in our field, neurosurgery will survive and continue to grow. It's just that the paradigms are going to change and we'll have to learn a new set of rules. We will show that our procedures actually do our patients some good and are worth the money they cost and will make our patients feel that they receive good service and value for their money. It seems to me, though, that we've always tried to do this. We just have to document this-a worthy endeavor, to be sure, but one that will consume time and resources from more esoteric research.

So I sit here on my boat ready to return to New York to face the challenges. New York can be aggravating, frustrating and maddening. But I doubt that it'll ever be boring. I'll do the best I can, realizing that there are only so many hours in the day. Besides, if it doesn't work out, CYGNUS and I can do a trans-Atlantic. I've always wanted to do that.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Until then I send my warmest personal regards.

Sincerely;

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Dear Academicians:

As everywhere, our world in medicine is churning. State support is down from 44% to 13% of the Health Science Center budget, practise generated income is up from about 15% to nearly 50%; hospital excess income reverts to state coffers. Primary care services, networking, marketing, cost reduction, managed care, graduate education reconfiguration, administrative changes at high levels in Albany and Syracuse, increased surveillance by external agencies and withered capital resources are the order of the day.

Nonetheless, our beds are full, the operating schedule is loaded, length of stay is down, same day admissions are up, twelve new operating rooms and a 54 bed new sectioned intensive care floor opened a month ago. A new emergency room opens in the early spring and the resident/staff teams are running well-405 notwithstanding. The revitalized obligatory student clerkship is popular with the students and fun for the faculty. Our research ventures and clinical forays into new fields are still flourishing.

Charlie has recruited a superb new faculty person-now on fellowship in Cambridge but returning in June. We hope a former resident will be joining the faculty soon.

Summer has been hot and parched with blue skies, cool nights and a stream of visitors. Our three daughters and 6 grandchildren have all been here-keeps you thinking young!. A medical school classmate and teammate at Bikini (academic pediatrician from Cleveland) and his wife; friends from Philadelphia; my sister and her naturalist husband from Indiana have all been here-very special people. Molly's parents in Rochester at 101 and 96 are doing well. We see them often. Two trips to Norwich, VT included a visit to Calvin Coolidge's homestead in the White Mountains-simple to the edge of austerity-but very interesting-lets us appreciate him more.

Sailing on Lake Ontario, Folksmarching, bike hikes (one in a 30+ mile an hour gale), the garden and shop have kept us on the move.

We're looking forward to seeing you all in Tucson. Until then-regards to all.

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Dear Bill,

Tom and I send greetings to all our old friends in Neurosurgery. We have managed to see a few during the past year. Despite a busy schedule which includes a lot of travel for us both, we want very much to keep in touch.

Last summer we made a lovely trip to Norway and Denmark, visiting the Lofoten islands off the coast of Norway. We stayed there in a refurbished fisherman's cottage in a spectacular setting. This summer we made a trip on the Westerdam to Nova Scotia and the Gaspé. Otherwise free time is spent at our summer place in Avalon. We enjoy it especially in the summer months when we can all gather there for the 4th of July.

The children are doing well in their different careers. David is a lawyer here in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Margaret, have a year old daughter, Barbara, and another expected in 1996. Bill Buchheit shared our excitement over Barbara's birth which happened in his hospital. She is our first granddaughter - girls are a real event in this family.

John is a neuropsychologist at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. He and his wife, Emilie, love Rochester. They have two boys, Daniel aged 7, and David aged 4. Sarah Margaret will soon be one year old and they call her Meg. We visit them on a regular basis and they come to Philadelphia and to our house in Avalon.

Frank lives in Annapolis, Md., and is a reporter for the Baltimore Sun. He plans to marry in September of 1996. She is Julia Dieter who is a veterinary student at the University of Florida. They will marry following her graduation.

Tom has been very busy, heading the Committee on Safety for GM, traveling a lot to various centers speaking on health care reform. He continues as Chairman of the Glenmede Corporation which includes the Glenmede Trust Company and the Pew Charitable Trusts. He plans to retire in 1997. This year he retired as a trustee of Princeton University, a job he really loved and enjoyed very much. Tom continues on the Boards of NY Life Ins. Co and Smithkline Beecham.

The grandchildren give us much joy and we are looking forward to Frank's wedding. It's a good time of life.

Affectionately
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Dear Bill:

1995 has been a happy and productive in the Loftus household. Our sons Chris, Matthew, and Mark ages 12, 9, and 8 continue their progress through the local parochial school and Dad is going to try to break them in with at least one Dartmouth football game this fall to see if it puts the "bee in their bonnet". Our daughter Mary, now 2 years old by the time you read this, is toddling, yapping, and generally charming the entire household including her big brothers. Sara maintains a thriving invasive cardiology practice which is almost too busy and does not always afford her the time she wishes she had to spend at home. I have had a productive year which saw the publication of my two volume edited AANS topic book on *Neurosurgical Emergencies* as well as my own book *Carotid Endarterectomy: Principles and Technique* and a video on carotid endarterectomy for the CNS video series. It was also my privilege to edit *Clinical Neurosurgery* for the second year.

The journal I started with Hunt Batjer, *Techniques in Neurosurgery*, has published two issues and we hope that it will continue to be a successful effort as well. I am still trying to find adequate time to spend in the lab although this becomes increasingly difficult with a busy clinical practice as you all know all too well. I was gratified to be appointed to the VA Neurobiology Merit Review Board and am looking forward to learning more about the grant review process through participation in that group.

I have fond memories of the last Academy meeting in Tucson and Sara and I are looking forward to returning for a what promises to be a wonderful meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear colleagues:

The last year has been a busy one for the Longs. Each year we think things are going to settle down a bit, but they never seem to become less hectic. Of course, most of it is our own doing. Now that the children are gone from home, we find that our old house is too small for our needs, so we have begun an addition. Harriett gets a new kitchen. There is a family room for the grandchildren, present and to be, and a garage. Increasingly in Baltimore one needs solid walls between yourself, your possessions, and the environment. Planning this addition took more than a year and now the construction has started just in time for the spring rains. We currently look like we're building a mote around our house and we have converted most of our yard into a great pile of mud.

Harriett has been mostly taken up with that activity and with making as many trips as possible to see new granddaughter, Lauren, who is now 18 months. Kimberley and husband, Lee, are in Milwaukee where Lee is a member of the Orthopedic staff at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Elisabeth and husband, Paul, are still in the graduate school mode. Paul is in the field of Comparative Literature at Northwestern and about two thirds of the way through his Ph.D. Elisabeth is in the Preservation Department of the Library of the University of Chicago. David works for the Abel Foundation here in Baltimore. It is a non-profit organization devoted to solutions for social issues for the city of Baltimore.

The late winter and early spring were particularly exciting. Kimberley successfully defended her thesis which dealt with political theater in Germany in the early part of the century and graduated with a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins last week. It is nice to have one child finally finished with school. This is the first time since 1982 that we don't have someone in school in St. Johns College in Annapolis.

Things at Johns Hopkins have been no less exciting. Our president has moved to the Kellogg Foundation so we are in the midst of a search which will include a proposal for a new governance system. We have five chairs to be recruited, a new entity called Johns Hopkins Medicine, and a lot of the Brownian movement that characterizes all academic medicine today. It is sobering to find myself the senior most chair at Hopkins and then in the midst of all of this, the department continues to grow, both in research dollars and clinical activities. The major departmental problem now is that a number of my senior faculty are being enthusiastically recruited for chairs around the United States.

Harriett and I look forward to the fall meeting and seeing all of you again.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

The Round Robin gives me a great opportunity to keep in touch with the decreasing number of old friends so I continue to respond. Katy and I are well and our two boys and their families are thriving. We look forward to a visit from the Menover family in August.

Katy and I are about to leave for Boston to celebrate my 55th Medical School Reunion. When we return we hope to move to Kamehala at 3000 feet. The heat here at the beach is enervating and I find I can accomplish more in the cooler weather. The move is dependant on selling our home here at the beach.

About my only medical related activities are reading the New

England Journal of Medicine, continuing to help with fundraising for the North Hawaii Community Hospital which hopefully opens next year and serve as a board member and volunteer for the North Hawaii Hospice program. The last group is a wonderful group of people all motivated by qualities that all good doctors should have namely service to his fellow man.

I can't keep up with the incredible advances in neurosurgery but my respect for those of you making these advances is enormous.

Our best to you all.
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RE: Round Robin Letter

Dear Bill:

With the accession of Peter J. Jannetta to the position of Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this year I assumed the responsibilities of Interim Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. Peter Jannetta built a dynamic and thriving department and I am trying to maintain that level of enthusiasm and productivity during an uncertain era. We are all trying to survive in a whirlwind of managed care, and the role of the department chair seems to be evolving. Because the benevolent dictator model does not seem to be the paradigm for the 1990's we are trying to restructure our organization to form linkages or outright mergers with strong neurosurgical health care providers in our community. In the meantime, I try to balance professional life, patient care and operative responsibilities, family life, and a seemingly endless round of meetings.

My daughter has begun looking for colleges as she enters her senior year of high school. For some reason, she no longer wishes to participate in the lengthy Pittsburgh winters and has since opted for college in the southern United States. For someone born and raised in the state of Virginia, I can sympathize with her needs, and only hope that she will find the best school that will give her the kind of education and the environment that she wants. That environment appears to be both small and coeducational. My son, Andrew, has proven to be a formidable golfer at an early age (12) and fortunately has intrinsic skills that far surpass my own in this mostly frustrating sport. On the whole, I would rather play tennis.

William A. Buchheit, M.D.

June 23, 1995

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Julie devotes an enormous amount of energy to maintaining a superb homelife, while monitoring and participating in the educational activities of our children and devoting significant time and effort to the charitable arena. Tucson should be a nice getaway.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Professor Bucheit,

I regret to inform you about the serious illness of my husband, Willem Luyendijk. He is no longer able to take notice of his mail, like the letter on the 1995 Round Robin you sent him on behalf of the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Bill:

As I sit down to write the annual letter to the Neurosurgeon I am impressed by the fact that each year I think it will be the last contribution on my part. Somehow another year rolls around. I am grateful. They have been all good, some have been better than others.

Unfortunately I missed the Sea Island meeting due to circumstances beyond my control and did not get to see again our delightful friends of the Academy.

As regards my family, Bobbie continues largely unchanged and the granddaughters continue to progress through the University in good style.

The Rogue River Neurosurgical this year I thought was a great success and the fishing was rather unusual. In fact John Raff and I with about one hundred years of fishing experience between us, floated two days on the Rogue, catching and releasing about forty five steelhead at that time, which is most unusual. This year to date on the upper Rogue where an account is kept of the entering salmon each year, it is very interesting to note that this time last year approximately 18,000 salmon had entered the river. Much to our surprise this year the account is 80,000. Just exactly what is responsible for this increase remains somewhat obscure although a lot of effort has been spent trying to save the salmon, not only in the Atlantic but also in the Pacific. Perhaps something we have done has been right. At any rate this indicates the likelihood of very good steel head fishing in the fall.

Since the Academy is meeting in the west this year I will make every attempt to try and attend the meeting at least one more time.

Although I am now over one year out of practice I continue to have contact with some of my very old patients, who for various reasons seem not to be happy with the new breed of neurosurgeons.

Bobbie joins me in sending our love to our new and old friends in the Academy, particularly to you and Crista.

Sincerely yours,



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Re: Round Robin

Dear Bill,

As I had explained in my last letter to the Round Robin I stepped down as Professor and Chairman of the neurosurgical department here at Mount Sinai four years ago but then opened my new office at 1148 Fifth Avenue just a block from Mount Sinai and continued practicing in the same department, in the same operating room, with exactly the same facilities. I planned on doing this for three years with the intent of retiring at the end of that time. On July 1, 1994 I closed the office completely and discontinued all practice. I canceled my insurance and while I kept a secretary on for this entire past year and still do, her duties were limited to answering the telephone explaining to people that I have retired, and typing my papers. I have continued to write and have a couple of peer review papers in press at the moment.

I have been the honored guest in a number of international meetings, and I have also accepted the position as Counselor of the Guadalajara Neurosurgical Society and will be their guest this winter. I will be going to Japan in October as the guest of honor of the Japan Neurosurgical Society and will also be the honored lecturer of the Society of Neurosurgical Inventors at its first annual meeting. I also am honorary president of that organization. My relationships with the Mount Sinai department remains excellent. I go to many of the conferences as a noisy participant as ever. I have also increased my relationship to the University of Virginia, my alma mata, where John Jane has been kind enough to invite me to come repeatedly as visiting professor, a very special delight.

Over the course of the year, without the need to rush in for patient office hours or operating schedule, my computer and I have been bonding together quite a bit more. I am in the process of scanning the pertinent material from my 7,000 or so patient charts into the computer and then I will have a total record for statistical analysis. Ruth and I

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have also been bonding. The improvement in our lifestyle that occurs from not having to get up at 4:30 or 5:00 each morning and being home at dinner time instead of at 11:00 p.m. at night can make a tremendous improvement, though Ruth has been superb at putting up with my horrendous schedule over the more than 50 years of our marriage. Of course I should mention that for the past 25 years we have taken off all summer to go boating, which has at least partly made up for the rest of the year. This summer with its lack of rain gave us superb weather to race about in our offshore performance Cigarette, now with 2400 supercharged horsepower and a 90+ top speed. Our son and his wife live in Boston most happily, and our oldest grandson has begun college at Harvard which he finds a pleasure after Stuyvesant High School. Our daughter and son-in-law and their two wonderful children are solid Californians with a lovely home in Long Beach.

It seems to me in view of the increasing stresses that have occurred in medicine in the past few years with the takeover of practice determinations by teams of high school dropouts hired by insurance companies, I certainly have had the best of the years for the practice and the best of the years to retire.

Sincerely,



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September 1, 1995

Dear Academician:

It saddens me to inform you of the passing of Professor J. Douglas Miller on August 22, 1995.

He was Chairman of the Department of Clinical Neurosciences at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and a recent President of the Society of Neurological Surgeons. He will be missed.

Sincerely,

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

Julian T. Hoff, M.D.
Secretary

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UAB SCHOOL OF
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August 10, 1995

Dear Academician:

It has been a good year at UAB. The managed care juggernaut has not yet reached us, though of course it will eventually. Many people, including Roberto Heros, have suggested that our faculty has gotten too large, but I will deal with that problem as necessary. I am now the oldest member of the UAB Neurosurgery faculty, a sobering thought.

Mary Jean's father died in the Spring of 1994, and we have recently moved her mother to Birmingham to be closer to us. She is a delightful lady of 85 who is fiercely independent, and she provides me with interesting insights into what the future holds. Mary Jean's dual career as landscape architect and children's teacher continues to prosper, and I look forward to the day when she can fully support me. We continue to spend as much time as possible on Little Cumberland Island, and are learning more and more about the ecology of salt marshes. It is a unique place, and we invite you to come and see us there whenever you can.

Sincerely,

Mary Jean and Richard



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JUNE 8 1995.

DEAR BILL,

FORTY YEARS AGO THIS JULY I JOINED THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, ON A TWO YEAR ASSIGNMENT WHILE ERIC YUHL DID HIS ARMY SERVICE. SOMEHOW ERIC NEVER JOINED AND I NEVER LEFT -- A SPIN OF THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE. ANOTHER SPIN TOOK ME INTO THE ACADEMY IN 1961. THESE BECAME TWO OF THE GREAT PLEASURES OF MY LIFE. SOME OF THE BEST THINGS ARE NOT PLANNED. IN JULY I RETIRE. IF BRYCE WERE CRITICAL OF MY WORK OUTPUT, HE MIGHT THINK THAT THIS HAS ALREADY OCCURRED. AS WITH MY SUCCESSION FROM JOE EVANS MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS AGO THIS HAS BEEN AN EASY TRANSITION.

DOING ESSENTIALLY NOTHING AND BEING AMAZINGLY BUSY DOING IT LEAVES LITTLE OF NOTE TO REPORT. WE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE INTERIM MEETING OF THE W.F.N.S. HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE E.A.N.S. IN BERLIN. IT WAS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE, BEING PRESENT WITHOUT HAVING TO ORGANISE ANYTHING OR EVEN GIVING A PAPER, THE BLISSFUL NADIR OF THE SEMIRETIRED LIFE. DESPITE THE FIVE PLUS YEARS THAT HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE WALL FELL, THE SCARS OF HALF A CENTURY LAY HEAVY ON EAST BERLIN AND ESPECIALLY ON THE ONCE TRIUMPHANT GLORY AND PAGEANTRY OF POTSDAM. NOT A DOOR FRAME REPAINTED, NOT A WINDOW LEDGE ORNAMENTED, SCARCELY A BLADE OF GRASSWAY CUT, OR A SHRUBBERY PRUNED, IN FIFTY YEARS. NOT EVEN YET! THEY SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW. WHAT A CONTRAST WITH BAVARIA! IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CERTAIN BEHAVIORS ARE CULTURAL RATHER THAN GENETIC. WHAT AN INDITEMENT OF A SYSTEM THAT WAS TO BURY THE WORLD IN ITS ENLIGHTENMENT!

ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT OUR OFFSPRING HAVE ALL FINISHED THEIR RESIDENCIES, JOHN (1994) IN NEUROSURGERY IN MINNEAPOLIS, JOAN (1995) INTERNAL MEDICINE AT NORTHWESTERN AND BRIAN (1995) AT IOWA. OUR TWO GRANDCHILDREN (AGED ONE AND ONE) HAVE NOT YET DECLARED THEIR SPECIALTY.

AT THE MOMENT WE ARE NOT QUITE SURE THAT WE WILL BE IN TUSCON. EITHER WAY WE CONVEY OUR BEST WISHES FOR WHAT IS ALWAYS THE BEST MEETING OF THE YEAR

WITH OUR VERY BEST REGARDS TO ALL

6 June '95

Dear Bill:

Its hard to believe that I am into my third year of retirement at Duke. Why am I still sitting in a Duke office? Bob Wilkins was kind enough to let me stay on to finish the book on our DREZ experience which includes over 600 cases since the late 1970's. In 1994, we carried out both an letter and phone follow-up and were successful in about 40 % of the time in contacting the patients. We were also fortunate in having good clinical records most stored in our computer. The analysis of the data was of course most critical and it would have been very difficult to do without the use of the computer analysis. It is interesting to look back over 30 years of work and see where you were right at times and also wrong at times. In any event, you can read all about it in the AANS publication.

Irene told me when I retired not to come home for lunch so to work around that, I spend two days a week in a private pain clinic seeing patients. I am also involved with a new technology using laser, it is the so-called FEL laser [free electron laser] which will have enormous uses in chemistry, physics and surgery. Simply, the FEL laser can be "tuned" to produce precise amounts of energy and unlike the argon and CO2 laser does not burn the tissue to make a lesion. Duke has one of the few facilities in the world, plus the fellow who invented it, although much of the technology comes out of Russia. Strange world! Jim Nashold began the early experiments on the CNS, but with being the Chief resident at Duke, his efforts are elsewhere. The Duke group recently presented a poster at the AANS and you will be seeing more in the future.

Irene and I are having some fun, two weeks last year at the Japanese Neurosurgical meeting and seeing all our friends including Hiro Narabayashi. The Japanese hospitality is unmatched. This year we will be off to Asia and the Middle East. I was fortunate last year to be invited to Sri Lanka to operate on a paraplegic women with severe pain. Irene did not go, but it was an amazing journey to an island most of us miss. It is one of the most beautiful islands in the world and the people are just a nice despite a vicious civil war. The medical facilities were first class and one thing that impressed me, in the far country side you will be driving along a palm tree lined dirt road, and there going to school are a line of children dressed in uniforms and all carry a school bag. Everyone goes to school. The other great thrill of the trip was spending an afternoon with Arthur Clark, the science fiction writer [2001] and astrophysicist. He is in his late 70's and has lived in Sri Lanka many years. Needless to say it was great fun speaking with him, since we have corresponded over the years because of his great interest in the brain and its function.

Irene and I regret missing the recent meetings, but hope to improve or attendance in the future.

GOOD LUCK,

Blaine Nashold



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May 8, 1995

Dear Academician:

It is time to begin my yearly plea for letters for the 1995 Round Robin. If you are too busy to do this, please ask your wife or significant other to send me a note about what is happening in your personal, as well as professional, life. At this time I am not sure that we will be able to publish photographs. However, in anticipation that we will, I will be glad to accept your photograph.

Please note my change of address.

Dr. Frank Nelson
died June 30th
1994

With Very Best Regards,

William A. Buchheit
William A. Buchheit, M.D.
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Please note - I
have written several
times since his
death!

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Dear Bill:

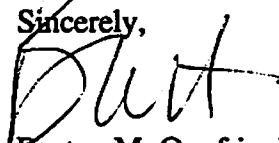
Once again, I'm glad to say that this year has been a very kind one to me and my family. Our daughter, Jennifer, is getting married on July 8, 1995, in Rochester. She is teaching in the Art Department at the University of Minnesota at the Morris, Minnesota extension, where her fiancée is also teaching in the English Department. When he asked for Jennifer's hand in marriage in an old-fashioned way, I told him how could I deny family membership to one of the only people left on Earth who knows what a gerund is and also likes sports.

Judy has been very active this year having received a McKnight grant for excellence in past work and was commissioned to do a free-standing outside sculpture at the Lomar Sculpture Museum in St. Louis. The sculpture consisted of an archway spanning the walkway leading from the mansion to the 200 acres of sculpture garden. I am sure it will be a focal point for ceremonial duties forever since it is a very impressive 14-foot sculpture spire on either side of the walkway with an embellished wrought iron heart spanning those two spires.

As for me, retirement has been delightful. Nick Zervas has taken me on Staff at Massachusetts General Hospital where I am on the consulting service and involved with resident education, most notably, cadaver resection for the peripheral nervous system. With my work on The American Board of Neurological Surgery, it's evident each year at exam time that neurosurgeons, by and large, have abdicated their responsibility to the peripheral nervous system and I think we all should be dedicated to retrieval of that portion of the anatomy which is most appropriately within the purview of neurosurgery. I'll have three more years on the ABNS and I feel very fortunate to have been elected as Vice Chairman on the Board to support Howard Eisenberg who is now the incoming Chair. So, "retirement", while it means no further surgical endeavors, has hardly been a standstill when my periodic duties at the Mayo Clinic and now my twice a month duties in Boston, together with my Board responsibilities, afford a nice mix of professional relationships with great people and an opportunity to periodically go moral mushroom picking.

My best to all the rest of the Academy members. My best to you, Bill, as well.

Sincerely,



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S. J. Peerless, MD, FRCSC
Director

August 31st, 1995

Dr. William Buchheit,
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Dear Bill:

We have had a busy and very successful year at the Mercy Neuroscience Institute. The practice has been booming and I have been delighted with how pleasant neurosurgery can be in a well organized and collegial hospital. It has been rewarding to have so much more time when the job gets done right the first time, and without a lot of dreary committee meetings, hidden agendas, and mean-spirited competition. Charlie and I have been busy completing our book detailing the surgical treatment of 1767 patients with vertebral-basilar aneurysms with the help of Juha Hernesniemi. A bittersweet effort chronicling the triumphs and tragedies of those remarkable years in London.

It has also been an exciting and happy year for the family. Our first grandchild, Mitchell, was born on the 17th of November, 1994. He is everything a grandchild should be, healthy, clever, beautiful and always clean and tidy. His father, Michael (our first born) and April, his mother, have delighted us with their skills as parents. Grandparenting does have its special joys!

Drew, our second son, has just fulfilled a dream of his lifetime by sailing single-handedly across the Atlantic in our old boat "Bellatrix". He is next planning to winter in the Mediterranean, and possibly continue eastbound around the world.

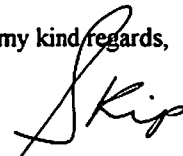
Thomas, our third son, is working as an English teacher in Sasebo, a suburb of Nagasaki. He is fully immersed in the Japanese culture, learning Japanese and aside from a very hot and humid summer, enjoying it immensely.

Ann and I have been busy refitting and sailing a new, for us, sloop "Epicurus". She is very fast, very comfortable and although much bigger than our previous boats, can be sailed by the two of us. She makes serious ocean passages and cruising a delight. We are looking forward to a few weeks in the Abacos in the late fall and possibly a voyage of discovery to Cuba in the New Year

with Alan and Sue Hudson. Perhaps we will be ready for the Round-The-World Rally in 1997.

We regret that we won't be with you in Arizona this year. Ann and I will be in Korea and Japan during the Academy Meeting, but we will be thinking of you and Krista, and all our friends, and wish you well.

With my kind regards,



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June 25, 1995

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Dear Bill:

I wish to advise you of a change in my address to:

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Your office is still sending letters to me addressed to 2351 Clay Street, or 135 Mountain Spring, or Pacific-Presbyterian Hospital, all in San Francisco and it just pure chance that I receive any of them as forwarding notices only last for six months.

So please make a point of correcting all your files to the current address as I do like to hear from you.

This has been an interesting five years. In retrospect, I greatly regret that we were unable to get CNS support to establish an actual Neurosurgical Office in Washington, but I certainly appreciate your efforts in my behalf and in support of a Washington presence for the specialty. From my NCVHS perspective, I am already noticing this year some negative effect on neurosurgical affairs and reimbursement. Although Dr. Lee wishes to extend my term as advisor and member of the committee one more year, I have decided that the July meeting will be my last one.

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address*

We are returning in a few weeks to San Francisco for vacation time at Lake Tahoe, sell the family house and plan several trips, particularly to New Zealand and Australia next February.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tucson for the Academy meeting. I promise to send you a letter for the Academy Round Robin this week.

With all best regards,

Cordially,

Cone

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May 18, 1995

Dear Bill:

I am walking much better now, after my hip fracture, such that it was possible to attend the fine 75th Anniversary of The Society of Neurological Surgeons at Boston, on May 7th. Tried, but failed, to repeat old time dancing at the dinner dance. Just don't have those light fantastic toes any more. Was greatly impressed by the scientific programs - especially the retinal isolation tests aimed at neuron survival time, and the molecular biology work.

Have had the great pleasure and honor of having a CHAIR of Neurosurgery awarded in my name by Columbia, on December 1st at a full annual meeting of Alumni of the New York Neurological Institute, made possible by grateful patients.

My little book Anecdotes is doing well now that the price has been reduced to \$25.00 (A publishing friend had wrongly advised the initial, too costly price).

Son Daniel has completed MSS for a second book for Simon & Schuster and the other two boys are doing well in their teaching jobs. I continue to paint, draw, write a bit and travel more.

With Warm Regards To All,

Larry Pool

P.S. Plans for a Rogue River
fishing trip are under
ways in September.

ROGUE RIVER NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETY

Ernie Mack asked me to write up notes on the September 8 - 9th meeting of the Rogue River Neurosurgical Society. To begin, he said that Ernie has decided to relinquish his Directorship, a post he has held for nearly 40 years, conferred on him by Divine Right and maintained by 100% popular acclaim. Russell Patterson is his worthy and extremely capable successor and has already mastered the delicate art of mixing the Society's ritual Royal Fizz.

The group this year: John and Loreen Raaf, gracious and most generous hosts as usual. Ernie Mack, Russell and Julie Patterson, Cone Pevenhouse, Jerry and Donna Silverberg, John Davis (friend of Ernie's internist of Reno and superb angler) and the writer Larry Pool---still on 2 canes alas and with John Raaf in the 89 to 90 year age bracket.

Whereas the Raafs were driven down from Portland by their attractive daughter Jeannie, most of the party drove rental cars from the Medford airport. Ernie, John Davis and I (JLP) drove the 5 hour trip from Reno that skirted the base of the magnificent 14,000 foot Mt. Shasta. We then negotiated the 41 mile sky-high twisting mountain road to the Raaf camp. Stretches of this aerial route were single-car width only with no guard rail between us and the 3000 foot sheer drops alongside. Comforting signs, however announced that there were occasional turn-outs for passing.

At camp we were treated to sumptuous meals prepared by two very friendly cheerful gourmet cooks from Portland, Pauline and Bob Williams. Among her many specialties were cinnamon buns, usually spicy gravies and ultra-delectable fish dishes: fresh caught salmon was baked, then smothered in sweet and sour dressing and finally put in the broiler for 4 minutes. For breakfast freshly skinned steelheads (half pounders), hot cakes and fritata.

Yes, we did plenty of fishing between meals. Up at 5 AM for morning angling and after midday nap out again at 3 PM till dark. It took a good 20 minutes to drive to the river over a very rough dirt and stony road. Hence a walk across a "beach" of slippery oval rocks to the boats which had been hauled in by trailers. They were shiny, colorful fiberglass craft with jet propelled outboard motors, most equipped with two comfortable swivel chairs. The largest which we called the "Cadillac" had 4 such chairs, two on each side and a 200 H.P. jet outboard plus a 35 HP small outboard for holding steady in fast water. The only hope of getting salmon was alas to bait the hook with salmon roe and let it sink deep. Yet Jerry hooked one on a fly but lose it at the last moment. Half to one pound steelheads we all caught on flies. Sometimes two at once with dropper flies. The first really big salmon we got was an 18 pounder that was a real bugger to land. He swam back and forth almost under the boat at times so that we had to hand over the rod quickly to someone on the other side of the vessel at times. In a word, he was eventually netted as the result of committee work. Everyone else had their share of eating salmon.

Excellent guides--powerful, handsome, witty and constantly kidding us and vice versa. Great fun, beautiful river, lots of other anglers from boats as well as shore, hundreds of ospreys, vultures, plus a few otters and native black tailed deer.

Head guide: Dave Young, next his son Chris (Once Ernie and I each had a "double" at the same time -- each with two steelies on the lines).

Ernie and John Davis kindly treated me to a very fine farewell dinner back in Reno at Basque restaurant, after a Picon cocktail.(Basques were imported because they were--- and are---such fine shepherds and such reliable people).

Basque motto: Jakiteko artzen Ikasi zazu ematen. (To learn to receive, first learn to give).

Signed

Larry

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Dear Bill:

"Managed Care" has yet to seriously affect us in New York, so we continue to thrive in the current environment all the while attempting to prepare ourselves for the onslaught which we envision coming in the near future. Professionally we seem to have storm clouds on the horizon but thus far there is an uneasy calm.

Personally our family continues to do well. Ilona is active in multiple pursuits of a philanthropic nature. Our oldest daughter Wendy has completed her first year in the MBA Program at Columbia and will work at J. P. Morgan for the Summer. Amy has completed one year of her Post-Graduate Nursing Program at Columbia and will be finished at the end of 1995. Susan is mid-way through her career as an undergraduate at Vanderbilt University. She will be spending the Summer with Vanderbilt's Humanities Program in London and is spending the Fall with Columbia's University Program in Paris where we intend to visit her.

We are refreshed by our trips to Santa Fe as often as we can manage them.

Best regards,


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NEUROSURGERY

August 10, 1995

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Dear Members of the Academy,

I regret that I don't have anything to contribute to the Round Robin that measures up to the standards of excellence set by the members who write such interesting letters. But this letter is my way of encouraging others to continue their contributions which make the Round Robin such fascinating and enjoyable reading.

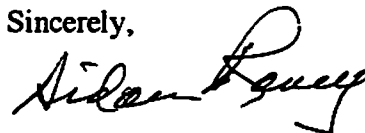
At a recent gathering, my family asked me about some of my WWII experiences and were disappointed that I did not have pictures of me in uniform. I told them they could take all the pictures they wished after I put on my Army uniform. They were surprised and I was delighted that it still fits perfectly. I tucked my tie into my shirt between the third and fourth buttons. It didn't look right 'til I moved it one button higher. After 50 years, the old uniform was so comfortable that I felt an urge to sign up for another 4-year stint!

I continue to consult on occasional patient--mostly "failed surgeon" back problems to which I referred in my verbose letter a year ago. Such patients make me wish I were still doing surgery on recurrent disc problems.

With my family, some horticulture, and a variety of other interests, I find that I am not spending as much time on golf as I should. However, I want to boast that I can still hit the green from 150 yards out (frequently but not always!). This reminds me that years ago playing in a Cherry Hills Dilly Tournament in Denver, on a crucial 180 yard hole, I flew the ball over the green in to a lake with a 6 iron. Here in Los Angeles, I would formerly use a 5 or 6 iron for 150 yards but now I use a 3 or 4 for such shots. I like to think this is because barometric pressure has increased or that they don't make golf balls as lively as they did years ago. I don't like to think that age has anything to do with it!

Very best wishes to all.

Sincerely,



Aidan Raney

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8/15/95

Dear Bill

A short note in response
to your letter re the Round Robin.
On the personal note how well
I had a marvelous trip to Malasia
and on return found out she was
pregnant - we expect a girl the
first week in October. Our six
year old son is thriving and has
gave me a great surprise part on
my 80'th - over 100 friends
and colleagues - belly dancers etc.

Professionally things are also
great. I'm no longer running the
Cancer Hospital - Dave Cahill has
recruited Steve Rosen for that
position! I'm now full time
at the VA - we've upgraded
our MRI, built a new
angio facility for interventional

over

neurology and are about to
accept delivery of a radiosurgery
unit. The residency is thriving
and all well life is fine!

As Always
Joe R.

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Rage on the range



HELLO all you city slickers,

JUST THOUGHT WE'D DROP A LINE

From the BITTERROOT VALLEY where we have spent
some time FISHING AND FROLICKING.

Bob and MARY are exchanging horror
stories about the changes that "mis-managed" care have
wrought at their respective institutions. They've started
a lecture series for the townspeople on this subject.
Notice their emotional reaction captured by the camera
at the first forum.

Peggy's new job at the Cleveland Museum
of Natural History has inspired her to seek out the
finest examples of Chain saw art the Bitterroot Valley
has to offer [you have to see it to believe it!]. In addition,



she is hip WADER Deep in wedding information preparing for the marriage of their daughter, RAETHAEL, to CARL Weissman. which will take place here NEXT SPRING. Young Abigail is starring in a "coming-of-age-movie" written, directed and produced by her soon-to-be sister-in-law, Emily — a graduate of N.Y.U. Film School. Alexey is still pursuing a career as a DJ in Cleveland. Even the opening of the ROCK 'N ROLL HALL OF FAME IN CLEVELAND PALES BEFORE THE EXPLOSION OF THE INDIAN'S' BATS.

Meanwhile, Debby and Marty are eagerly anticipating the December arrival of their first GRANDCHILD Sired by their son, Brad and his WIFE, Julie, residents of Richmond, Virginia. Daughter, Jessica is a Montessori teacher in Silver Spring, MD, where she lives with hubby, Alan and 2 incorrigible Black LABS. Elisabeth is living in San Francisco pursuing a career in show-biz. LAST year she was an ASSOCIATE PRODUCER OF A TALK SHOW ON A LOCAL TV station. Unfortunately the show was not returned to the schedule. Now, Elisabeth is working at a T.V. station hoping for ANOTHER BIG BREAK. She is happy in S.F. and has become a talented cook and an exceptional bread-maker.

As the summer ends, so does this letter! We are out of room. See you in November. Fondly Peg + Pat and Debby & Marty



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Dear Round Robin:

The Rhotons are in the same job, in the same house, with the same four children and nine grandchildren as last year. Life, in spite of this sameness, continues to be exciting and rewarding. Joyce and I have just returned from Japan where we were able to see the work being done by a number of our former Fellows. We assisted the Japanese Skull Base Society with a course in which we sent out specimens from our microsurgery laboratory. The course was filled. Much of the teaching at the stations demonstrating 10 different operative procedures was by former Research Fellows who had been with us over the years. It was most rewarding to see how the careers of these young men are developing in Japan. Some of our former Fellows are teaching similar courses on a regular basis in Brazil.

Our Department has just completed one of its most productive years. The ground breaking for the University of Florida Brain Institute should take place in mid-1996 with completion approximately two years later. Our Faculty is looking forward to being able to expand out of the very humble and very crowded space in which they have worked for so many years.

The Rhoton children continue to do well. Eric is practicing with a group of six neurosurgeons and four neurologists in Asheville, North Carolina. We expected he would do well on his oral Board exam, but it was a relief to be notified that he had passed. Albert has passed his GI Boards and is also practicing in North Carolina. Alice is in the midst of a Mayo Fellowship in reproductive endocrinology. Our youngest daughter, Laurel, continues her work as a mother and a pediatric nurse at our University Hospital. Joyce and I have worried about every school test taken by our children over the years and now it is starting with the grandchildren.

We look forward to seeing all of your in the Fall.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bill,

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Best wishes to you,

Sincerely,



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Valeria and I have had a very nice year. She is actively running for state legislator for district 6 for the state of Mississippi and this occupies at least 80% of her time. After November 7th hopefully she will be the new legislator from our district. She clearly is determined to be that.

Effective the 31st of July 1995 I have left the Semmes Murphey Clinic and retired from the private practice of neurosurgery. I am giving up the Chairmanship of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Tennessee, Memphis in July of 1996 but intend to stay on as a tenured professor. Presently, I'm very much involved in the research on epidural scar prevention and the preservation of neural dynamics after back surgery. All of the children all well and Roberta is now pregnant with the 8th grandchild. My son, Dan is a neurosurgeon in Kingsport, TN but is seriously considering moving with some of my former residents to Ft. Myers, FL. He has been a joy to see how well he has trained and I am very grateful to Bob Grossman for producing a first rate product. We are all looking forward to coming to the Academy and wish everyone well.

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Dear Bill:

Thanks for requesting a note for the 1995 Round Robin. It has been an eventful and difficult year for our department. Our newest department member, Eugene Rossitch, drowned in Florida while rescuing his son who was caught in a current while swimming along the shore. Gene died leaving 3 lovely children and his wonderful wife, and his death was a terrible blow for the department. He was superbly trained at Duke and after only one year here had a large clinical practice in spinal surgery. His research work was already being awarded prizes and the residents sought out his teaching. He is sorely missed by us all. The work of our other young staff, particularly Lilly Goumnerova, Joe Madsen, and Eben Alexander, continues to be first-rate, and our clinical volume has continued to increase by another 10% + this year across the board. John Shillito's retirement this July marks the end of a remarkable era at the Children's and Brigham and Women's Hospitals. John was our link with the great neurosurgical history tradition of both institutions. He influenced several generations of neurosurgeons in training and cared for an astounding number of patients on a very personal basis. He is truly a physician's physician, and a surgeon's surgeon, and can never be replaced. We're only hoping that in his retirement, he'll have time to come up on a regular basis to help us out with difficult problems and to reinforce our sense of values.

Perhaps the highlight of my personal year was the chance to give the first Michael Scott Memorial lecture at Temple University in honor of my father who was head of the department there for so many years. It felt good to be able to talk there about the wonderful history of that department, and to emphasize to all the new faculty and residents the wonderful history of clinical and scientific excellence that has been a part of the Temple University legacy for decades. I was delighted to meet Raj Narayan for the first time, and I feel certain that the department there will be in excellent hands. I also had a chance to travel a great deal over the past year, visiting departments at Minnesota, Wayne State, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania, and even got a chance to talk to the orthopedic surgeons at Cornell! Next year I will try to limit the traveling and concentrate on our own department, trying to be a little less the "visiting professor."

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Dr. William Buccheit
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Our family have reached some notable goals over the past year. Susan graduated from Northeastern University with her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing while working full-time at the New England Medical Center, taking her course work at night. I am very proud of her. Her daughter Heather began her first full-time job at the Children's Hospital working as a nurse on the bone marrow transplant floor. My daughter Elizabeth graduated from Yale's Nurse Midwife Program, and will begin her first job in New Haven at a clinic for disadvantaged women run by the University. My sons Robert and David continue their careers in music, although both are now working regularly in jobs that allow them to support themselves and still pursue their major interests. They are both superb jazz musicians, and unfortunately they are getting too good for me to sit in with them when they play.

Susan and I have a busy and happy life, and I am hoping that the next academic year will bring a better balance of work and relaxation into our lives. Thanks for the opportunity to reflect a little on the past year.

Regards,



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Dear Bill:

It hardly seems necessary to write to you about our (not my) accomplishments during the past year. Hopefully, our fellow Academicians will be interested.

The Neurosurgery Department at Jefferson Medical College has exceeded all projections! Although neurosurgery really started at our new affiliate, Wills Eye Hospital in October, the institution is already one of the busiest in the area, performing interventional radiology procedures, stereotactic radiosurgery, functional neurosurgery, and the gamut of neurosurgical operations. The growth has been exciting and especially gratifying for the hospital administration who have invested so much in this project. With Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Wills Eye Hospital, and Pennsylvania Hospital now integrated and just a block apart from one another, the availability of research and clinical material has fostered our vision of a twenty-first century neurosurgery campus. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia remains a favorite resident rotation.

This page could not possibly accommodate an outline of all that has resulted from this infusion of facilities and faculty (from three to ten) to the Jefferson Medical College program. Academy members have a standing invitation to drop by when they visit Philadelphia.

The only significant down-sizing this year was Christina's departure to college. She is still nearby, however, and we see her frequently. The sports racing car hobby remains a source of intense diversion with periodic visits to the collection by Ben Stein (with three Ferraris, two mechanics, and Charlie), Ed Laws, Hugo Rizzoli, and the SUN Club. Sometimes I think the chromosome which makes a neurosurgeon carries a car-loving gene.

Although this letter is really for our fellow members, since it is addressed to you I can only reiterate the joy I have had working with you and our colleagues during the first year of this vastly expanded program. During this time of random adversarial forces in medicine, it's great to know that we love our Dean, respect our medical school, and appreciate the enthusiasm of our integrated hospitals.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Academy Friends,

Summertime in St. Louis: hot days with lots of swimming, lots of company, lots of eating, lots of gardening, lots of peaches and blackberries and very little spare time! But Ken and I always enjoy this craziness. We're even looking forward to August when the house will burst with our family. Eric our son-in-law, has composed another set of songs for piano and four voices, called "Victory Songs". It deals with the human experience of the Second World War, especially appropriate during the 50th anniversary year. We will hear the entire work at our church, August 13th.

Both of us are still involved with Practical Anatomy Workshop. The summer Adventures in Medicine and Science program for high school seniors has been going very well. Ken's been doing some of the teaching, young Ken is the program director and Marj has been behind the scenes. We have even enjoyed housing one of the counsellors for the summer, a college student from Jamaica. Five students and their chaperone stayed with us during their week's course. They were from Mt. Carmel, Il, our oldest daughter's hometown. It is wonderful to be a part of this exciting program dedicated to stimulating students' interest in science and health careers.

Ken and I are pleased with the progress of Surgical Navigation Technology Inc. (formerly Stealth), the computer guided neurosurgical stereotactic company founded by our nephew and the neurosurgery departments of St. Louis University and University of Tennessee. When Sofamor Danek Group purchased the distribution rights this spring, we gave a celebration dinner in our home with much good food and lots of Lafite.

May 1995 was a high point when Ken was installed as president of the Society of Neurological Surgeons and I received a "Woman of Achievement" award in St. Louis.

We are looking forward to fall, especially the wedding of our youngest daughter, Patty, to Duncan Watwood. We're hoping to come to the meeting in Tuscon also.

Sincerely,

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Dear Professor William A. Buchheit:

We have received your letter for the 1995 Round Robin dated on May 8, 1995. We regret to inform you that Prof. Kenichiro Sugita, Department of Neurosurgery, Nagoya University School of Medicine, Nagoya, Japan, had passed away on September 5, 1994.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'T. Sano'.

Takako Sano

Secretary

Department of Neurosurgery

**CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROSURGERY FOR 1995
FROM PAULINE AND LINDSAY SYMON**

Dear Academicians,

This is in many ways a momentous year for Pauline and I. In just over a week's time as I write this, towards the end of May, I shall be retiring from the Clinic and retiring from the University at the end of July. The University regulations in the United Kingdom are that one can go to the end of the Academic Year in which one reaches the age of 65, but I have chosen to go at the end of July rather than at the end of September, so that with Study Leave and Annual Leave I can have the greater part of the summer free.

We have had a pretty busy year since last contributing to the Round Robin. Last summer we had a spectacular trip to the north of Russia to a small Skull Base Meeting which took place on a boat through Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega to the wooden churches in Kizhi. We followed this with a meeting of the Hungarian Society seeing many old friends in the south of Hungary and finishing with a visit to Pécs where 2 of Lindsay's trainees have set up a marvellous new diagnostic and therapeutic facility in the University Clinic of Neurosurgery there. Then in late July we went to a Rumanian meeting in Timisoara where the Rumanian revolution started and saw the remarkable deprivation which Rumanian neurosurgeons had experienced during the severe years of the Ceausescu regime. As a result of this Lindsay decided to gift his entire neurosurgical library to one of the Rumanian clinics run by a group of young neurosurgeons including Alexsàndor Madaras who had spent some time with Lindsay three years' ago. Arrangements were finally completed with a Christian Aid group and 2-1/2 tons of books safely arrived at the end of April this year in Rumania. In early December we went to Bordeaux to hand over the Chief Editorship of Advances and Technical Standards to François Cohadon and the entire Board had a splendid few days not only working out the future programmes for Advances and Technical Standards but sampling some of the rare vintages of the region culminating in a magnificent dinner at Chateaux Giscours.

In the earlier part of '95 we had the pleasure of hosting Sacha Konovalov and his wife Ina from Moscow, together with István Nyáry and his wife Erika from Budapest, at the Winter Meeting of the European Association in February. We also had brief visits to Vienna to a retirement party for Fritz Loew and a very pleasant few days at a meeting of the Hungarian Neurological Society and the Royal Society of Medicine's Section of Neurology in Budapest in March; an acoustic meeting in Paris and the European Association Meeting in Berlin occupied some days in April and May.

Throughout of course Lindsay's compensating interest has been golf. We spent two weeks in the Algarve this year, managed to play a couple of courses in Paris in association with the acoustic meeting, and even played once in Berlin at a very pleasant new course formerly in the Eastern zone where the German Open was held two years' ago.

Having missed the excellent meeting in Sea Island, Georgia, Pauline is determined to come to Tucson and although Lindsay will have retired completely by that time, kind invitations to visit Minneapolis and Indianapolis have formed with the Tucson meeting the bones of a round the world trip which will end when Lindsay is the honoured guest of the Asian and Australasian Society in Taiwan at the beginning of November.

Family news is, as ever, active. Fraser continues his work as a Producer in the Foreign Service of the BBC, Rosemary in practice as General Practitioner has taken time off to produce a third offspring, James Duncan, to bring our total number of grandchildren to 5. Fiona is working very hard for the Financial Times and free lancing for the BBC but fortunately all are in good health.

Pauline remains active, as President of the Ladies Samaritan Society in the hospital, Convener of the London branch of the Clarsach Society (the Scottish Harp) and still active in conservation at Hatfield House. The prospect of a completely unemployed husband doesn't seem too attractive sometimes to her, but his diary is filling up rapidly with golfing engagements and he has, in addition, acquired a personal computer to cope with future writing and with the international committees of which he's still a member.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Tucson - although this may well be our last farewell!

Pauline and Lindsay Symon



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Dear Bill:

After missing the Academy for a year or two, Mary and I are looking forward to Las Ventanas. Professionally, it's interesting to see the recrudescence of interest in surgical treatment of Parkinsonism - a déjà-vu if you will - but one long overdue. Though my practice is now largely involved with functional and stereotactic neurosurgery, this is a rich experience because of the numbers of brilliant, stimulating fellows and visitors who come to spend time in our department; and I have the luxury of one of our residents who is a PhD candidate working on a project related to plasticity in the human thalamus. Apart from that, the last year has been a busy one for visits abroad, including 3 trips to Japan into which we included a few unforgettable days of birdwatching from the Ryukus (the Galapagos of the Far East) to Hokkaido. Meanwhile our children pursue their interests scattered over various parts of the country.

Yours sincerely,

Ron + Mary

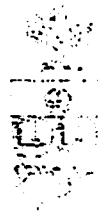
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Dear Bill:

RE: 1995 ROUND ROBIN

This past year was about the busiest of my life. However, I have had a wonderful holiday at our cabin in Algonquin Park during the past three weeks, as a reward. As Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee of the 3rd International Neurotrauma Symposium which occurred in Toronto in July, 1995, I was extremely busy. More than 800 delegates came to the meeting from more than 50 countries. The scientific quality of the papers presented was excellent, and the social events went off well. It was quite a feat to transport so many hundreds of people to Niagara Falls for an afternoon of sightseeing and a barbecue beside the Niagara River. There was a point during the bus trip where gloom and despair set in as we travelled through an intense rain followed by a fog. However, within a few miles of reaching our destination, the skies cleared and all of our visitors had an excellent view of the Canadian and American Falls. Of course, everyone agreed that the Canadian Falls were better, but we won't carry the comparison too far.

During the past year, I have also been occupied in planning for a multicentre trial of Surgical Treatment for Acute Spinal Cord Injury. This trial will involve more than 50 centers and will require thousands of patients. A great deal of cooperation will be needed from literally hundreds of neurosurgeons and orthopaedic surgeons in order to successfully complete this trial. The Spinal Cord Injury Committee of the Joint Section on Neurotrauma and Critical Care of which I am Chairman has been planning this trial for two years, and now we are busily preparing the grant application to NIH with a view to starting the trial in July, 1996. Everyone agrees that the study is needed in order to provide a rational basis for managing patients with acute spinal cord injury, but there are many hurdles to cross before we see light at the end of this spinal canal.

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Planning has also been proceeding for the 1997 meeting of the Academy in Banff at the fabulous Rimrock Hotel in the Canadian Rockies. The dates for the meeting are earlier than usual because fall and winter begin early in the Canadian Rockies. Please mark your calendars for September 10-13, 1997 for this meeting in one of the world's most outstandingly beautiful locations. Carol and I look forward to welcoming you to Canada for that event.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

This has been an exciting year for me, and probably a traumatic one for Julie. I did my last operation on January 31st and stopped seeing patients and canceled malpractice insurance on July 31st. In other words, I retired.

Retirement was something I did by the calendar. It wasn't that I became mentally or physically incompetent; it just seemed to me that at age 66 I had a few vigorous years ahead, and I would rather spend them smelling the flowers rather than playing the neurosurgeon until someone put out the hook and pulled me into the retirement community. So far, about 2.5 months, I've been more than busy trying to wind down the paper work. And new things keep cropping up.

Being home more with Julie is a real bonus, but I'm not sure she sees it that way all the time. If I work on the computer, she thinks she's married to a propeller-head from cyberspace who can't relate to the human condition. If I went to play golf for 5 hours, she wondered what I was up to. The solution to the latter problem was to introduce her to golf, for which she shows considerable enthusiasm, much to her amazement. Now I have a built-in, willing partner every day. Thank goodness the farmer across the road saw the handwriting on the wall for the New England dairy business and traded in his cows, purchased lawn mowers, and opened a golf course.

At the hospital, there have been many changes. Neurosurgery was having big problems. Because we were still completely under the thumb of general surgery, neurosurgery had very little in the way of discretionary

funds. The possibilities of more control over our own practice income seemed quite slim since general surgery runs a deficit and depends on neurosurgery for a large chunk of its budget. In addition, we had problems with lab space, and, to top it off, it seemed that retirement benefits were miserly.

So, our lab, most of the full-time attendings and two full-time neurologists moved out of Cornell to two and a half floors in a building two blocks away. We shall see how that works out, but it has to be better than the arrangement we had in the Cornell full-time system. The lab is on to some good things, so it should be a mix of practice and academia in a new setup controlled by neurosurgeons.

If the surgical department and the Dean are disgruntled, the hospital director still loves us because we are big money makers for the hospital. Besides the director has a new building going up with \$800,000,000 in debt to service; that should assure his continued interest in our well-being.

Julie and I look forward to seeing all the members in Tuscon.
Neurosurgery still runs strong in the blood!

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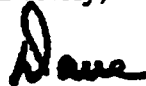
The big news from the Piepgras family this past year has been the arrival of our first grandchild, Julia Ann, born to son Jeff and daughter-in-law Lynda in October 1994; and another due about the time of our annual meeting!

More exciting news is the announcement of our son Colin that he and Leah Crowley of San Antonio, Texas will wed this coming May. Both are graduate students at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. We enjoyed canoeing and camping with them in the Canadian Quetico this month and had a great time. Some would consider it cruel and unusual punishment for a future daughter-in-law to challenge her with five days of paddling against winds and toting Duluth packs over portages, but Leah did it all smiling and we loved her.

On the departmental front, Burt Onofrio retired from full-time departmental activity in February with a heartwarming festive affair. We are glad that he has returned this fall in a part-time capacity carrying on some outpatient consulting activities at one of our regional practices and also in resident teaching. Also, we are delighted with the addition of Dr. Corey Raffel, who joined us in July from the faculty at Los Angeles Childrens Hospital. Corey brings a new and exciting dimension to our staff as a pediatric neurosurgeon with special expertise in neuro-oncologic surgery and research.

All in all it has been a busy and exciting year for us. We are looking forward to the meeting in Tucson and hope to see you all there.

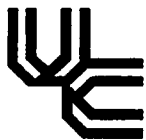
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Dear Bill:

This photograph documents the most exciting event in our lives. This year our oldest son, John Matson, was married in Cincinnati to his Miami University sweetheart, Nicole. He is in neurosurgical sales; be on the lookout for another John Tew at the meetings! They are living in San Francisco where our daughter, Margaret also lives. (Space for photo #1, wedding picture.) Her career is growing with Discovery Toys while studying Sports Events Marketing at Berkeley Business School part time. Neal, the youngest, entered medical school in Boston after two years in France where he was exploring monastic life and developing his photographic skills. He is very well prepared to begin studies on Avenue Louis Pasteur.

Susan and I are in the big house on Grandin Road and have the red room ready for all of you Academy friends. Come for a visit soon.

We have finally acquired a wonderful piece of property on Spring Island in the Port Royal Sound (South Carolina) adjacent to Beaufort. The island is a preservation masterpiece and promises to be a great site for a low country house from which to launch wonderful activities.

Professional activities in Ohio have never been more exciting if you like constant change. Fortunately, we seem to be prepared and able to respond to most options and even be leading the movement in some areas. We have had an opportunity to participate in major changes in the regional hospitals and managed care providers. Business is leading the charge toward a value-oriented product; the cost reductions have not been completed yet. We believe that physicians must take a very active role in the process. Moreover, we think that specialists still have a major role to play if they are willing to change rapidly to a cost-efficient, service-oriented team which is responsive to the needs of our customers.

The education and research missions of our program are continuing to grow and be nurtured despite the financial restraints. Our goal must be to find new sources of sustainable endowment to support both missions. This will probably be our most major challenge for the future.

(Space for photo #2.) A recent visit with Tom and Elizabeth Ballentine in Woods Hole reminded us of our first Academy meeting as guests of the Ballentines (Colorado Springs, 1968). Tom is doing great after a rough year with respiratory problems. Elizabeth has been a fabulous nurse. We hope that they will attend the meeting in Tucson.

We look forward to seeing you all there in November.

As ever,

John and Susan Tew

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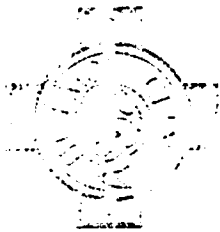
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Round Robin contribution

Dear Bill:

I'm looking forward to the upcoming meeting of the Academy in Tucson the first week in November. The program is coming together nicely. We've had a lot of very good abstracts submitted on a wide range of interesting topics. I'm hopeful that the format will provide for a good bit of lively discussion and beneficial interchange among those in attendance.

This year has been a productive, interesting and busy one for me. In addition to putting in some time working as the chairman of the program committee for the Academy I'm also enjoying the efforts required as President of the Southern Neurosurgical Society. I think this past year could be called "the year of the chapter." There were so many book chapters to complete -- it seemed to me that all of the major textbooks in our specialty decided that this fall would be the time for a new edition! I'm sure that many of our other members have felt likewise.

We've had major changes at Emory. From the departmental standpoint, George relinquished his job as departmental chair. After a search our dean decided that the best candidate for the job would come from our own ranks and appointed Dan Barrow as the new chairman of the department. Dan thus inherits a large department now numbering 10 academic neurosurgeons, all but one of which is younger than I! It's been interesting to watch the transition. Dan is full of energy and enthusiasm and will lead us well into the 20th century.



Like most other academic institutions Emory is trying to read the crystal ball and make some wise decisions in the murky atmosphere of the onslaught of managed health care. We've established a number of outlying clinical facilities, recruited a good many primary caregivers to our ranks, and negotiated for various alliances. We're trying hard to increase our efficiency levels.

I continue to work hard clinically and really enjoy every minute of it. My work with the residents is a source of continued enjoyment. Personally I've been very happy and content with my life outside of neurosurgery. I'm blessed with a wide circle of very close friends. I play a good bit of golf. This year I put a lot of effort and gold coins into a serious landscaping project at my Atlanta home, and it's really made a big difference in my enjoyment of the place. I make it to my beach home and sailboat in Destin occasionally.

I'll look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting.

Sincerely,



Suzie Tindall

May 19, 1995

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Dear Dr. Buchheit:

Thank you for your letter dated May 8, 1995, however, I must inform you that my dear husband, A. Earl Walker died January 1, 1995 from a massive heart attack. Please see the enclosed newspaper clipping from the Albuquerque Journal. There is an excellent article in the May issue of EPILEPSIA, Vol. 36 about Earl's life in Baltimore and his professional achievements. It is quite honest, direct and informative. He was a very special man and touched the lives of all those he came in contact with in many ways. He left a legacy for those to follow in his foot steps with honor and dignity. He will be missed by his colleagues but, most of all, his wife and family.

Best wishes in your endeavors to get your 1995 Round Robin publication out to your membership.

Sincerely yours,



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Walker 'Man of Integrity'

Neurosurgeon Never Lost Love for Science

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

World-renowned neurosurgeon and neuroscientist A. Earl Walker, M.D., professor emeritus at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, died Jan. 1. He was 87.

Former colleagues remembered Walker as a "quiet, humble and disciplined man of integrity," whose extraordinary contributions to neurological sciences will long be remembered — and whose search for medical and scientific knowledge continued until his death.

Born March 12, 1907, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Walker received his undergraduate degree in 1926 and medical degree in 1930 from the University of Alberta.

He completed a year of internship at Toronto Western Hospital, after which, in 1931, he came to the United States for a residency in neurology and neurosurgery at the University of Chicago.

From 1935 to 1937, he studied at Yale University and in Amsterdam and Brussels on a Rockefeller Fellowship, returning to the University of Chicago in 1937 to teach neurological surgery.

He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1940, and during World War II was chief of neurology and neurological services at Cushing General Hospital in Framingham, Mass. — one of the largest military hospitals in North America.

From 1947 to 1972, he was professor of neurological surgery at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine — and during the same period was neurosurgeon-in-charge at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

In 1972, he accepted a research and teaching professorship at UNM

School of Medicine, from which he retired last year.

"Dr. Walker was an accomplished neurosurgeon, neurologist and neuropathologist," said Dr. Edward C. Benzel, professor and neurosurgery chief at UNM's medical school. "The depth and breadth of his work in each of these three fields was phenomenal."

Benzel also said that neither Walker's retirement from clinical medicine at Johns Hopkins nor his advancing age "thwarted his perpetual quest for knowledge" — a quest Benzel said continued until Walker's death.

According to former colleague Dr. Donlin M. Long, professor and chairman of neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins, Walker "had a hand in educating an entire generation of neurosurgeons. He was the ultimate professor, always knowledgeable, always teaching, always reaching for more."

Long also called Walker's 1938 study, "The Primate Thalamus," one of the most important works of the midcentury for understanding the function of the human brain.

Walker in 1946 did the first comprehensive study of penicillin's effect on the central nervous system, and more recently did research on epilepsy and cerebral death.

His book "Cerebral Death" has been translated into Japanese and Russian. He was the author of more than 20 books and more than 500 articles.

A number of syndromes and conditions were first identified by Walker, and some were named for him.

"Most notable is the Dandy-Walker Syndrome," said Dennis M. Feeney, Ph.D., professor of psychology and physiology at the UNM Health Sciences Center.

"This condition can be identified in newborn babies and, if untreated, results in severe hydrocephalus," Feeney said. "Because it is now recognized and corrected, many such babies can lead normal lives."

Walker was one of only two people to head both the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the American Neurological Association.

Walker was also a past president of the World Federation of Neurological Societies, the International League Against Epilepsy, the American Academy of Neurological Surgery, the Society of Neurological Surgery and the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

In 1985, he was honored by the dedication of a neurosurgical center named for him at the Santo Torbio de Mogrovejo Hospital in Lima, Peru.

And last year, Johns Hopkins University dedicated the A. Earl Walker Research Laboratory and Patient Care Area for Epilepsy.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes Marie Walker of Albuquerque; a son, Earl Fulton Walker of Michigan; two daughters, Carol Jones of Texas and Christine Walker of Florida; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

UNM's annual Neuroscience Day on Feb. 3 will be dedicated to Walker, with a buffet and guest lecturers at the UNM School of Medicine's Basic Medical Sciences Building.

From 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 3, a reception in Walker's honor will be at Four Hills Country Club.

Call UNM's Division of Neurosurgery at 272-3401 for further information.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of New Mexico Foundation for the UNM School of Medicine, A. Earl Walker Memorial Fund.

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June 15, 1995

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Dear Bill:

The following is my contribution to the 1995 Round Robin.

We are completing the second year following our return to Texas and establishing a homestead in Austin. To put it mildly, this period of time has been one of turmoil with structure. We have a nice three-level home on the side of a hill west of Austin overlooking a valley containing Lake Austin, approximately 15 minutes from each of my law and medical offices and Brackenridge Hospital where my neurosurgical practice is centered. The small "backyard" is separated from the lake by a half mile stretch of permanent green space. The landscaping is based on a formula named *zeriscape*. In summary, this simply means that weeds are in.

I work as a solo practitioner with four other neurosurgeons consulting with them on their difficult cases and sharing acute care coverage on a rotating basis at Brackenridge Hospital, which is a tertiary care center and trauma center that serves Central Texas. In addition, I continue to visit Jim Storey's program in San Antonio once a week. It is through this route and with periodic discussions with Jim that I remain apprised of the continuing and progressive turmoil within academic medicine. While I believe the answers for neurosurgery are relatively simple and straight-forward, the implementation of those solutions continue to be hampered by tradition and rearward thinking, largely on the part of university and medical school administrators.

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My law practice continues to grow and with new challenges daily. Despite my years of representing AANS and other neurosurgical organizations in socio-economic matters, I am constantly astounded at the regulatory control over medical practice. Approximately 25% of my legal time is spent representing physicians dealing with those regulations, particularly as they affect credentials and licensure. About half of my time is spent working with physicians who are restructuring their practices and establishing themselves in health care networks. The remainder is spent with a variety of miscellaneous matters.

My experience is that physicians have yet to understand the power they can obtain and, thus, their ability to control the delivery of health care for the benefit of their patients, by recognizing strength in numbers. While I believe that Cushing would have been dismayed by the changes in the health care industry we are seeing today, I am absolutely convinced he would be much more aggressive in promoting restructuring by physicians, which is in the best interest of the patients, than seems to be the posture of physicians in general and neurosurgery specifically today (see my comments in Awad, Editor, "Philosophy of Neurological Surgery", AANS, 1995).

An occurrence this year which highlights one of the advantages of the combined medicine and law careers was a trip to John Tew's program and a medical-legal seminar with his staff and residents.

As great as the turmoil of change in medicine is, as I reflect upon the past year I am most struck by the turmoil of change which exists in the military. I am entering my fourth and final year as Commander of the 2290th U.S. Army Hospital, a 1000 bed, 800 man hospital unit in Rockville, Maryland, whose principle mobilization responsibility is to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. As all conversant with current events know, the military is significantly downsizing. What is not clear is that downsizing is associated with restructuring without a blueprint. The overriding considerations by the planners appears to be one of social engineering and political correctness by default, as there is no unifying vision of mission. I really am quite concerned about the future of the U.S. military. Perhaps my concerns are generationally based ("it ain't like it use to be"). However, what troubles me the most is that I am not asked to explain the mission as

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much as I am to answer questions regarding the future career of individual soldiers. At the moment I see no reason to alter my current plans which are to retire next Spring when my current command tenure expires.

Let me close on a positive note. After spending over 20 years in the wilderness (living outside the boundaries of Texas), I am enjoying one of the major advantages of the return home, the grandchildren (now totalling 10) are coming by on a regular, but not too frequent basis. After my careers as a physician, a lawyer, and military officer, I am enjoying learning to be a grandfather. Perhaps in the next edition I can elaborate on my most recent venture, which is to learn fly fishing (Don Stewart has encouraged me with a wonderful gift of equipment).

Sincerely,



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ACADEMY ROUND ROBIN

Dear Bill:

We are feeling quite settled now in our new life in Chicago. The past three years have flown by very quickly.

My second daughter has graduated from the Laboratory School at the University of Chicago, and she is entering Ohio State University this fall. I have visited Columbus a couple of times, most recently as the Hunt lecturer, and I feel very comfortable with my daughter's decision to go there. My son still has a couple of years of high school left. He and I are both struggling to improve our golf scores, but given the rate we are able to get out on the links, there is not much hope. My oldest daughter is working hard as a homemaker and raising my two grandchildren. We had a reunion in June, and I got to visit many of the museums and zoos here.

Mary Lou is coming to the end of her tenure as Chairman of the Women's Council of the Brain Research Foundation, which she has found very enjoyable but surprisingly time consuming. It was a wonderful way for her to meet many fine people quickly and has contributed to her enjoyment of life here.

One of the highlights of this past year for me was to have lunch with Earl Walker and talk about the old days in Edmonton and Chicago, a relatively unusual surgical - geographic history which we had in common. It was a privilege to have been able to do this, and I was saddened at his death very shortly thereafter.

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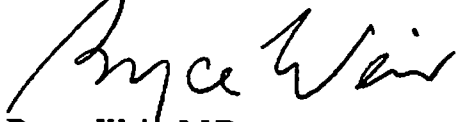
Sean ends his brilliant surgical career in June, 1995. I hope that he will continue to inspire the troops as Professor Emeritus and that I may continue to benefit from his sage advice.

This has been a busy year from the point of view of surgery, and I am delighted with the types of cases that have been referred to me. With the time freed up from the absence of the Journal of Neurosurgery editorial board responsibilities, I am editing one new book and writing another.

The University of Chicago is continuing the search for a Dean of the Faculty of Medicine as I dictate this. Since I decided to come here, the then President, Provost, Dean and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, have all retired, resigned or died. Academic glory is certainly transient, particularly in these uncertain times. Like the rest of you, I am doing my best to maintain intellectual standards in the face of the great pressure to maintain the "bottom line." However, it is always the conceit of the present generation that theirs is the most challenging time in history, and that the current socioeconomic changes are the most momentous. I suspect that those looking back in 10 or 20 years will detect only ripples and not tidal waves.

Kindest regards to all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryce Weir". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Bryce Weir, M.D.

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HELLO all you city slickers,
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FROM THE BITTERROOT VALLEY where we have spent
some time FISHING AND FROLICKING.

Bob and MARY are exchanging horror
stories about the changes that "mis-managed" care have
wrought at their respective institutions. They've started
a lecture series for the townspeople on this subject.
Notice their emotional reaction captured by the camera
at the first forum.

Peggy's new job at the Cleveland Museum
of Natural History has inspired her to seek out the
finest examples of Chain saw art the Bitterroot Valley
has to offer [you have to see it to believe it!]. In addition,



she is hip wader deep in wedding information preparing for the marriage of their daughter, RAETHAEL, to CARL weissman. which will take place here next spring. Young Abigail is starring in a "coming-of-age-movie" written, directed and produced by her soon-to-be sister-in-law, Emily — a graduate of N.Y.U. Film School. Alexey is still pursuing a career as a DJ in Cleveland. Even the opening of the ROCK 'N ROLL HALL OF FAME IN CLEVELAND PALES BEFORE THE EXPLOSION OF THE INDIAN'S' BATS.

Meanwhile, Debby and Marty are eagerly anticipating the 'December arrival of their first GRANDCHILD Sired by their son Brad and his WIFE, Julie, residents of Richmond, Virginia. Daughter, Jessica is a Montessori teacher in Silver Spring, MD., where she lives with hubby, Alan and 2 incorrigible Black LABS. Elisabeth is living in San Francisco pursuing a career in show-biz. LAST year she was an ASSOCIATE PRODUCER OF A TALK SHOW ON A LOCAL TV STATION. Unfortunately the show was not returned to the schedule. Now, Elisabeth is working at a T.V. station hoping for ANOTHER BIG BREAK. She is happy in S.F. and has become a talented cook and an exceptional bread-maker.

As the summer ends, so does this letter! We are out of room. See you in November. Fondly Peg + Pat and Debby & Marty



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Dear Bill:

I should read my last year's contribution to Round Robin so that I can avoid redundancy, but I can't put my hands on it. Quickly, I'll go through what happened one year ago and then bring the readership up to date.

In March of last year, I made three major decisions:

1. to accept the position of Director of Tertiary Care Services at UCSF.
2. to resign as Chairman of the Department in order to take on the half-time directorship; and
3. in an effort to gain a better understanding of the world of managed care and how UCSF should position itself competitively, to enter a Masters Program and obtain either an MBA or an MHA (Masters in Health Administration).

After looking carefully into both programs, I decided on an MHA curriculum and the next step was making the decision to go to the University of Colorado. This particular program allowed me to complete a two-year program with only ten weeks on campus. This is possible by computer conferencing, intense two-week sessions on campus and an incredible amount of reading. I am completing my first year, and it's one of the best decisions that I've ever made.

I have continued practicing actively, although my volume of cases is down by about one-third because I'm making frequent out of town trips to meet with regional medical groups, HMOs, insurers, IPAs, hospitals, etc. I've put together a negotiating team that is terrific, and I believe that much of our success is due to the skills and commitment of this group of six of us representing the medical group and the hospital. Much to my surprise, I have found that I enjoy the interaction and value highly the relationships that are developing.

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Francie and I have moved into a new home on Belvedere Island. Francie took early retirement from her position as Assistant Chancellor at UCSF, and she spent almost one year overseeing remodeling that included a new office and exercise room for me and enlarging the pre-existing lap pool. I've never had it so good. She's been extremely tolerant of my hectic schedule, complicated by the 15 hours or so each week that I have to devote to studies. I've promised her a long vacation in a romantic spot with no books and no computers after I graduate from school in July of 1996.

A new career, whether the second or third, is extraordinarily energizing. I have discussed this with Tom Langfitt. Although Tom is in the business world far removed from health care, he is extremely knowledgeable about health care policy as it relates to academic medicine. Furthermore, he maintains a relationship with the medical world through his position with the Pugh Charitable Trust. I plan to continue practicing neurosurgery into the foreseeable future. My position as a practicing physician gives me a legitimacy that is powerful in my present administrative role, and for that as well as other reasons I want to continue practicing for as long as I remain competent. I pay close attention to complications and outcomes, perhaps being more critical of myself than I've ever been.

This fall, I have a conflict with the Academy meeting. This will be the 24th year of a biannual conference on brain tumor research that is referred to as the Asilomar Conference, because that's where it began and where it has returned periodically. This year, it will be held at Silverado in Napa Valley. As the originator of the Conference, and because this may be the last conference in which I have a major role, my presence there is essential. Francie and I will miss seeing all of you.

All the best,

Sincerely,



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Dear Academicians:

Lily's and my life has not changed noticeably since the last issue of Round Robin was mailed. The practice still remains busy and I have taken on a new partner, Diana Kraemer - a very good young surgeon who trained with Dennis Spencer.

Last year Lily and I took a lovely trip to Turkey and spent one week traveling to Istanbul, Ismere and Ephesus. We spent another week sailing the Mediterranean Coast. Other than this, I have limited my travel both professionally and for pleasure. I still am playing competitive squash but will probably not play any tournaments this year as it seems like if I am able to get through the first two rounds, by the third day I am so sore that I cannot play up to tournament level. This year the Nationals will be played in Seattle, and I will volunteer my time refereeing and helping out my squash club.

I still have not been able to get one of my novels published but I will continue to try, and still enjoy working on them. I have just started with a new agent, so my hopes are up again. Lily continues to work for the Foundation here at Swedish Hospital and this year I was one of the co-chairs of their large fund raiser. As in past years, Lily did the display for the auction items, and the event was quite successful.

We have not yet decided if we will be able to attend this year's meeting although I would like very much to do so since we missed last year. In any event, we both wish the very best to all of you and hope to see you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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June 22, 1995

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Dear Members of the Academy:

Above is a photo of our group of which I am very proud, having built it "from the ground up". The seven of us can perform the entire gamut of neurosurgery, including difficult vascular lesions, skull base surgery, spinal instrumentation, and stereotaxis. Our practice is moving forward in spite of all the bureaucratic restrictions we are all so familiar with. Here in Central Ohio there is a wide diversity of third party payors. For example, we belong to fifty HMO's, PPO's, IPA's, etc. There really is no predominant third party payor. Capitated care has not arrived in Central Ohio as of yet and I doubt that it will come for quite some time.

After the International Congress in Berlin, my son and I traveled throughout Poland and Germany for a couple of weeks and really enjoyed the trip. The high point was visiting the village in Poland (Lowicz) where my father was born in 1901. The village was untouched by the second World War and pretty much so by the communists and retains it's old world flavor. This was in contrast to the larger cities, like Warsaw, Posnan, Krackow and those many cities in Germany which we visited.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Yashon". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

David Yashon, M.D.

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