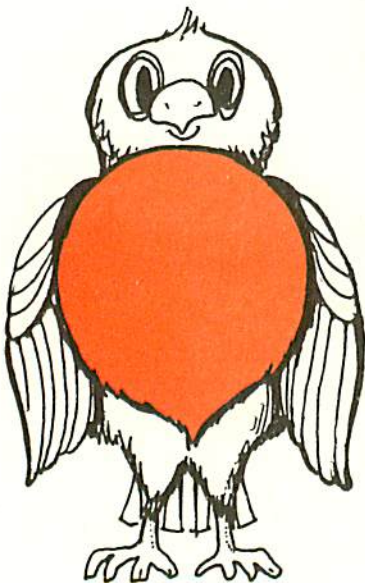
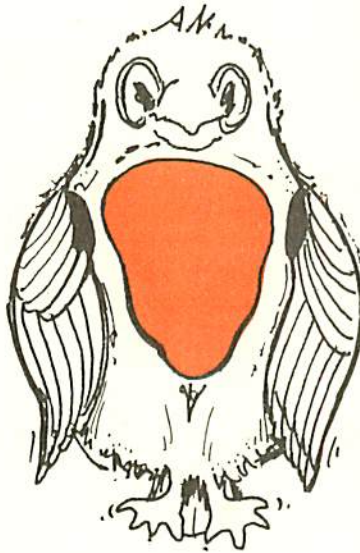
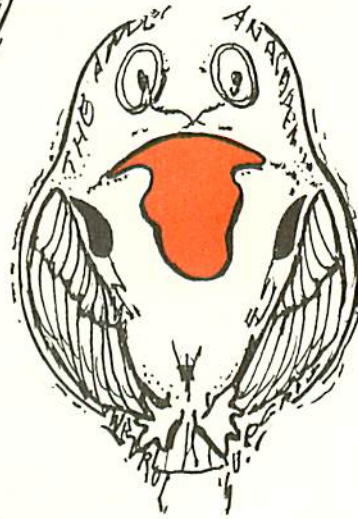


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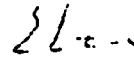
Dear Academicians:

Capitalizing on the bright idea of Mary Greenwood, Gloria Wilkins and I have been able to put together the best Round Robin booklet in this decade. The Academy wives have responded nobly, and this letter will go out to all the members and widows of the members in September while Betty and I are in Switzerland and London for the month.

Included are pictures of Lari and George Ehni, our local hosts in Houston. George is also Historian for the Academy. Please don't neglect to read the excellent letter from George about the planned activities (pages 4 and 5).

The other photograph included in this issue is one of the Academy members taken at the annual Botterell Lecture in Toronto. It was submitted to us by Alan Hudson.

As ever,



Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.
Editor, Round Robin



ACADEMY MEMBERS AT BOTTERELL LECTURE
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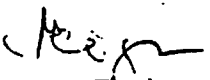
November 9, 1984

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Dear Eben:

Enclosed are some recent pictures of Lari and me in case the editor of The Neurosurgeon is still looking for photographs.

Yours very truly,


George Ehni, M.D.

GE:gs



August 7, 1985

Dear Academy Members:

Your Houston Hosts look forward to entertaining you in a manner consistent with the Academy tradition of class and quality, and we want all of you to come and see some of the best that Houston has to offer in addition to an outstanding scientific program.

The weather in late October should be on the cool side with blue skies all the way, but some provisions should be made in case of showers. There will be no need for resort-wear or woolens, but those who plan to arrive early and attend the Rice Football Game with the Texas Aggies in the open-air stadium, ought to carry along a sweater in addition to a jacket. This game is a big affair with excitement generated not only by the teams, but by the Aggie Marching Band in military uniform. Texas A & M, of course, graduates a large number of officers who go into the U.S. Army, and the strong military tradition is quite opposite to the loose and intellectual tradition of Rice. Sparks may fly!

The Hotel is the most beautifully sited one in Houston with easy access to the Galleria area and its fine shops. Many Houston stores are open on Sunday and those arriving early may add Galleria shopping to the Sunday activity list.

The Academy has met in beautiful and exciting places in past years, including New York, Munich, Hawaii, Hot Springs, and so forth. Your historian has hundreds of slides made at these meetings which will be shown in a lovely little theatre just off the lobby in the Hotel on Sunday afternoon.

The Sunday welcoming cocktail buffet will terminate early enough for the adventurous to sample local theatre and restaurants.

On Monday, a guided tour of the City by bus will return the ladies to the Hotel at noon and then shortly Mrs. Langfitt, the wife of the President, will host a poolside lunch prior to a style and design show featuring wearable art. The evening activity on Monday will be a cocktail buffet with jazz combo in Cullinan Hall of the Museum of Fine Arts. The Museum will have installed and open for our examination, the completely new arrangement of its permanent collection, as well as other temporary exhibits.

On Tuesday morning, the first 50 ladies to reserve, will be given a guided tour of Bayou Bend, which is the Decorative Arts Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts. Bayou Bend, an elegant house on five acres of land in River Oaks, was built by ^{Folk} Ms. Ima Hogg, daughter of a Texas governor, and a life-long supporter of the Arts. She gave her house and all of its furnishings to the Museum which maintains something that compares favorably with Winterthur. This tour will be guided by one docent for each four ladies and all barriers and walking restrictions will be removed. If soft soles are not worn, shoes will have to be

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August 7, 1985

Dear Academy Members: (cont.)

left at the front door. Tuesday afternoon activities, to be reserved in advance, include a guided bus tour of NASA, a tour of the San Jacinto Battleground and Museum, where a ~~small~~ group of Texians (many from Tennessee) defeated the large^{er} Mexican Army with the help of the citizens of Cincinnati who had provided the Texas rebels with two cannons called the Twin Sisters. Also at the Battleground is the Battleship Texas, whose last action was firing 600, 14 inch shells onto Pointe-du-Hoc and Omaha Beach prior to the Normandy invasion. The Museum at the Battleground is housed in a very tall masonry tower that exceeds the height of the Washington Monument by a number of feet and which was built in 1936 for the Texas Centennial celebration. Everything at San Jacinto is being refurbished for the Sesquicentennial celebration to be held next year.

Orvis has an excellent shooting range and school west of Houston and those interested in improving their performance with their shotgun may enjoy two hours of expert instruction. Horseback riding, golf at the River Oaks County Club, and tennis are also being arranged as Tuesday afternoon options.

Tuesday evening will begin with cocktails at the Hotel to be followed by a black-tie dinner dance with the finest large dance band available in this area, playing till midnight.

We look forward to your visit and to showing something of Houston you will always remember.

Yours very truly,

Mary and James Greenwood

Ellin and Robert Grossman

Lari and George Ehni

GE/smd

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What a good way this is for us to keep in touch. When we see each other in Houston, we can take up where we left off--we'll always be up-to-date.

This has been a year of change for Eben, who reached the birthday year which the operating room doors swing closed. He has been a good sport although he misses contact with the residents, teaching, and of course, deep down believes that his best surgery is being lost to the world! From my point-of-view there is no change in life style since Eben is as busy and active as ever--seeing patients, serving on boards and committees. He has a very pleasant office in "Emeritus House" across the street from the hospital.

Our children are all happily situated. Jean in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, a flight attendant for United Airlines. She's less than enthusiastic about this career but finds it difficult to give up such a lucrative part-time job. Holley and Alex are happy to be back in Durham where Holley is teaching art and Alex is in Bob Wilkins residency program. They thoroughly enjoyed two years in Boston at the MGH. Betsy is in New York, Phyllis in Boston, both in advertising and both believing their city the finest.

We plan to spend the month of September in Switzerland and London. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Houston. The Academy meetings are something of a neurosurgical family reunion--the friends and good times encircle our lives.

Betty Alexander

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August 15, 1985

Dear Eben,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of July 28. As always, it was a treat for us to see you and Betty, and we are delighted that you and your family are fine.

How very nice of you to ask for news of our family. I am pleased to comply and to tell you that I have only happy news to report. As you know, Jim is feeling fine and we are most grateful for that and for his excellent prognosis. Our eldest daughter, Elizabeth, is now twenty-one and is most excited about entering the graduate school at MIT this fall, where she will be enrolled as a candidate for a masters degree in business. Susan, who was just nineteen, is entering her junior year at the University of Michigan. (Actually, as she would remind us, she is entering her second semester as a junior, and is taking a wide range of subjects before she decides upon a future course of study for a career.)

We really do feel most fortunate to have Elizabeth and Susan - not only to have watched them grow physically and mentally, but to see as they have reached maturity, that they will make a positive contribution to society, in an intelligent and most humane manner.

As to "what I have been doing" for these past twenty-five years of our lives together, apart from not quite believing that those years could have gone so swiftly, I have primarily been busy as a wife and mother. The remainder of my time has been spent working for my seventeen year old advertising, public relations and marketing agency.

With our thanks to you for your wonderful Round Robin Letter, which makes our friends seem "just next door" once again, and with love to you and Betty and your family, I remain,

Respectfully,



Carolyn Ausman

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Busy happy days - lots of travel and fun.

Last Christmas we invited all our children, Beth and Wil Gardner, Tad and Soon Ballantine and grandchildren James Gardner plus T. and Allison Ballantine to spend five days in Williamsburg. We were nine all together and it was a tremendous success. We had a wing in one of the Inn houses so we were independent. We did all the proper sight-seeing, etc., but all the housekeeping was done for us. Great reunion!

Mid-winter was quiet and normal in Boston. Tom went to Chicago for the AMA Leadership Meeting. Also, a wonderful winter holiday weekend at "Nonamee" in Woods Hole with Tad and family. Allison inveigled the wild Canadian geese into the boat slip to eat from her hands.

In May, we went off to England followed by Scotland. We had a few days by ourselves in London, then we joined "Historic Homes of Britain, Ltd." A group of about 22 and for ten days we toured, in our own bus, Somerset, Wales and Cotswolds. It was a fabulous trip with a congenial group of friends. Almost every day we were welcomed for luncheon or dinner in someone's private home as well as touring and seeing unbelievable houses and gardens. I think that North Wales appealed to us the most. The air was so clear, the Bodant Gardens unbeatable. Then back to London for two days before heading to Edinburgh, Scotland. We stayed at the New Club on Princes Street which started in the 18th century. Definitely a man's club! From there we boarded the "Royal Scotsman" train for a tour of three days to Oban, Fort William, Malig and back to Lady Bank. This train is Scotland's version of the "Orient Express". We were on the second trip; we lived on the train and at night, we slept on quiet sidings. Our own bus met us when necessary and took us to various castles and homes. Everything was beautifully appointed and in keeping with the old cars. The dining car was built in 1892! Staff of one superintendent, one barman, two chefs and three maids kept us in fine shape. I wish we had been able to continue on for the next three days to St. Andrew, Inverness, etc. Alas, vacation time was over so home we came.

June brought the annual trip to Chicago for the AMA and toward the end of the month Liz moved to Woods Hole. Grandchildren T. and Allison Ballantine arrived to go to the Children's School of Science. From there on into August there seems to be a continuous stream of friends and family coming to enjoy this place by the sea we love so well. Tom was in Germany for a week attending an international symposium on "Health Care Systems: An International Study in Moral

Issues and Public Policy". This he found most interesting and stimulating.

Now, "Science School" is over and soon there will be empty beds in Woods Hole while we return to Boston. Tom to surgery and Liz to her interest in caring for the Colonial Dames Costume Collection. One of the things done in the summer was to wash and bleach baby clothes and dresses of 1750.

The latch string is out to all and we hope to see you in Houston.

Liz



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July 31, 1985

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Dear Acadamicians:

Summer is in full swing as we begin our 12th year in San Antonio. We've had an exceptional amount of rain this year so all the foliage is green and lush: it's a good summer for gardens.

We have been to Minneapolis to celebrate Lyle French's years at the University of Minnesota at his retirement festivities. It was a grand reunion of residents, colleagues, and friends.

I enjoy gardening, especially arranging flowers for parties and weddings for friends and for some of my special organizations.

My community efforts include Membership on the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Young Orchestra and The Junior League Funding Information Center. I am Secretary of the San Antonio Chapter of the Colonial Dames and am taking up golf and find it enjoyable!

Willis is incoming Secretary of the Southern Neurosurgical Society, President of his Rotary Club, and is busy as usual at the Medical School.

Willis the III, 20, is in college, and enjoys bicycle racing and soccer. Lisa, 16, will be a Junior in High School this Fall. Her interests are art and cross-country running.

Willis and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Houston.

Sincerely,

Ann

Ann Brown
 (Mrs. Willis E. Brown, Jr.)

July 31, 1985

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Dear Dr. Alexander:

In accordance with Gloria Wilkins' suggestion, I will first list the "vital facts" for our family:

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Things in Minnesota have changed dramatically this past year. We had the William T. Peyton meeting here and the honored guest was Dr. Lyle French. Dr. Lyle and Gene French retired from the Department of Neurosurgery. One hundred and fifty people came to be with them. Former residents including Professor and Mrs. Bo Sung Sim from Seoul, Korea, Dr. Umberto and Conchita Ortez from Puerto Rico, and Dr. Fernando Ruiez from Spain attended. Among those from Lyle's travel club were Dr. and Mrs. Eben Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Meecham, and Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Hawkes. We had a great weekend of nostalgia and renewed old friendships. We were proud to have been part of it.

Many changes have occurred in our other family as well. Our daughter, Dana, completed her Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy in Utah and moved home to look for a job. We have enjoyed having her home so much. The sailboat is in the water for the first time in five years, and we find we still have great talks and fun times on the lake.

Our youngest son Kerry, and his wife Andrea, and our seventeen month old grandson Jason, have also moved back to Minnesota. Kerry will start the MBA program in the fall at the University. Andrea hopes to use her degree in Speech Pathology in a local school district. It's wonderful to have them close by, and to be a part of Jason's life.

Shelley has been invited by the Australasian Society of Neurosurgery to be the Ken Jamison lecturer in September of 1986. We also plan to visit his mother in China on that trip.

We send our warmest personal regards to everyone and look forward to reading the news from each of you.

Sincerely yours,


Jolene Chou

August 9, 1985

We are trying to service the comings and goings of various children. Sander, age 20, is spending the summer at Dartmouth and will grant us 2 weeks before leaving on a 6 months English Study abroad program with Dartmouth College. At the present time he is still interested in Medical School and will take M.C.A.T.s in September. Sean, age 19, will be a Sophomore at Washington and Lee and spent the summer getting some math courses out of the way. Paul, age 18, had a blue collar job, and played alot when he wasn't too tired. He will be a Freshman at the University of Alabama in September. Patty, age 16, finished her 50 hours service work required for graduation from high school at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in ICU. She loved it. She also took a course in typing and had a trip to California to visit Ed's sister and brother who both live there. Chris, age 14 1/2 took typing and made an A which infuriated Patty who received a B. He also took drivers' ed for his liscence in October. Jim, age 12 1/2 reluctantly gave up the streets and his friends at home to attend 6 very productive weeks of camp in the mountains of North Carolina. We are looking forward to a week of vacation for all across the lake in Pass Christian. Ed and I will then take Paul to college adding a few days on the way back to recoop and then settle down to another school year, and ^{to what seems like} those endless PTAs and fund raisers.

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August 30, 1985

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Dear Eben:

Since Carrie doesn't know many members of the Academy, I am writing this in her behalf and from my perspective.

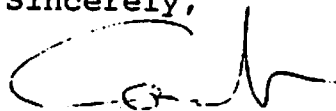
I had been a widower for nearly three years and took on a number of extra jobs--county and state medical society, peer review, hospital medical staff administration, etc. as a means of coping. Eventually I found that I would survive my grief (though I wasn't always sure of surviving the jobs), and I began rejoining the human race. Carrie had gone through the same process earlier. We, and our children, have been friends for over thirty years and the upshot is that we were married on August 11; our children all clapped at the end of the ceremony.

Then we went to Florida so I could introduce my bride to my father, and so we could both meet his new bride.

It is wonderful to start all over again with fond memories of the past and fond hopes for the future.

I look forward to introducing Carrie to all in Houston.

Sincerely,



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Hi Everyone!

We are busy this summer planning "look at college" trips for this fall. Our "one and only"--daughter Shiela, age 17, will be a senior in high school and is excited about visiting college campuses. Her one stipulation is--"Make it a big city, Mom." This summer she has her first paying job (other than babysitting), selling accessories in a large department store. She is co-editor of her high school yearbook, and is a teen counselor for the younger students, so it should be a busy year.

I've been cataloging a 500-600 tape library for the video department of The Christ Hospital. Since I work in the middle school library of our suburb during the school year, this is a natural extension of that type of activity and I love doing it. Also, I'm treasurer of a newly formed support team for the hospital and give book reviews to various groups---and that's enough!

Stewart's as busy as ever (sounds like all of our husbands, right?), and he joins me in wishing this new endeavor of the Academy much success.

Fondly,



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I'm sorry I did not receive the Round Robin request until yesterday. We are up at our Island on the northern Ottawa River and mails are slow!

Frank is well though his deafness is frustrating. Just had his 79th birthday. He swims at least twice a day in the rather chilly water and is busy painting an oil of river, rocks and hills. He will submit a couple of paintings to the Exhibitors of Amateur of the Century Association this October in New York City.

In September we plan to visit our middle daughter in England. Diana and her husband (Patrick is a managing Director of British Petroleum) and 2 very English children have an old Georgian house in London and a cottage in Suffolk. Then we're off to Sicily. We're at home in San Miguel all winter from early in November and would love to see old freinds there.

Last spring Frank had a nice if not important honor from his old hospital, Lenox Hill in New York City. He was given a party and plaque as the alumnus who had contributed most.

Our 3 girls are all thriving. Vale Osborne is a Vice-President of Sotheby's North America in charge of and Education and Joey and her husband John Bastian own and manage a huge Brush Company (Viking of MONTreal) with factories in Mexico, Brazil, West Germany, etc. Six grandchildren range from 11 to 22 and are still all in school!

Life has been kind to me and we look back with pleasure on our years in the Academy and send greetings to all old friends.

Sincerely,

Letitia Echlin

FOR THE ROUND ROBIN LETTER

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- George -- is still practicing full time; this is made easier by the addition of three young men in the office the last few years, forming the Neurosurgical Group of Houston. George was fortunate to add two graduating trainees and our son Bruce to form their group--making it easier to be away from the office to travel and enjoy shorter working hours as well. Though he had an emergency appendectomy a year ago, he is in excellent health.
- Lari - still enjoys fiber art as her main involvement outside the home. For those who may not know what that is--it is the use of fiber and fabric as the medium for art expression--this includes wall hangings, "soft sculpture", weaving and lately "wearable" art, dyeing, etc. Four of our children live in Houston, so I'm fortunate not to feel the "empty nest syndrome".
- George Jr. - lives in Dallas and works for Texas Instruments. He is 43 1/2 years old, married (Janet) and works on his car restorations for a "hobby".
- Margo - (40) is married (Bill Goodwin) and has two children (Grady, 15) and (Tracy, 13)--they live in Dallas where Bill has his own investment firm (Deuker & Goodwin).
- Bruce - (37) is married (Mary) and has two children (George Justin, 5) and (Meaghan, 1). They live in Houston so we see them--a real pleasure to have grandchildren close--in addition to having Bruce in practice with George.
- Nikki (35) works in the office as the slide librarian, insurance filing and various other tasks. She has just bought her own home. She is a fiber artist in her spare time, and also does some stained glass. Nicole has an art degree and does her own designs in all her projects.
- Brian - (33) is a Captain in the infantry - career--and currently being transferred to Fort Dix. He is just finishing 3 years in San Antonio--it has been nice to have him close. (He was in Germany for 3 years before that).
- Melanie (30) is married (Kamran Mouzoon) to a young architect who is working on a Master Degree. She has just completed a residency in Pediatrics at University of Texas, Houston and is taking a month off before going to work with the Kelsey, Seybold Clinic in Houston.

Scott - (28) wears to hats. He works for a metal fabricating company and is in charge of the day work force (had been working nights). He also has his own small business in a warehouse he bought, completed and then added an apartment for himself in the rafters. He restores old cars--designs and makes custom items from metal--mainly stainless steel.

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August 27, 1985

Dear Eben Alexander,

I have before me your letter requesting that wives of academy members write regarding their husbands and families. My letter may be too late for any publication, but at least you will know that we are still here and that we read with interest all the news regarding The Academy.

We are: Theodore C. and Martha Erickson
425 North Livingston
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Eric or Ted is still addressed by two names. He will be 79 September 23rd and has nobly survived numerous onslaughts of surgeries and recoveries without ever a murmur of complaint. Because of this, we have not been able to travel or attend meetings as we would have wished. I did have the pleasure of meeting you all once in Washington, D. C. in October of 1961. What a marvelous group of physicians and wives. And how we often wished that we could have participated again over the years!

There have been compensations, however. We both enjoy our large colonial home on Lake Mendota. We are still avid gardeners, Ted now planting seeds by punctuating the earth with his cane for the planting of seeds, I carrying on from there.

We learn together everything we can possibly absorb, and Ted is still my "walking encyclopedia" whether the question be medical, historical, literary or botanical!

Our combined families number six children and seven grandchildren. Going by age scale, they are Mark Roberts, M. D., orthopaedic surgeon, here in Madison, Vikki Erickson, Liza Erickson and Steven Roberts are all three 34 years old (isn't that a baffling statistic?) and reside in Philadelphia, Newport, WA and Sedona, AZ, respectively. Charles Erickson is head photographer at Yale University and Alexandra Erickson is on the staff of "Rolling Stone" magazine, NYC. We have come to love and enjoy one another's children as well as our own, and indeed could write a book about the challenge of step parenting in this modern changing world.

The friendship of Dr. Clinton Woolsey and his wife, Harriet, has been a joy to us over the years, here in Madison.

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Clint's publication of, "Localization in Somatic Sensory and Motor Areas of Human Cerebral Cortex as Determined by Direct Recording of Evoked Potentials and Electrical Stimulation" (Journal of Neurosurgery, October 1979) has been a source of pride to us as it has invoked an incredible number of reprint requests. (C 17) Woolsey, Erickson and Gilson can well be very proud of that.

We have visited with and exchanged correspondence often with Marion (Mrs. Gale) Clark who really remains still a central office for Academy news. Christmas is lovely with cards from former residents and friends, among them Frank and Letitia Echlin.

I enclose a picture which was taken for our 1984 Christmas card. It sort of tells the story of our 24 years together, wonderful exciting challenging years in our own quiet way.

We send our best wishes to everyone, and are glad that we have had this chance to communicate once again.

With our very best wishes,

Ted & Marion

P. S. Question....what ever happened to Tea Crutchfield? We had such a nice time with them once here in Madison. And the other day when Ted was putting away some of his medical materials, he came across his "Crutchfield Tongs". And we wondered about Mrs. Crutchfield. Former wives should still touch base with the Academy, don't you think?

Joseph Evans, College ambassador, dies

An internationally known scholar, statesman, surgeon, and scientist, Dr. Joseph P. Evans, former director of the College's International Liaison Department, died of a heart attack at the age of 80 on May 8 at his home in Kensington, Maryland.

Dr. Evans was known throughout Latin America and in other parts of the world as the College's emissary and as a warm and compassionate promoter of high-quality health care in developing nations. His extensive efforts in international relations earned him honors and respect all over the globe.

In 1983, Dr. C. Rollins Hanlon, Director of the College, said of Dr. Evans: "I have, on occasion, traveled with him to numerous Latin American countries and have seen at first hand the affection and respect, approaching reverence, with which he is viewed very widely throughout the world and especially in Latin America. In addition to his time and efforts, he has contributed on occasion of his own substance to the support of public health projects in the jungles of Colombia and elsewhere, carrying out these efforts in a strikingly self-effacing fashion. He has received a number of awards from Latin America and was the recipient of the highest commendation that this College can give, namely the Distinguished Service Award."

That same year, Dr. Samuel P. Asper, then President of the Edu-

cational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, said that Dr. Evans was "as interested in medical education as the foremost dean, as accomplished in aspects of the nervous system as the best neuroscientist, as attentive to the health needs in developing countries as the leading public health worker. He is a man for all seasons in medicine and international health. . . ."

Surprisingly, Dr. Evans built his reputation in international medicine as a second career, after retiring from a distinguished professional life in neurosurgery and surgical education. He held two major appointments in his first career: as associate professor of surgery and director of the division of neurological surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine (1937-1954), then as professor of neurological surgery and director of the division of neurological surgery at the University of Chicago (1954-1967).

When he applied for Fellowship in the College in 1945, one of his recommenders, Dr. John A. Caldwell, wrote: "Dr. Evans is one of the best trained neurosurgeons in the United States, a man of outstanding ability [and of] the highest principles and ideals. He would be an outstanding member of the College and quite an acquisition."

After graduating cum laude from Harvard Medical School in 1929, Dr. Evans became a research fellow in the department

of neurology and neurosurgery at McGill University in Montreal, where he earned an MSc degree in 1930 and a PhD in 1937. In the intervening years, he undertook postgraduate studies at the University of Chicago (general surgery), the University of Minnesota (neuroanatomy), Cambridge University (neurophysiology), London Hospital (neuropathology), and the University of Breslau (neuropathology). Loyola University of Chicago awarded him an honorary DSc in 1964.

"Dr. Evans was one of the leading neurosurgeons in the country during his time," said Dr. John Mullan, current head of neurosurgery at the University of Chicago. "During his day, he was really one of the national experts in head injuries."

He wrote two textbooks, *Acute Head Injury* and *Trauma Craniocerebral*, and more than 100 scientific articles. He was also a founding member of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery.

He became emeritus professor of neurological surgery at the University of Chicago in 1970, and retired to Medellin, Colombia, where one of his children lived. But to retire was not of Dr. Evans's nature. During the years in Medellin, 1971 to 1976, he acted as a consultant to the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools and as Latin American representative for the College.

When he was awarded the College's Distinguished Service Award in 1981, Dr. Evans described his introduction to working for the College: "I have in times past thought of bringing legal action against the College for entrapment. Ten years ago, as a recently appointed emeritus professor of surgery at one of our universities, young, callow, and inexperienced, I was taken across the street from headquarters to the Chez Paul [Restaurant]. There our esteemed Director, Dr. Hanlon, accompanied by a colleague, Dr. Bill Adams, inveigled me into accepting a 'half-time' assignment with the College—'Just try it for a year or so.' That year has grown into ten and I long ago abandoned the thought of suit, for I have come to realize that I was given a unique opportunity for service to the College, a highly rewarding one to me, with new friends from many other countries."

In 1976, he returned to Chicago and became full-time director of the College's international office. In that position he worked tirelessly to facilitate exchange of medical information to developing nations. In 1978 he said, "I am convinced that we have a tremendous responsibility to the developing countries. Sharing information is one way of meeting that responsibility. I think it's a moral obligation, although many people are not aware of it."

During that period he was also



Dr. Evans at the 1981 Clinical Congress, where he received the Distinguished Service Award.

on the board of directors of Futures for Children, an organization devoted to aiding underprivileged children and assisting communities in underdeveloped areas to improve their lot. And in 1979, he was chairman of a task force on foreign medical graduate legislation and international relations for the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.

In 1982, he again retired but remained a consultant to the College. Characteristically, he be-

came involved in another humanitarian cause, this time as Washington area representative of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Dr. Evans perhaps best described his life's goals in 1981 when he said, "I trust that whatever . . . I have been able to accomplish has contributed in some small way to better international understanding, and to peace."

*Dennis Connaughton
Editor*

DIRECTOR'S MEMO

Joseph P. Evans, requiescat in pace

Many years ago, the great Benedictine author Dom Hubert van Zeller published a splendid collection of spiritual essays entitled *We Die Standing Up*. The final essay recapitulates the book's title: *Erecti Moriamur*. It is, in van Zeller's words "... a sort of signature tune . . . the kind of thing that is played while the audience is leaving the show."

Joe Evans died, quite literally, standing up, as he walked at home in company with his devoted wife of more than 55 years. From my first acquaintance with him as a house officer on his service in Cincinnati some 45 years ago, I recognized him as a man of high principle, dedicated to a meticulous, scientifically grounded clinical practice of neurological surgery. Hard working and unsparing of himself, his service was no magnet for the lazy. I am sure he knew that some of my colleagues on the house-staff were put off by his reputation for toughness and by the demands imposed on the staff who cared for the severe cranial trauma patients that gravitated to big city hospitals in the days before CAT scans. For all his strictness, he was a judicious, philosophic, fair-minded teacher from whom one could learn a great deal more than neurological surgery.

The *Bulletin* editor has captured nicely in this issue the chronology and flavor of Doctor Evans's life and work as a perennial student of neurological science in countries throughout the world. When he generously took on his second career as our international surgical ambassador, especially for Latin America, his dedication, patience, and urbanity captured the respect and the affection of surgeons in every country he brightened by his visits.

When he accepted this College's Distinguished Service Award in 1981, he gave full credit to many

others, especially to his wife Hermene, whose companionship he characterized in the way Raissa Maritain had written of her life with her husband, the French philosopher Jacques Maritain: *We Have Been Friends Together*.

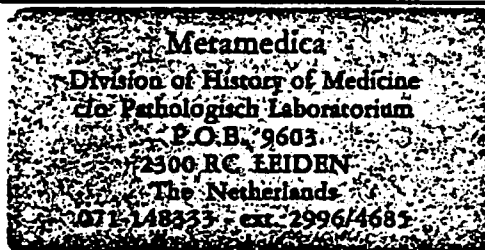
Several vignettes stand out in my recollection of more than four decades of friendship with this biblical "good and faithful servant." One was his utter composure as our bush pilot flew a tiny, gyrating plane through a thunderstorm between the menacing mountains flanking the narrow approach to Medellin, Colombia. Another was the patient equanimity with which he wrapped and unwrapped day after day the elastic bandages on a phlebotic extremity that accompanied him on two dozen landings and takeoffs in nearly every country of South America and the Isthmus within a three-week trip. And finally, he ended many letters by recalling our joint delight in the nonchalant rejoinder of a Brazilian cabdriver whom we had congratulated with immense relief after surviving a harrowing journey at top speed to the Rio airport. The cabbie had a single word for this phenomenal ride: "Regular!" (strongly accented on the last syllable).

Joe Evans lived a life of phenomenal accomplishment that his quiet, unassuming manner made into the "regular" performance so succinctly characterized by our friend in the Brazilian taxi. In summing up his life we may properly award him the beautiful accolade of van Zeller: "Happy is the man who so lives that death may find him spiritually, and even physically, on his feet."

C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS
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July 22, 1985

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Dear Mr Alexander,

Here my contribution to the "Round Robin Letter", which my husband asked me to write at the earliest convenience. I hope that it contains what you expected.

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Family: Married to Willem Luyendijk.
 Three children, three grand children.

Activities: Antonie holds the chair for the history of medicine in the University of Leiden.
 She teaches medical students and students of the arts-faculty. She is a member of the Medical Humanities group, together with the deontologist and the philosopher of medicine.

Travels: Willem and Antonie are going together to Los Angeles in January 1986, where we are both invited to participate in the Medical Classics Program and in the Clark Lectures.

Honors: We were greatly honoured at the Congress of Neurosurgeons in Toronto in July. To remember this congress daily we called our young dog, a Kuvacs, Belle de Toronto.

I hope this will provide the news you expected!

Yours sincerely,

Antonie M. Luyendijk-Elshout

Prof. dr A.M. Luyendijk-Elshout.

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July 30, 1985

Dear Eben:

I join enthusiastically in the wives' Round Robin letter--so here goes!

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I took up stamp collecting when recuperating from my knee replacement in 1983 and have truly enjoyed it. It is the one hobby Bob and I can enjoy together--he collects early German stamps, and I like early American. I've kept up with my pottery too. When we left Oklahoma, our three children announced they were all staying in Oklahoma City; David is married and is in solar energy research & construction. Carol is the busy mother of four and has recently returned to college. Bobby is climbing the ladder in the music world--plays keyboard and has recently signed a contract with Capitol records.

Bob plans to retire July 1986 and devote his time to research in neuroscience. Where, hasn't been decided yet, but there are three good possibilities. He was listed as of last year in "Who's Who in America" and "Men of Achievement" in England. We have done a lot of traveling and plan to go abroad at least once a year. He also had a poster exhibit at the recent international meeting in Toronto.

Guess that's it! It will be good to hear from the other gals.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Fisher

July 14, 1985

THE JOHN DOUGLAS FRENCH FOUNDATION FOR ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE

Dear Eben,

In answer to your letter about Jack and our foundation, all I can say about Jack is that the last 6 years of our lives have been devastating. Less than two years ago I founded the John Douglas French Foundation as a tribute to my husband. This wonderful man whose dedication to brain research has been chosen by our Lord to give his life for it.

To me, he gave the happiest years of my life. We will have been married 30 years this month. I thank God for the discipline and strength he gave me to have my wonderful career of 40 years. You asked me what I did to get all this done so soon. That is what it takes. I am determined to do what I can to continue his work. My accomplishments are the only thing I live for right now.

Aside from the $\frac{1}{2}$ million and more which we have already given to research, within a few weeks we will be breaking ground for the first John Douglas French Center for Alzheimer's Disease. This will be a three story facility, free standing, which will be supervised by our Scientific Board and have a specially trained nursing staff. Also a prototype for other hospitals, we plan to build across the country. They will all carry Jack's name.

We must all do everything we can to help fight this miserable monster, Alzheimer's disease. It is my hope that some of his colleagues and friends will remember him by sending a donation to his foundation.

Most Sincerely

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July 12, 1985

Dear Mary and Gloria,

The "Round Robin Letter" by the wives of the Academy sounds like a very good idea. I will start with the pertinent information:

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 Wife - Barbara)
 Daughter - Sara -10
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 2) Eldridge T. French) 30's
 Wife - Cindy)
 Home - Wayzata, Minn.
 3) Barbara French Greene
 Husband - Bob
 Home: Madison, Wisconsin

I suppose this might be the biggest year of our lives since we were married Sept. 13, 1941.

Lyle turned 70 in March and I will be 65 in October. That in itself is a big change. With it though has come about the start of Lyle's retirement from the University of Minnesota on June 30th. So much has happened in the last 11 days that it seems a lifetime has flashed before our eyes.

On July 5 and 6 the Department of Neurosurgery has honored Lyle in a manner almost too wonderful to describe. It was a very emotional experience and a great thrill to be part of this coming together. It started with a gathering of the former residents, staff, and associates. It included 9 of the 13 members of our "Travel Club" and our 3 children and spouses.

There was a beautiful cocktail reception on Friday night, a scientific meeting for the men, a tour and luncheon for the ladies and a black-tie dinner on Saturday night.

The July issue of "Minnesota Medicine" was a "Festschrift" honoring Lyle. They hope to have \$1,000,000 on hand by next year to start a chair in Neurosurgery in his name. I understand the goal is not far off.

I'm afraid I get a lump in my throat each time I recall these wonderful events and the gathering of the people who have been the focus of our lives for so many years. I can't express to them the extreme gratitude I feel towards each of these friends and family.

Enough of that--we left for a few days of quiet and rest in the North woods of Wisconsin and are now at home to start the rest of our lives. May it be as rewarding and happy as the past.

My greetings to you all.

Love,

Gene French

JAMES GREENWOOD, JR., M.D.
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June 14, 1985

My dear Eben:

Thank you for inviting me to contribute to the Round Robin.

The recent issue was very interesting, and we were delighted to see more respondents.

Life in Houston continues much the same as in other areas--the practice of medicine seems to be the "whipping boy" of some of our government agencies.

Jim did finally retire from practice and is adjusting to a slower pace. We will celebrate 50 years of marriage next week (I'm still happy!).

Houston has just in the past six months reestablished a Mounted Police Patrol and being a Yankee and accustomed to Mounted Police, I am delighted. The horses are magnificent and big!

It seems that marriage is back in "style" and it is my privilege to coordinate the weddings (as an altar worker) in our church. Each one is different and some of the variations leave us shaken. One incident was when a jilted young woman screamed from the balcony--"They are crazy, they shouldn't be getting married!" It did "get the attention" as the saying goes.

At another recent wedding, a male quartet played guitars and sang ballad type songs--one of the quartet being the officiating rector! Never a dull moment!

We have a precious new granddaughter who has shown a strong fondness for dogs. Her first words were "woof woof" instead of the usual "ma ma or da da". More fun!

Jim sends his regards to all his friends--we hope to see you in Houston in October.

Best wishes,

Mary Greenwood



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Felipe Senior High School, Bogotá

Travel: April 85, Río de Janeiro
July Panamá, Seminary on Laser Neurosurgery
November Chile Congress of Neurosurgery

Plans: Felipe applying for Business College at FAU,
Boca Raton, Florida.

Activities: Workoholic!

Honors: 25 years of profesorship at Javeriana University,
Medical School, Consultant WHO. extended.

Sincerely yours,

Jaime
Dr. Jaime Gómez-González
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July 7, 1985

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Dear Eben,

I have your recent letter suggesting that my wife send in a newsletter for the Round Robin. That was all the pressure I needed to get this letter off to you myself.

The Stanford Neurosurgery Training Program continues at a busy pace. Currently, both Gerry Silverberg and Larry Shuer are attending the International Congress in Toronto.

Fran Conley is going on a sabbatical leave for nine months beginning September 1, 1985. She has won a Sloan Fellowship and will be attending the Stanford University School of Business. She has a real interest in administration in medicine and hopes to increase her skills in this regard.

Gary Steinberg, one of our residents, has just returned after spending a very rewarding year with Charlie Drake and Skip Peerless at the University of Western Ontario. Gary will now begin a year working as senior resident at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, which is part of our program, and a year from now will return to the Stanford Medical Center to begin his final year of training as chief resident. He already has earned his Ph.D. degree in the basic neurosciences at Stanford and I am hopeful that we will be able to bring him on the full-time faculty to strengthen our Neurosurgery Experimental Laboratory.

Shirley and I are getting ready to depart later next week on vacation. We will be joining a Stanford Alumni Group that is

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travelling to South America visiting Peru and Chili and then flying on for about a week at Easter Island and then on to Tahiti for a few days before returning home.

We greatly enjoyed the Academy Meeting at the Homestead last October as well as the meeting of the Society of Neurological Surgeons in Phoenix this May. We are both looking forward to the next academy meeting in Houston in October of this year. That meeting will also give us an opportunity to visit our oldest daughter, Carol, who is an Assistant Professor of English at the University of Texas in Austin.

With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN W. HANBERY, M.D.

JWH:gc

DICTATED BY J. W. HANBERY, M.D.
SIGNATURE
JULY 7, 1985

July 15, 1985

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Dear Doctor Alexander:

Here is a contribution for the "round robin letter" that you requested from me. Apparently our husbands are poor at this kind of correspondence.

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The University of Michigan neurosurgery opportunity attracted the Hoff family to Ann Arbor in 1981. It has been a happy and fulfilling change for our entire family. Our son, Paul, graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, this spring, a biology and chemistry major. He is spending the summer discovering Europe before settling down to serious work in the fall. Allison is a sophomore at St. Olaf, a history major, hoping to study ancient history and participate in "digs in Greece". Her junior year will probably be spent in Greece pursuing that interest. Julie, is our last one at home. She is a sophomore in high school, very active in sports and music, and a joy to have around. We also have a dear dog named, Laddie, and a cat, Sheba.

Buz and I spent an interesting week in Glasgow in June at an Intracranial Pressure meeting and then were in London together for a long weekend. He went on to a meeting in Sweden for an additional period this spring. It was so nice to see so many friends of ours in Great Britain and renew old friendships.

Life in Ann Arbor really agrees with all of us. It is such an alive town and the people here are really unique. I keep myself involved in faculty wives activities, art museum, and volunteering at the Hospital and Ronald McDonald House.

We recently acquired a cozy cottage half an hour out of Ann Arbor on a small lake. That retreat has been a Godsend for all of us, particularly for Buz, and is a great way for us all to relax together.

Buz was recently surprised and honored to receive a Javits Neuroscience Research Award from the National Institutes of Health which provides a substantial amount of funding for his laboratory for the next seven years. It certainly has taken pressure off of him to write grants repeatedly.

As you can imagine, we are alive, well and happy in Michigan and are very grateful to be here.

Yours truly,



Diane Hoff

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Spouse: Jo Ann

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Attending MBA Program at Wharton in Philadelphia

Andrew, 23, single, Graduate Lawyer--
Articling in Law firm of Goodman & Goodman

Katie, 18, Grade 12, last year of High School

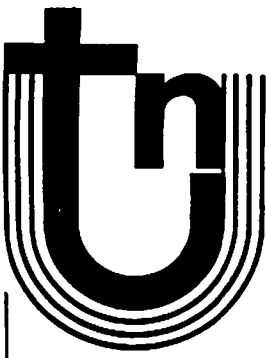
Travel: Visited USSR May 1985
Plan to visit Japan in November 1985

Activities: Enjoyed Summer at week-end home north of Toronto
on Lake Suncoe : boating, tennis, barbecuing!

Honors: Hosting the World Congress of Neurosurgery in Toronto was
a great thrill.

Best Regards,

Jo Ann



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Dear Eben:

The academicians in Toronto have had their lives dominated by the World Federation Meeting for some time now and it is, with a sense of relief, that we are all attempting to resume normal lives. A highlight of the meeting was the attendance of Mrs. K.G. McKenzie. K.G. was Canada's first neurosurgeon and Mrs. McKenzie attended the award ceremony for the 1985 McKenzie Prize recipient, Dr. Fred Lenz. By chance, the winner of this Canadian wide competition conducted his research work (under the tutelage of Ron Tasker) at the Toronto General Hospital, the site of K.G. McKenzie's unit. It was an historic moment when Harry Botterell, Eben Alexander, and Charlie Drake met with Mrs. McKenzie. She is quite alert and commented on the sense of excitement at once again, attending a neurosurgical convention!

Bruce Hendrick is continuing in active neurosurgical practice but is stepping down from the responsibility of leadership at the Hospital for Sick Children. Bruce's contributions to the development of pediatric neurosurgery are known to all academicians, who have also valued the warm personalities of Bruce and Gloria over the years. Both Bruce and Gloria worked very hard on assignments connected with the World Meeting and in this typical fashion continued to provide leadership by example and service. Bruce is now Deputy Surgeon-in-Chief at H.S.C.

Ron Tasker has been appointed President of the world stereotactic group. He was elected at the stereotactic meeting held in conjunction with the World Meeting in Toronto this summer. Ron has made many contributions in the field of stereotactic surgery as well as the field of pain. I know that all members of the academy will be proud that one of their ranks has been elected to this position.

Bill Lougheed reviewed his life long experience with carotid endarterectomy in an address which he gave to the World Meeting. He has long been regarded as the best teacher of technical neurosurgery at the University of Toronto and many residents are in his debt for the hours of patient assistance he has given them as they fumble their way through their early operative experience (myself included). I know that Grace and Bill would appreciate hearing from academicians. Professor Bill remains in active practice at the Toronto General Hospital.

Charlie Drake gave the keynote address at the World Meeting and reviewed his life long experience with the problems of aneurysm surgery. Following the World Meeting a special dinner was held in honour of the Chair of Neurosurgery which has been created in Charlie's name at the University of Western Ontario. The first man to hold this Chair is Skip Peerless, who continues as Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Western Ontario.

Harold Hoffman and I enjoyed a three week tour of Russia, immediately before the World Federation Meeting here in Toronto. The Soviet neurosurgeons were extremely hospitable and we enjoyed the opportunity of getting a first hand look at a society which has such an influence on world affairs. Soon after my return from that tour, Skip Peerless and I sailed together on the Marion - Bermuda race. We came second in our class, after experiencing fairly heavy weather en route. I returned to Toronto, via Chicago, where Dave Kline and I put on a "hands on" operative peripheral neurosurgical course, in time to host the World Meeting.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all members of the Academy who helped so much with the World Congress. Bill Keith and Frank Mayfield graced the stage on the occasion of the Opening Ceremony and many other academicians helped by chairing sessions, giving papers and helping in many ways. The Academy delegates to the World Federation play a crucial role and Kemp Clark now has the singular honour of leading this group through a fairly exacting sequence of events which will culminate in the next World Meeting in New Delhi in four years time.

I think that is most of the Ontario Academy news.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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ARH:jt

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Dear All:

This is almost too good to be true. One letter to everyone. I feel a little like a word processor, which incidentally I am trying to learn to use via tapes and literature.

One of the most out of character things, Bob and I did this year, was a raft-float trip on the San Juan River in May. A year ago in Santa Fe, we met Dan Murphy, a superbly informed National Forest Service instructor, who guided us thru Indian villages and artifacts. A chance remark while we were there about river rafting, and the next thing we knew, arrangements were being made. Dan, the Wild River group, one other neurosurgical couple and three neurologist and wives were on rafts. We floated, hiked, saw spectacular sights, and slept under the stars. It was a unique experience, and Bob learned how to guide and row ~~and~~ dory and raft through the rapids.

Life seemed a little tame on our return home, but it didn't take long to pick up. We are lucky to have Susan living in Syracuse with her husband and son. We were actually entrusted with John for a weekend while Susan and Mark went to a wedding. What fun we had and I was delighted to find I haven't forgotten too much about caring for children. Nancy, Ramon, and Robert are still in Houston, and our youngest, Kimberly has just left her position as curator at the Taunton, Mass. Historical Society and is spending some time in Winston Salem at MESDA before returning to Boston.

A trip this winter to Japan for Bob as guest of the Japanese Neurosurgical Congress ^{honored} and ~~honored~~-guest was filled with interest both professionally and culturally. A really special trip for both of us to Phoenix in January with our hosts Georgia and John Green was a memorable occasion. With such royal occasions, it always makes us appreciate how really special our friends are.

With the fluctuation of employment in the Syracuse ~~age~~, career counseling is never dull. It has been a busy year computerizing the Ed. Con at the library, working with individual clients and presenting workshops. We are currently working on a contract with the medical center training medical students to make decisions about specialities, interviewing, and presentations.

As I write this, Bob is busy in the workshop with a project that he has created and worked on since January. He has designed and is carving a Della Robbia fan for the area over our front door. We are aiming to have it up by Thanksgiving, and we all know how much time these men get to spend on hobbies so it is a challenge.

Hope the year is treating you all gently, and it has been fun to have a chance to keep in touch.

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July 23, 1985

Dr. Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.
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Dear Dr. Alexander:

We have just returned from a trip, attending the International Congress of Neurological Surgery in Toronto and visiting our friends in Virginia, Florida and Georgia. Responding to your letter, we have completed the format as follows:

Name: Katsutoshi KITAMURA

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Telephone(Home): Area Code 92 821-8533

Spouse: Yoshiko KITAMURA

Family: 1st daughter Akiko married to Hiromi ISHIBASHI, an internist at Kyushu University Hospital.
 2nd daughter Sumiko married to Toshio MATSUSHIMA, a neurosurgeon at Kyushu University Hospital.
 1st son Fumiaki majoring in psychology at Postgraduate School, Kyushu University.
 2nd son Masaaki majoring in English language and editing in Tokyo.

Travels in 1984:

Attended Annual Meeting of The Society of Neurological Surgeons, New York, April.

Visited Hahemann University School of Medicine, April.

Visited University of Malaya, Malaysia, July.

Visited Universities and Medical Colleges in Beijing, Shenyang and Sian, China, August.

Plans: Hope to attend the meeting of The Academy in 1986.

Activities: Terminated the deanship of the Faculty of Medicine at the end of 1984, and concentrating on preparing for Annual Meeting of The Japanese Society of Stroke, Fukuoka, 1986

Hoping this will meet your request and with best regards,

Sincerely,

Katsutoshi Kitamura
 Katsutoshi Kitamura, M.D.

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July 11, 1985

Dear Eben:

Jerry has passed me your letter requesting information about myself.
Here 'tis:

Name: Arielle P. Kozloff (Mrs. Jerald S. Brodkey)

Address: 2590 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106

Telephone: 216-421-7340, office

Family: Two stepsons, aged 19 and 20. One a student at Brandeis University.
The older a student of biomedical engineering at Case Institute.

Profession: Curator of Ancient Art, Cleveland Museum of Art, specialty:
Egyptian art. I am responsible for the collections of Egyptian,
Ancient Near Eastern, Greek, Roman and Etruscan art. I maintain,
research and add to these collections.

Travel: My job takes me to Europe at least twice a year and to Egypt
every 18 months or so. I also travel widely in the U.S. giving lectures
and studying collections.

Hobbies: My avocation is horseback riding. I have my own hunter/mare
which I ride four times a week and show occasionally. I am an animal
lover, have two dogs and a cat, and would gladly have more but they've
eaten most of the furniture. Jerry and I have taken up swimming
together every morning at 6 AM. It's great! Speeds up the metabolism,
I'm told. At least the concurrent weight loss has allowed us to
increase our ice cream consumption.

Eben, I think this letter is a terrific idea! I look forward to getting
to know the wives of Jerry's colleagues better, and this will be a great boon. We
both send our very best wishes to you and Betty.

Sincerely yours,



Arielle P. Kozloff
Curator of Ancient Art

APK/sh

Oslo, July 12. 1985.

Dr, Eben Alexander,
The Bowman Gray School of Medicine,
300 South Hawthorne Road,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103,
U,S,A,

Dear Eben:

Thanks for a handed-over letter and a good idea, suggested by Mary Greenwood, and with Gloria Wilkins' letter to follow. I hasten to reply!

I am Brit Kristiansen, Tårnveien 5. 0369 Oslo 3, Norway. Home telephone (02) 60 44 85.

My spouse - is my dear husband Kristian, through 48 years of happy marriage.

Our family - Kari, aged 47, physiotherapist, married to lawyer Jonas Myhre. Espen 21, Camilla 18 are their children. Mette, aged 44, M.Sc., married to lawyer Asle Enger, they have two boys, Trygve 16½, Kristian 15. Kristian jr., 42, is an engineer from McGill, Montreal, from where he also brought his delightful spouse Lynne Walker, she is a physiotherapist too.

Kristian and I are fortunate to have all these younger people living in Oslo, we often enjoy their company and friendship.

Then to Kristian and myself, -- I always regarded myself as half-partner of his busy neurosurgical life, arranging and planning things, our homelife, travels etc. I am even - still! - the family minister of finances. During the last 8 years - after retirement from active neurosurgery - Kristian has been a consultant to the administration of hospital and health services in Oslo. He enjoys it, and I am very happy that he has interesting work to do. This is most important when you retire - when and if you are in good health.

I have more time now to pursue my personal interests, one of them is the English language. I have pupils - and try - at least, to teach them English conversation, or Norwegian to English people.

Over the years Kristian and I have travelled a great deal, now our way of travelling has changed. We do not go to many big congresses any more - although they were great fun! - smaller meetings and interesting places are what we prefer. As an example: ultimo July we are off to Verona Italy, on an "opera-tour" with Verdi's "Aida" and "The Troubadour" on the program. Later this fall we plan to go to Bonn for a "Eurasian" meeting, seeing friends and visiting parts of Germany we have not seen before.

Summer in Oslo is wonderful now. We are just back after two weeks holiday in our cottage at the seashore. The cottage is located on an island, without electricity and running water, but there are lovely rocks and trees, the air is clean and full of birds and there is fish in the sea. Through the years we have been fortunate to have several American and Canadian friends visiting us there, among them The Pen/fields, The Rasmussens, Don Tower and this year Joe Stratford from Montreal.

I hope this attempt to revive the Round Robin letter will meet with success.

Yours sincerely

Brit
Brit Kristiansen.

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Kawaihae, Hawaii 96743

August 2, 1985

Dear Eben,

You work on us so hard I feel I must send you something.

As you know John is completely retired so no more professional calls. He gave up his license so only occasionally sees friends as a favor. I take care of the succulent garden and landscaping and he looks after the coconuts, papayas, bananas, mangos, and many kinds of citrus. He puts in drip systems as we need them. We only have about 6 inches of rainfall a year. There is plenty of tree trimming. Being right on the water we swim daily unless it is too rough.

John is chairman of the trustees of our Kalahikiola Church, one of the old missionary churches in Kohala where I grew up. He is also helping to plan a benefit for our local theatre Guild which will hopefully feature viewing Halley's comet when it is close next April.

We had a brief visit to New England in June to celebrate John's 50th College and 45th Medical School reunions at Harvard. The medical school reunion was the best because we have kept up more with those classmates.

We visited our older son, Packet, in Denver on our way east. He and his wife have two boys 3 and 1. Being a grandparent is simpler than being a parent. Our younger son, Mike, and his wife and one son live across the island and we get to see them often.

We have a new Broncho ii which will go most anywhere and we are having fun exploring. As soon as it is really broken in we will go to the top of Mauna Kea where there are about seven operating telescopes and work is soon to begin on the new Cal Tech telescope.

So you see we keep busy and are fortunate to enjoy good health.

Our love to Betty and other friends in the Academy. We do miss the Academy meetings but it is a long way to go. We would be happy to have any Academy members call us if they are in the vicinity. We are halfway between the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel and the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and we now at last have a paved road to our house.

Aloha,

Kathy Lowrey
Catherine Lowrey

The Bowman Gray

School of Medicine

Department of Surgery
Section on Neurosurgery

July 15, 1985


Round Robin Letter
American Academy of Neurological Surgery

Sim Maltby has returned her request for a letter with the following:

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4 married children
10 grandchildren

In Florida 6 months, Palm Ave., Boca Grande, Florida
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Signed: Sim Maltby



FOR THE NEUROSURGEON

Francis Murphey, M.D.
3951 Gulf Shore Boulevard N.
Naples, Florida 33940

Dear Eben:

Thank you for your kind letter. We enjoyed the chance to sit down and talk with you in Atlanta.

1984 proved to be the year we escaped the bullet. In January Marge was found to have a dollarsize mass in the hilum of the right lung. Her son who is a doctor wanted it taken care of in Nashville, which was O.K. with me. On the way I said to Marge that we ought to see John Kirklin in Birmingham. I called him and he said of course he would see us and have his resident meet us at the exit from the expressway and bring us to his office. We parked in the garage and were walking to his office about fifty yards away when I developed pain in my chest and down my left arm. It wasn't bad, so we talked a few minutes about Marge's problem, and he didn't think it was malignant. Then I told him about my pain. He jumped up and said, "Let's go." I was in Intensive Care in about three minutes.

To make a long story short, I had my second bypass operation and Marge's lesion was a middle lobe syndrome which was drained by broncoscopy. Neither she nor I have had further trouble with these lesions since.

However, In September last year Marge developed acute diverticulitis when we were at Big Sky, Montana. Again she wanted it taken care of in Nashville. After six weeks of antibiotics, she was finally operated on. Thank Heaven we are currently well!

I am enclosing a copy of what Henry Schwartz said about me in Atlanta. Perhaps the members of the Academy might like to read it.

Sincerely,

Remarks by Henry G. Schwartz, August Busch Professor of Neurological Surgery, Washington University, St. Louis, on the Occasion of the Presentation of the Harvey Cushing Medal to Francis Murphey, at the Atlanta Meeting of the AANS, April 22, 1985.

Mr. President, Mrs. Murphey, the Murphey Family and Ladies and Gentlemen:

What is the measure of a man's worth? Criteria are almost without end - mental attributes; physical characteristics; ability to withstand trial and trouble; contribute to the welfare of the community, friends, and family; add to the fund of knowledge; maintain a high level of performance, integrity, and honesty, and demand the same of others; a searcher and achiever ever anxious to share his knowledge and acumen, at times with irresistible emphasis and relentless insistence. These are just a few measures which come out as I review the saga of the man from Macon as he meandered from Mississippi to Vanderbilt, to Harvard, then to Chicago, finally alighting in Memphis into the remarkable hands of Dr. Rapheal Eustace Semmes. Thus, serenely was an outstanding association forged which became a bright ornament in the field of neurological surgery, Semmes-Murphey Clinic. Major contributions, among many others, have been surgery and diagnosis of disc disease, both cervical and lumbar, peripheral nerve repair, and cerebrovascular problems. The vivid analytical description of his own personal experience with occlusive carotid disease in 1973 is a classic which should be read by all physicians.

His interest in education at both graduate and undergraduate levels, along with the national problems affecting neurosurgery, is of long standing and well recognized, as is obvious when one recollects the positions of leadership and responsibility he has been elected to fill.

Two of his accomplishments are known little or not at all. Few of you recall the heyday of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke. In the formation of plans for support of treatment of occlusive cerebrovascular disease, word of an unannounced evening meeting chaired by a prominent vascular surgeon reached our hero in time to attend, and thus declare and stake out neurosurgery's role in that area.

His concern for the educational role of the Cushing Society, now the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, was voiced long ago, even to the point of arguing his position in a duck blind (SLIDE) when he invited the Program Committee to meet in Arkansas.

It was thirty years ago when he proposed the setting up of minicourses or seminars on specific problems to be given during the Annual Meetings for the benefit of the young practising neurosurgeon. That suggestion was ably abetted by the late Barnes Woodhall, Professor of Neurological Surgery at Duke, but it took ten more years before the program of Breakfast Seminars saw the light of day.

Dr. Murphey has never hesitated to express with considerable vigor his opinions about neurosurgical problems or, for that matter, about anything else that piqued his interest. What would one expect from an

individual who has been known to flag down and get a berth on a trans-continental express train (SLIDE) at the end of a fishing trip in British Columbia?

The Sheriff of Nottingham shamelessly extolled his own attributes in DeKoven's Robin Hood:

"My eye is like the eagle's
So sly and clever.....
Such a brain, such an eye..
I've a seething brain
Which can never go astray.
I am sure to be right alway.
I ne'er yet have made a mistake,
I would like to for variety's sake.
In short, infallible e'er I am
The Sheriff of Nottingham."

So has it been, and still is, for Francis Murphey who has never made a mistake - well, over the years of our friendship, all I can say is "hardly ever". It is fitting that such a colorful and unabashedly dedicated individual has been chosen to receive the Harvey Cushing Medal for outstanding service to Neurosurgery and the Association, and it gives me great pleasure to be allowed to present this award to him.

Elaine S. Washold, Jr. M.D.
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We continue to live in Durham and are increasingly glad to do so as time goes by. Blaine busy at Duke and Irene keeping all in the family collected and gathered when we are lucky enough. Susan married and gave us our first grandchild, who of course, is the center of all our gatherings. Ann and her husband also live in Durham and are busy re-doing an old home they bought. Jim in third year Medical School, finally, after seeing the world first. He will be getting married in August. Sara, married and living on a 2000 acre farm with her farmer husband. She can furrow 100 acres in one day, win prizes at the state fair, help with two herds of cattle, plant, pick and stake tobacco, raises horses and teaches French and French Literature to high school students. Not bad for a city girl!

I think the most exciting times in all our lives over the years, has been sailing. We now have a 40 ft. Valient which Blaine has been using to do some great races. He has sailed in the Newport-Bermuda Race and the Miami-Jamaica Race. The last in March when he and his "Motley Crew" not only won but beat some mighty fancy SORC Racing machines in the bargain. Four of us plus an eight year girl, sailed the boat home to N.C. (1100 miles) in two weeks of storms including a stopover (unplanned) in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. A real trial by fire which I would not have missed for the world. I learned what I could do. Anyone interested in the "blood and guts" can call me. Bermuda Race again in 1986 and then sailing to Europe for the great Fastnet Race. Sailing has a way of making oneself truly responsible to themselves and to the others on board. The nit-pickings of everyday life fall away and the ocean is the master. It allows you to try yourself and remains your boss.

We see many loving and old friends at meetings we do attend and wish we could see you all. Friendships become increasingly

important while material things seem to lose their luster.

Love to you all

Affectionately,

Gene Kanda

FRANK & GINNY NULSEN

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Retirement living affords time for too many causes to be boring. Ginny works closely with Hospice patients in Naples and Frank has helped secure funding for a Senior Friendship Health Center that provides a remodeled small church where indigent patients can be cared for or properly referred by retired volunteer physicians. Medical liability is covered by the State of Florida. Back in Cleveland, a further survey of late results in shunted hydrocephalus of infancy has yielded fascinating anecdotes and too much data for easy synthesis.

Our happiest travel last year consisted in two weeks of sailing among off-beat Aegean islands with four of our young: Margaret, R.N. and husband, Chris Frolking, M.D.; John Nulsen, M.D., and wife, Amy, R.N., Ph.D. candidate. All of this medical expertise was happily unneeded except that Amy was able to counsel a crew member who feared Mediterranean sharks. All males acquired sailboard capability as the only means of survey of unusual beaches. Ginny Nulsen Goodwin is just in the black with an attractive antique shop in Houston. Phillippa (Susie) Nulsen Elgin evaluates loans for a bank in L.A. (Palos Verdes) suburb. Gay Nulsen Garnett manages a dentist's office and now, the dentist (married last Thanksgiving). We have four grandchildren, ages 9 to 16, two step grandchildren who join in family visits. Finally, another grandchild is on the way, hopefully, the start of a new covey. Twelve of the gang will visit us next week.

Ginny's golf keeps improving but Frank's doesn't. His windsurfing offers compensation through the youngsters who seek instruction.

We and four friends cancelled out on a second sailing charter in Greek waters this October -- will visit children instead. Were we over-cautious or is it really selfish to worry our family and possibly trouble our government by entering a travel advisory area with no goal except having fun?

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Burton M. Onofrio, M.D.
Department of Neurologic Surgery

July 8, 1985

Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.
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Dear Eben:

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Rochester, MN 55902
Telephone: (507) 289-3684
Spouse: Burton Onofrio, M.D.

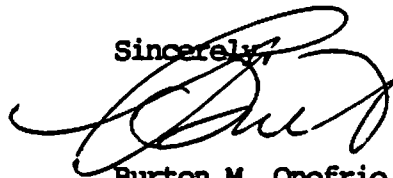
Family: Three children; ages 23, 22 and 21. The oldest boy is in Fort Collins in the Development Division of the Hullard Packard Company. The 22 year old is a son going to University of Wisconsin in business as a senior this coming year and Jennifer is the youngest, who is in the School of Fashion Design in Fine Arts at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Over this past year I have had several opportunities for a one artist show in the Upper Midwest five state area including multimedia pieces as an outdoor function as part of a National Endowment for the Arts project, have had a two women show at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Director of the Arts Daycamp for the Rochester Arts Center and have added 700 square feet of studio space at our home within the past 18 months. At present, painting and outdoor wooden sculptures consume my interests with ceramics at present being a dormant subject. In 1983 I was elected Woman of the Year for the Arts in Rochester as part of six women honored for their respective fields of endeavor. A fractured ankle recently has slowed summer activities but, hopefully, within a six week period of time that that will be but just one more learning experience.

I must confess that I have written this for my wife in as much as her modesty for such correspondence would preclude including many of the present facts.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Burton M. Onofrio, M.D.

BMO:lkw

Lore Pia, Ph.D.
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Dear friends,
here are my data:

- 1.) Spouse: married to my husband for 42 years
- 2.) Family:
We have two children, Klaus (41) and Bärbel (39).
The son - married, one son(19) is medical journalist.
The daughter is married to a general practitioner, they
have four children (18,14,11, 9 years). We meet as often
as possible children and grand children like the "old ones".
- 3.) Travel:
I never travel alone, so my husband normally doesn't.
Attending many congresses in all continents we try to
have some sightseeing before or after and enjoy our
being together with old and new friends after the "business"
is done.
- 4.) Plans: No plans of my own, and all the same.....
- 5.) Activities:
Concerning plans and activities I am fully occupied by
looking after our house (frequent guests and visitors), by
helping my husband as such of private secretary in different
fields.
- 6.) Honors: -

So, that's the first news from
Yours sincerely

Lore Pia

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July 17th, 1985

Dear Eben,

In response to your latest plea for Round Robin material here is a wee note:

Name and address and tel. number above. Three sons, two married. 'Middle' son, Eugene H., is a teacher in Cambridge, Mass., and ran this year in his fifth Poston Marathon. His wife, Prisc Choate, is head coach of the Harvard Women's Varsity Squash Team that cleaned up evry match they played this past year. (Princeton expected to be next year's champs).

Angeline and I keep busy painting, golfing, and gardening in a very modest way, and I still do a good deal of writing -- some more books, and a few short stories. One of the latter brought me in the handsome sum of \$25.00, so things are definitely looking up!

At the truly splendid 8th International Federation meeting in Toronto last week I received, as some of you know, one of the four quadriennial Medals of Honour. I am still wondering why, but perhaps a letter from Bill Scoville, shortly before his tragic death, explains why. He wrote that it is "half for serving two terms as Treasurer of the World Federation and half for professional career."

Early this week I thoroughly enjoyed Ben Stein's annual international conference on Aneurysm and AVM diagnosis and treatment, in Scarsdale, N.Y., where I was Honorary Chairman. Several Academy members attended.

Now off to our summer camp on Pulpit Harbor, North Haven, Maine. Telephone 207- 867- 4409 in case any of you are cruising by, for we would love to see you. Looking back through the years I see that ~~several~~ Academy members have visited or stayed with us there: George Kaltby, Don Matson, Joe Ranshoff, Henry Schwartz, Ben Stein, ~~and~~ Ben Whitcomb, and Henry KeyB.

With warm regards to you all, and hoping to attend the next meeting,

Larry

JOHN RAAF, M. D.
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

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NEUROSURGERY

August 14, 1985

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Dear Eben:

Hopefully you and your family are having a good summer. We have not done too much out of the ordinary so far. Lorene and I did fly down to California about the middle of July, Lorene to visit our daughter, Jean, and granddaughter, Margot, and I to go to the Bohemian Grove for a few days. We are expecting children and grandchildren for the rest of this month. Heather, John's wife, arrived yesterday. As you may know she started medical school at the age of 40 and has completed two years at Cornell. She will be transferring to Case Western Reserve this next fall for her junior and senior years because John has moved from Sloan Kettering to the Cleveland Clinic to organize and become director of their new Cancer Center. Their second youngster, John C., will be arriving today. He has been climbing mountains in Peru this summer so I may be hard put to find anything as exciting as that for him to do. We are planning to go to the Rogue where I hope the fish will cooperate. Jean and Margot will come up from Berkeley and meet us there.

At present I am busier than ever. Not much surgery anymore but an abundance of second opinions, medical-legal work and testifying in court. I hope this brief note find you, Betty and all your family well.

Sincerely,



John Raaf, M.D.

JR:mm

A WEEK IN MAINE

Bill and Lin Buchheit rented a lovely house at Seal Harbor on Mount Desert Island out of Bar Harbor in Maine for the month of August 1985. Naturally, they arrived right on time and enjoyed several days of pleasure before their guests, Jim and Valeria Robertson, arrived for a week on the 15th of August 1985. During the next seven days, our friendships grew, and we had a delightful time. Bill managed to borrow Dick Katz's boat and we sailed on four separate lovely days without accident. We even caught a few mackerel while sailing out of Sommesville down to Southwest Harbor and all the way out to Baker Island. On the 17th of August, which was a lovely Saturday, while sailing, we managed to be involved in passing in a local sailing ship race, but, fortunately, we did not interfere with other boats' activities.

After a few days of the visit, it was apparent that the Buchheits had won us over on Maine in August. The nights were 55° requiring a blanket and, on occasion, a fire, and the days were 70° to 75°. Walking in the woods, shooting the bull and trying to tell bigger lies than the other were some of the pleasures that we all enjoyed. Of great interest was the fact that when the Buchheits go anywhere, they take every animal they have and, in addition, to two cats, the outstanding member was Bill's dog named Gunter. At times, Gunter was like the proverbial bull in a China Shop, but he was a great friend and had a great cold nose.

A few days prior to our arrival, Ernie Mack had visited, and the Buchheits had picked him up in Montreal and brought him down to Seal Harbor. As everyone knows, Bill flies everywhere, even to the point to go and get Ernie Mack. Among other things, Mack taught them how to cook in a new fashion, using a coffee can to get charcoal started. We had this demonstrated, and it is an effective way of getting a charcoal fire going, particularly for cooking good steaks.

The high point of the trip occurred when Valeria and Lin went antique shopping. Bill and I had been sailing and when we came into the dock, they met us with great excitement stating that they had a surprise for us. What they had was the proposed purchase of a \$200,000 summer home on Hancock Point. Naturally, we went and looked at the home. It is indeed beautiful but in great need of repair, and, before we left Maine, we found ourselves, along with the Buchheits, involved in a possible purchase of this home.

The last night we were there, we had dinner with Ben and Peggy Whitcomb visiting their house first for cocktails and the view, and, subsequently, having a delightful meal at the Surrey Inn. Ben was kind enough to introduce us to his nephew, an attorney, Mr. Beardsley. Bill and I met with him on the morning of the 22nd of August and are, in fact, negotiating to purchase "summer time" the house on Hancock Point. Whether or not anything ever comes of this, I caught the plane coming back realizing that I might be indebted for \$100,000 when all I really wanted was a week in Maine.

The point of all of this is to emphasize that friendships in the Academy of Neurological Surgery are very close to say the least, and sometimes can evolve into outright business ventures.

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Madeleine Schneider (Mrs. Richard C.)
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Dick officially retired from the University of Michigan Medical School two years ago but still seems to find his schedule quite a busy one. The Sports Medicine book he has been editing during this period was published by Williams and Wilkins this spring. We took our first-ever, non-medically-connected foreign trip in late April and early May when we joined a group on an informative and enjoyable trip to Egypt, sponsored by the University Archeology Museum. Since then Dick had given three lectures to different medical groups in the mid-west, we have attended my high school reunion in Ohio and his Dartmouth class reunion in New Hampshire, and spent last week at the World Federation meeting in Toronto. The Castillos of Caracas, Venezuela were our house guests before that meeting and the Nakamuras and their daughter from Tokyo visited us afterwards. Now Dick is starting to prepare several talks he has been invited to give at the Brazilizn Neurosurgery meeting in Rio in early September. We hope to come to Houston in October.

July 20, 1985

(Editor's Note: Helene wrote the letter below to Betty Alexander, telling us that until Bill's estate is settled, she is busy with many things, including "Bed and Breakfast" in Hartford, and that she cannot accept Betty's invitation to attend the meeting in Houston in October; she promises to come next year.)

The year has been difficult but life goes on. Bill Jr. graduated from Yale last May. Sophie is at Wellesley College. She is going to spend her Junior year abroad (in Paris), leaving the 1st of September. Bill will join her for a few months to study piano. At the present time, he is taking Pre. Med. at Columbia. Bill's 3 older children are fine. Barrett is in Germany leading the research of a commercial drug company. Lisa and Peter are busy raising their children.

I am offering "Bed and Breakfast" and enjoying it. On a long term basis, the University of Connecticut has sent me visiting Professors and research fellows. I had for 5 weeks a gentleman from Moscow, a lady from Hungaria for a few days, and I am expecting now a young medical doctor from Switzerland. In between I host parents visiting their children at school around Farmington. Anytime that the members of the Academy will be in the Farmington area, I shall be more than happy to welcome them.

Helene Scoville

July 10, 1985

Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.
The Bowman Gray School of Medicine
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Dear Eben:

Thank you for your recent letter. Since I no longer have a spouse, I can provide the following information:

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Telephone Home: 201-568-9275

Information about Spouse: Deceased

Family: 2 daughters married, one living in my house in Boston and the other living in Florence, Alabama. I see them from time to time, especially in terms of travel and often bring one or the other to the Academy meeting.

Travel: Frequent travels this spring to ski meetings: Phoenix, Arizona, other areas of the Southwest and Italy. I plan to travel to Japan and the Philippines in October.

Activities: Still very active in reorganizing the Neurosurgical Department at the Neurological Institute. We have many pressures in terms of new hospital construction building which directly affects the physical environment of the Neurological Institute. We are developing a team to handle vascular problems of all nature and combining neuroradiology, neurology and hopefully, neuropathology. Laboratory activities now producing some gratifying results, but still are building. We have primary work in terms of implanted cells to produce myelin and study of blood vessels reactivity as related to vascular abnormality and subarachnoid hemorrhage.

-- Continued --

Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D.
July 10, 1985
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I hope that this information will help you in preparation of the Round Robin.
I am so sorry that it is so brief, but I think it hits the highlights.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



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As you can imagine--Thor handed me your letter after August 1st--about the 15th--and now it's the 23rd!!! I'm sure it's too late to include ours, but I did not want to let you think we had ignored it. An excellent idea--home addresses will be so helpful simply because some notes never get home!

I can tell you we are now hopeful that Thor can "hang in there" until he can get to Remission. He has learned to live with his pain level very amazingly and credits his first year at West Point! He has had such absolutely incredible support from everywhere. And I wish every person who has written or called could know that his--or her--caring has made a difference. It has given us both the strength we've needed. He's doing a little surgery even this (and last) week!

We hope and plan to be in Houston in October with our daughter Laura who is a Financial Consultant in Austin, Texas. Young Thor is ecstatically happy in his 2nd year Residency in General Surgery at Mass. General. He still leans toward Cardiac. He's a chip off the old block. John, the youngest, has started his 2nd year of Law at SMU.

I've begun working a few hours each week again--and we're truly living and enjoying each day as it comes.

We are so grateful for all our dear friends and hope you all know what you have meant to us.

Our love,

Thor & Lois

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Many of you know about Homer's illness. He is gradually getting worse but the change is very slow. Since 1979, he has not been able to read nor write. And his old polio has added its toll. He now walks with crutches and is confused.

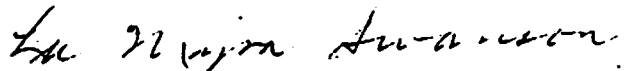
Until this month, we had been going to Highlands, North Carolina and enjoying cool mountain air and beautiful scenery. But on July 4th, Homer wanted to return to Atlanta and does not want to go back, so we are here in "Hot-lanta."

I don't have much help and try to get away for a couple of days about once a month. Have a group who like to go "somewhere" for a session of bridge. I do continue my activities when Homer is well enough. Bridge, sewing, book and investment clubs, plus theater and opera keep me as busy as I want to be. Homer's illness is such that I cannot be responsible for anything long term and do not do any volunteer work. Everything I plan can be cancelled at the last minute.

Our two young -- son, Eric, and daughter, Bea -- have been most helpful. Eric is not working in computer programming, and Bea, an actress, is presently "at liberty."

Perhaps because our activities are so limited, we enjoy hearing about our friends more than ever. Thank you, Mary and Gloria, for not letting the "Round Robin" die.

Sincerely,



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Marty and I are approaching the "empty nest" time in our lives. Our "baby", Elisabeth, will be an entering Freshman at Northwestern University in September, leaving us alone except for two neurotic pooches and two feuding cats! I only hope that her first Chicago winter won't surprise ^{ELISABETH} too much. Brrrrrr...

Jessica, 20, is a Junior at UC Berkeley. She manages to pack more energy into her barely five foot frame than any three people I know. She has finally decided to major in English, but anything is possible within the next few years.

Brad, 23, graduated from Dartmouth College last year. He was graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa and received Honors in his major, Religion. He is currently a University Scholar at the University of Chicago pursuing a PhD in Cultural Anthropology--a five year program that no one has ever completed in fewer than nine! I guess we will be visiting Chicago a lot in the next few years to say nothing of the fact that Brad's studies may take him as far as "deepest, darkest Africa". We tried to convince him to study the Indian cultures in Montana and stay at our vacation house there, but he told us we were missing the point of field work. O well, we tried!

Speaking of Montana, we recently bought a house in the Bitterroot Valley and have taken up fly fishing. In fact, we just returned from a month of wading and casting and relaxing. We also managed to catch a few unsuspecting fish.

Now that we are at home, there is a lot of catching up to do----serious stuff like weeding the garden, packing up the last offspring for school, and warding off the effects of the aging process by putting in my 4½ hours of ballet classes per week and making sure Marty jumps on his stationary bike for his 12 mile "ride" a few times a week. We'll either last forever or be dead ~~very~~ soon!

I keep myself busy working parttime at my friend's mail order company. It's a great job because I can take off and go to meetings with Marty which I look forward to doing now that our responsibilities at home are waning.

I would like to say that the idea of an Academy Newsletter is terrific!

Debby Weiss

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If I had to use one word to describe the Wilkins' family this past year it would be busy. As some of you may know, I have been working full-time in Bob's office and while this is not exactly the way I planned to spend my declining years, it has been fun. It has been especially rewarding to me to have the opportunity to get to know the residents better and on a day-to-day basis. They are a remarkable group of young men. Bob and I also enjoy the flexibility we now have with our own kids fairly well launched. We feel like newlyweds a great deal of the time. Somehow we did not seem to have time to be newlyweds when we were first married because we were both in graduate school and working too.

I have made two trips to California in the past year to attend Stanford graduations. In June 1984, Jeff, our second son, received his masters degree in electrical engineering. He worked for awhile in the Silicon Valley area in research and development and then in January 1985, he and a friend started their own bioelectronics company. Jeff says his goal in life is to invent a machine that will replace his dad now that Bob has finished paying his tuition! This past June I travelled to California again to celebrate Mike, our older sons' graduation from the MBA program at Stanford. Instead of doning his three piece gray suit, Mike is travelling around the United States this summer writing a book about roadside attractions. The book will be published by Simon and Shuster in early spring 1986. Mike also co-authored a book on tennis that was published this year. We thought it was kind of interesting since Mike has never played tennis in his life.

Betsy, our daughter, is a rising senior at Stanford. She is majoring in Italian Studies and spent two quarters of her junior year at Stanford in Florence. While she was in Italy, she did her very best to keep the economy of Italy afloat. Betsy stayed in Palo Alto this summer to work on her honor thesis and to start applying to graduate schools.

Bob and I send our best to all of you and we hope to see you in Houston.

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July 8, 1985

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Dear Eben:

I am enclosing my letter for the Academy round robin. I hope this is what you had in mind. Remember, if I can do anything to help with the editing, typing, etc. I will be glad to do so.

Again, thank you so much for inviting Bob and me to join in your wonderful, happy celebration. I love the portrait. Please give Betty my best and thank her for a really lovely time.

Sincerely yours,



Gloria Wilkins

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Dear Academician:

In response to Eben's letter with it's stipulated format here is my submission.

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A year ago at this time Frank and I were looking forward to a Mediterranean cruise with Guy and Madeline Odem. We undertook this trip and had a glorious time until the moment of Guy's experience with myocardial infarction which occurred the day prior to our departure home from Athens. Perhaps Guy or Madeline will write to you more of the details of this experience. Needless to say, we are all delighted that Guy seems to have come through this experience very well.

I must say that the remainder of 1984 and 1985 has not been a particularly good period for the Wrenns'. When we arrived home from Europe we found that John Miles had experienced a dreadful relapse of his malignant T-cell lymphoma. He went off to Duke and experienced the whole bone marrow transplantation protocol but to no avail. He had several dreadful months throughout the early part of 1985 and finally succumbed in early June. We viewed this as a great loss since he was a very special person. We were privileged to have had him with us for a relatively short time and will feel his loss for some years to come.

I April, Douglas Kennemore, Frank's long time associate was found to have a carcinoma of the prostate. Fortunately, there was no evidence of any spread outside the gland and he has gone through a radical operation and has been given a very good long range prognosis, however a non AB hepatitis, and was also found to have gallstones which will require a cholecystectomy in early September. He has not been able to work since mid April and perhaps will not be back until late in the year. We pray for his complete recovery and return to excellent health and to work in the coming year.

Because of these circumstances, we have been unable to attend any of the usual meetings Since the Cushing Meeting in San Francisco. We were fortunate in having Kemp and Fern Clark and Lindsay Symon come to Greenville for a long weekend of golf and other relaxations after the Atlanta meeting. Along with this kind of good news to report

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I can add that our newest associate is Stephen Gardner who with his lovely wife and three children came to us from Don Becker's program in Richmond last July. He has been a great asset and were it not for him, this would really have been a dreadful year in terms of work. Our biggest family news is that a grandson arrived on May 11. He is really an absolute clone of his grandfather, or so say all who have seen him. This is the first male grandchild and we are delighted about him.

Frank has continued with his work for the Washington Committee of Neurological Surgery with his work on the AMA'S Commission on Emergency Medical Service and the AMA'S Health Policy Agenda programs all in behalf of the AANS.

We hope very much to see everyone in Houston. We have missed seeing friends and hope to see everyone there.

As ever,

Betty

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DEAR EBEN

IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS MANY CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED IN OUR LIVES. DAVID HAS TWO WONDERFUL PARTNERS: DR. EDWARD SADAR AND DR. THOMAS HAWK. THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP IS OUTSTANDING. IT IS LIKE A MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN. DAVID HAS UPDATED HIS BOOK FOR THE SECOND EDITION AND " SPINAL INJURY " IS ALMOST READY FOR PUBLICATION.

SIX YEARS AGO WE MOVED INTO A LOVELY SUBURB, BEXLEY. THE AREA IS VERY UNIQUE WITH ITS LOVELY OLD HOMES IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND ONLY TEN MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN .

OUR DAUGHTER JACLYN (24) WAS MARRIED JUNE 15, 1985, JACKI AND HER HUSBAND TERRY JONES LIVE IN CARBORO, N.C. SHE IS A GRADUATE STUDENT IN NURSING AT CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

LISA (21) IS A SENIOR AT BROWN UNIVERSITY IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND SHE IS SPENDING HER SUMMER STUDYING ELECTRONIC MUSIC.

STEVE (20) A JUNIOR AT AMHERST COLLEGE IN AMHERST, MASS. VOLONTEERED TO WORK IN ISRAEL THIS SUMMER. HE IS IN THE NEGEV DESERT LAYING IRRIGATION PIPE.

HE HOPES TO HAVE AN EXCITING JUNIOR YEAR AS FRESHMAN ADVISOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE AMHERST STUDENT PAPER.

ON AUGUST 4 DAVID IS TAKING ALL OF US TO ISRAEL AND THEN TO EGYPT. WE ARE PLANNING TO BE THERE FOR THREE WEEKS. I AM REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE ALL SIX OF US ON A VACATION TOGETHER.

WE HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL AS EVERYONE IS HAPPY AND ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH

MYRNA YASHON

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We have just finished an extended vacation at the ranch doing exactly what we wanted to do each day. By the time it was over, the ranch house and fences were re-done, fields were plowed, roads were cut through the brush for hunting, and Jim was ready to return to work and enjoy Neurosurgery. This year has been very busy, but rewarding in many ways. First of all, the AOA annual banquet was one to be remembered with our daughter being inducted and Jim being selected as the Faculty member to be honored this year. Graduation at the Medical School brought much of the same special honors our way as our daughter, son-in-law, and cousin all received their M.D.'s the same day. It was a touching scene as Jim handed our daughter, Kris, her diploma and a kiss! We have been enjoying all the residents and their endeavors. In fact, they are not only regular guests at the ranch, but recently we've become surrogate parents, along with the Browns, in helping with a wedding. Our other Neurosurgical ventures are putting on the Executive Committee meeting for the Neurosurgical Society of America in San Antonio this fall as Jim is President of the group this year. We are also in the midst of planning the Academy meeting for 1987 which will meet in San Antonio at that time. However, with all four children gone, (two married and two off in college) there is more flexibility in our schedule to do as we choose. In fact, this past year, we have taken up skiing and remain enthusiastic and ready to hit the slopes again this season. We especially think of it when it is 100° in San Antonio. I guess this semi-wraps up the saga of the Storys for the moment, and add that we are looking forward to the forthcoming meeting in Houston of the Academy.

Sincerely,
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I am sorry to be late in getting this letter off to you. It was sent to our old address and was slow in catching up.

We moved out of our large old house on April 26th to a big condominium on the 10th floor. After an accumulation of 32 years it was a tremendous job. Somehow we survived and with a minimum of emotional conflict. Mother Nature takes care of some of the decisions we had to make and as the saying goes--"there comes a time". We are very happy here and wonder why the decision was not made 5 years ago. The gardens and flowers are missed but we have learned to patronize the Farmer's Market.

Our daughter Martha and family moved to Tacoma, Washinton, in January. She is Director of a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit there at the Mary Bridge Hospital. Her husband Alan is an Orthopedic surgeon with an H.M.O. group. Their children are Gillian (5½ yrs.) and Gabriel (1½ yrs.)--sadly missed by all grandparents.

John, our son, is Assistant Professor of Oncology and Medicine and N.Y. Medical College situated at Metropolitan Hospital.

In early July we attended the World Congress of N.S. in Toronto, from there we boarded the C.P. train across Canada to Banff Rented a U-Drive It and went to Jasper and back, picking up the train again for the trip to Vancouver. Visited Victoria and then on to Tacoma to visit Martha and family. A perfect trip because of the great weather.

Mac still sees service patients at the hospital on Thursday P.M's. and helps the residents in examining and diagnosing. He enjoys this teaching.

Our health remains good with minor afflictions. We expect to survive the fall football season with Mac cheering from the easy chair and Helen escaping to the golf course or swimming pool.

Again, please note the change of address.

Sincerely,

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Round Robin Letter

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Dear Doctor Alexander:

The family Laitinen moved in 1980 from the rainy Bergen at the Westcoast of Norway to Umeå in northern Sweden. It took for Lauri about two years to organize the small neurosurgical unit in the University Hospital. The unit has now 34 beds and a staff of seven neurosurgeons and a resident. Some 650 major neurosurgical interventions are carried out each year. The number does not include disc surgery which in Sweden is an orthopedic business. The neurosurgeons only get some complicated cases of discs, where chronic pain is becoming the main problem. More than one hundred stereotactic and functional interventions are carried out annually. Umeå is thus the most active functional unit in northern Europe. Dr. Silfvenius carries out some 30 epilepsy operations a year, mainly open resections often after 2 weeks of chronic depth recording for mapping the epileptic depth activity. Lauri operates on 30 Parkinsonian patients, 10 with hereditary intention tremor, 20 with chronic pain with thalamotomy, 10 with psychiatric illnesses and a few with spasticity and/or athetosis. Some 50 patients are implanted with chronic spinal or cerebral electrodes for chronic pain states.

There seems to be a steady increase of psychosurgery in Sweden. Three main approaches are used: anterior internal capsulotomy for obsessive-compulsive neurosis, postero-medial hypothalamotomy for restless and aggressive behavior and anterior cingulotomy for chronic pain with depression and addiction. Cooperation with the psychiatrists is quite good and all patients come to surgery via psychiatry.

Lauri has centered his research activity on improvement of neurosurgical instruments. His Stereoguide has become the leading frame in Scandinavia, where nine units use it today -against five with the Leksell frame. The new CT/MRI Adapter for stereotaxis seems to function better than was expected and several units perform today all functional stereotactic surgery without ventriculography, with CT guidance only. The Trigeminal Stereoguide permits accurate placement of the percutaneous probe in a desired part of the Gasserian ganglion without tears. He is also happy with his electronic stimulator that permits quick and accurate assessment of cutaneous sensibility as was recently documented in PAIN by Dr. Eriksson and himself.

I have been working on a PhD thesis on Stig Dagerman, a Swedish writer, who died in 1954 32 years old. The existential anxiety, love and death will be the corner stones of my thesis.

Of our three children Lena, 28, works as a lawyer in a big Law Office in Paris. Jens, 26, studies biology at the Helsinki University. Susanna (16) dreams of a college year in the United States in 1986-87.

Because of my work on the thesis and some teaching at the university I have had little chance to travel, but Lauri travels a lot. He enjoyed very much the 1984 meeting of the Academy in Hot Springs, VA, and he told with enthusiasm of his stay with Lois and Thor Sundt in Rochester, Vivian and Sean Mullan in Chicago and Linda and George Ojemann in Seattle. The recent world congress in Toronto with the marvellous hospitality of Mary and Ron Tasker had been well organised. Lauri had made a two-day trip to the Algonquin National Park in Ontario and enjoyed canoing and walking in the deserts similar to the Scandinavian forest and lake districts. At the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgey meeting he had been elected as a member of the Board of the Society.

On June 30 to July 3, 1986 Umeå will organize an Arctic Stereotactic Workshop with two Academicians among the 10 invited tutors. Some 50 active participants will be accepted to the workshop the aim of which is to give neurosurgeons of the world an up-to-date concept of all stereotactic neurosurgery. A lot of time will be devoted to practical exercise of CT/MRI guided stereotaxis and stereotactic external irradiation of the brain with a linear accelerator. After the three and a half day long tough work three days will be devoted to salmon fishing in the River Tana, close to the Arctic Sea. The Tana is one of the very best salmon rivers of the world; a salmon of 60 pounds is not rare.

With warm regards,
Yours sincerely,

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