



Ragnar Granit to Arthur B. Otis:

In my previous reply to Ladd Prosser (*Physiologist* 25: 428, 1982), I mentioned my intention to withdraw from active science (born in 1900). I have since published a memoir (*Hur det kom siq*, Norstedts, Stockholm, 1983) with a subtitle, translated "How it came about," remembering research and motivations. Against a personal background of changing environments the book presents people and places from the author's participation in the early revival period of the neurosciences that was based on the advent of the amplifier. I have also written a number of obituaries (Yngve Zotterman, Hugo Theorell, Ulf von Euler, and Eric Kugelberg), and at present I am responding to an invitation from The Royal Society to write an obituary of my old friend Keffer Hartline for its series *Biographical Memoirs*. I note with pleasure that Floyd Ratliff has promised to be its co-author. Finally, I have served as chairman of the Natural Science Commission of the international Italo-Swiss Balzan Foundation. Its prizes have for some time been Swiss Franc 250.000 and are likely to remain at that level. This year it goes to Ernst Mayr of Harvard.

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Roy O. Greep to Arthur:

To whomever reads these columns with interest as I do I feel called upon to respond to ABO's request for a response. The new phase in existence that has arrived for myself and my wife is our introduction to hospital care. After better than three-quarters of a century with nary an admission for illness we have, in turnabouts that naturally loomed as prospective reruns of the "one-hoss shay," totaled five admissions over the past years. Thanks to the marvels of modern medicine and surgery and third-party payments we're still largely intact.

I get some mental exercise in part by conferring with Dr. Patricia Donahoe's research group at the Massachusetts General Hospital anent Mullerian inhibitory substance, writing an occasional historical item, and managing the annual Laurentian Hormone Conference.

Physical exercise comes in the form of gardening, grounds-keeping, and fueling the fireplace. No jogging. One of the advantages of growing old is that one can get tired doing nothing.

I have also served as a visiting professor at the St. George's University Medical School on the Island of Grenada each year over the past five years and observed the social, political, economic, and military developments at first hand. It would be easy to expatiate, but let me comment only that sampling the situation there was

an object lesson on life without liberty and freedom, i.e., no newspaper, sealed lips, don't ask questions, and censored news amidst an unending drumbeat of propaganda over airways touted as Radio Free Grenada. It was remindful of the proverbial value placed on water after the well had gone dry.

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Tsai-Fan Yu to Arthur:

I am glad to report to you that I am still the first one to unlock the door in the morning and the last one to leave the lab and office in the evening. So long as I am in perfect health, I am continuing my activities in the study of gout and its related diseases. Although I have published more than 200 papers, each question answered reveals more questions. The summit is yet to be reached.

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J. H. Bateman to E. B. Brown:

For the past couple of years I have been with Ted Grant's dielectrics group at Queen Elizabeth College (University of London). My honorary appointment there has enabled me to resume work along the lines that interested me in the 1940's, when I spent several short periods with Larry Oncley in E. J. Cohn's laboratory at Harvard and with Potapenko at Cal Tech. After having to spread myself too thin for my own good in the intervening years, it is fun to have once more that feeling of learning less and less about less and less, as the saying ought to go. As for words of wisdom for younger colleagues, I must echo Keffer Hartline, "Never take advice." With more pomp and less wit I'd add that wisdom nullifies itself in the uttering!

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George F. Koepf to Roy Greep:

I am still working but in an administrative capacity at the Medical Foundation of Buffalo. It seems that my research days are over. None-the-less in my capacity of President-Treasurer I still rub elbows with an elite corp of 35 research oriented scientists. This in itself is a stimulating and rewarding experience although second best to real benchwork. The Medical Foundation of Buffalo is a nonprofit independent institute founded in 1956 for the purpose of doing basic research in endocrinology. Our strengths involve research in estrogen biosynthesis and in determining the molecular structure of hormones. The X-ray crystallography department of the Foundation ranks among the largest in the world. Aside from my work, my wife and I enjoy gardening and fishing each summer at our island home on Georgian Bay, Ontario. I also still manage to stagger around a golf course once or twice a week. During the remainder of the year we live in the center of Buffalo, close to the laboratories of the Foundation. We enjoy the wonderful climate as well as the cultural and recreational activities of Western New York State.

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