

## News from Senior Physiologists

### Letters to Edward F. Adolph:

Nicholas S. Assali is retiring this year from UCLA after a 40-year research career in the field of perinatal research. In his retirement he plans to write a new edition to his three volumes on Pathophysiology of Gestational Disorders and to collaborate with his oldest son, a professor of philosophy, on a book entitled *Philosophy of Sex*. The subject has interested him since the early forties, when he was a doctor for prostitutes in Brazil. He advises younger colleagues to "please take some time off from reading medical books and journals,

and pick up a book of philosophy." His autobiography, *A Doctor's Life*, described in an enclosed review as a story "that has the excitement of a new *Arrowsmith*," was published in 1980.

Charles G. Wilber is retiring this year from the Department of Zoology of Colorado State University but will be able to retain a laboratory/office. He plans to write a monograph on theoretical and practical aspects of the biophysics of wound formation from firearms, to do further work on organic phosphate poisoning, and to organize a session addressed primarily to biomedical scientists on problems of professional ethics for the 1987 meeting of American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Each summer he and his wife go back to

Woods Hole, where he has been "playing around" with allometric growth in selected invertebrate species. He urges younger colleagues to be "incurable optimists" and also to fight vigorously to maintain the practice of academic tenure, which is the mechanism that ensures academic freedom.

Charles E. Hall, University of Texas at Galveston, writes that he is doing much as he has always done: investigating various aspects of the endocrine and cardiovascular systems and in general making life difficult for the laboratory rat. He and his wife's interest in wildlife photography continues undiminished, and in the past 5 years they have made expeditions to Kenya, Australia, Costa Rica, and Venezuela in pursuit of that hobby. This summer they plan to do Alaska, and next winter take in Surinam.

### G. Edgar Folk, Jr. Senior Physiologist Fund

The American Physiological Society is pleased to announce the establishment of the G. Edgar Folk, Jr. Senior Physiologist Fund.

On behalf of the family and friends, Dr. Frank presented Dr. Folk with a plaque inscribed "The American Physiological Society presents to G. Edgar Folk, Jr., at its annual meeting on April 16, 1986, this award in commemoration of the initiation of the G. Edgar Folk, Jr. Senior Physiologist Fund and in recognition to distinguished service to the Society and to the science of physiology."

In thanking him, Dr. Folk said, "This must be the best-kept secret in all of the midwest. Last night I was informed, you will have to go up to the podium tomorrow at the Business meeting, and I was told why. I shall be very busy thanking former graduate students, associates in my labo-

ratory, and visiting professors who have done this wonderful thing. You have to get to be a fossil to have this lovely thing happen. I could easily prove that I deserve being fossilized. My studies go back to the time when there were two neurohumors and some people did not believe they existed then. Do you remember the talk about the Spark boys and the Soup boys? I go back to the time of G. H. Parker, who first began such conversations. He worked with Cannon, and there was a great deal of debate as to whether they existed. The other day, I read there are 54 neurohumors in the brain. This represents this period of fossilization. I shall go now and attempt to thank these wonderful people."

Inquiries concerning the G. Edgar Folk, Jr. Senior Physiologist Fund should be made to Martin Frank, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, APS. ☐



H. E. Morgan, G. E. Folk, Jr., and M. Frank

### Letters to Arthur B. Otis:

Charles C. Hassett writes, that since his retirement in 1975 from his position of Chief of the Experimental Medicine Branch, Biomedical Laboratory, USA Medical Research at Edgewood Arsenal, he has done some consulting on special projects in toxicology for NIOSH and NRC. He is now fully retired. He and his wife spend summers at their house in Woods Hole.

Herbert R. Catchpole, who has recently celebrated his 80th birthday, writes from Ankara that he and Robin Miller-Catchpole are currently enjoying travel and archaeological interests in central and eastern Turkey. He is still teaching histology and pathology.

Donald F. Proctor, retired from the faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, writes, "On the whole, I'm still having a hell of a good time and keeping busy at things I want to do." He is working on his *History of Breathing Physiology*, doing research on the role of upper respiratory muscles in stabilization of the airway, wood carving, singing a little, and enjoying his good fortune in his wife, two children, and three lovely grandchildren.

James Irving, retired from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and from NIH, writes that at the age of 84 the editing of the *Archives of Oral Biology* represents his sole professional activity. His chief interest is in reading, especially about the Civil War.

### Letters to Ewald E. Selkurt:

Sydney M. Friedman reports that he is running an active laboratory at the University of British Columbia and "without academic responsibilities beyond the occa-

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