

## News From Senior Physiologists

### Letters to Horace Davenport

**Clarence Collier** writes, "I moved away from close academic ties in 1983 to the western foothills of the Sierras in Somerset, CA. Most of my time is spent in active care of several acres of fruit and walnuts. I chose to retire early because of extensive heart surgery in 1979. "My most challenging project is short-term teaching of respiratory and cardiovascular blocks to medical students in a small church-owned and operated medical school in Mexico. The first time, I had studied almost no Spanish, so I lectured only in English through student interpreters. Now, I do most of the formal lecturing in English but work on my Spanish in demonstration laboratory work and individual discussions. I can now read rather fluently and write my own exams to be corrected by my Mexican colleagues. "My advice to younger colleagues is to plan a good deal of exercise and a good diet."

"It was kind of you indeed to send me your greetings and those of the American Physiological Society on my 80th birthday, writes **Piero Foa**. Your card arrived while I was in Italy where, on that very day, I delivered a lecture as part of my duties as visiting professor at the Universities of Cagliari in Sardinia and of Parma. "While in Italy I discovered an iron-clad rule against renting cars to anyone older than 73, but in Italy even iron is soft and, after describing me on the phone as "vecchio, ma arzillo" (old, but sprightly) the agent got a special dispensation from the president of Budget Rent-a-Car enabling us to enjoy a little touring of the Sardinian archeological sites and wonderful seascapes."

A few weeks earlier Piero Foa had received an award in Aspen for being the skier with the longest experience, 72 years. He continues as editor of a series of monographs on endocrinology and metabolism, and he has just finished a review on glucagon citing almost 700 papers mainly published since 1984. "This after eliminating a large number of papers describing the invention of the

wheel by authors who apparently are not aware of any work done before computerized bibliography retrieval systems became available."

### Letters to Steve Horvath

**Irvine Page**, who has been confined to his room since a year ago last February due to leg paralysis, said, "I don't like old age and I say to hell with it and it says the same to you."

Research continues to be of prime interest to **Robert L. Kroc**, who also enjoys contributing by serving on the boards reviewing monographs and traveling from his home in Santa Barbara, CA, to lectureships and symposia at research centers here and abroad.

### Letter to David G. Greene

**Stanley E. Bradley**, who is Samuel Bard Professor Emeritus of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, writes that since his retirement in 1978 he and his wife, Gerry, have spent much of their time in Berne, Switzerland, working in the clinical pharmacology department at the University of Berne.

Until 1984 he was a fulltime visiting professor, continuing work in biliary physiology in dogs and rats with emphasis upon the potential differences across the canaliculi and the effect this has upon clearances of charged molecular species—including plasma protein. Since 1984 he has returned to Berne each summer and for the last three years has been working with the Bundesamt für Umweltschutz (the Swiss EPA).

### Letters to John T. Reeves

**Author J. Riopelle**, writing from Baton Rouge, LA, said his primary activities are in psychology in which he edits a journal and publishes occasionally on the effects of protein deprivation of infant primates.

**George G. Rowe** retired in June 1989 from cardiologic practice at the University of Wisconsin and has become an emeritus professor of medicine and "Class mentor." "I have become a regular member of the medical school class of 1993. This has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience reliving lectures and laboratories in basic physiology, anatomy, pathology, and chemistry with an enthusiastic group of bright young medical students. What progress has been made in 50 years!! I am warmly accepted as a quaint but friendly dinosaur." Rowe added that he and his wife travel a bit, walk a lot, and intermittently watch birds or four delightful granddaughters.

### Letters to Helen M. Tepperman

"Following my retirement I continued to monitor the 150 Montreal multiple sclerosis (MS) patients on low-fat diets," writes **Roy I. Swank**, who is professor emeritus at the Oregon Health Sciences University. "Analysis of this 34 year study was started in 1985."

Swank noted that patients who followed low fat diets closely deteriorated very little, whereas those who consumed as little as 10 grams of extra fat daily deteriorated rapidly. He also treated and

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