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Dear Mac:

This is an aside in response to your aside. Thanks for the comments on my playing. Stacy was flattered, too. It may be in part Stacy and a general enthusiasm for life these days. But, I think it's as much the fact that I am playing alto. You are sensitive to things like proprioception, balance and resonating frequencies and other such ideas. The range of tone, the fullness of the embouchure, the power of the sound, the range and versatility of the instrument, the different posture and relationship between the brain and the fingers; are all fuller, more relaxed, more outgoing on the alto than the soprano. I find it hard to believe that my passion of 20 years has been replaced by this new mistress. The new mistress is so exciting that Stacy's a wee bit jealous.

I have never been overly impressed with the little I have to say musically, and I am vastly hindered by both technique and knowledge of music. But, what little I have to say I guess I am saying better on the alto. It's also taken me beyond New Orleans jazz. I am much more in a blues idiom these days. I doubt that "anything" will come of it, but it's great good fun and I have half a dozen engagements the next six weeks, including a wedding with Butch Thompson, and a backyard party for students. (I have just constructed an elevated bandstand in my backyard) and two engagements with my musical friends in New Orleans.

I am pleased that you would confide or "confess" your current nutrition "supplement". You understand my desire to put such things to rigorous test; the purpose of the scientific method, to dissect reality from theory or fancy. Stan Hall, that Grandma Moses of the piano that you were so kind to at your house, (telling him that he had given you many hours of pleasure), is a life-long sufferer from peptic ulcer, arthritis and a recently diagnosed lymphoma. He makes a powerful testimonial with at least a dozen co-testament that "Barleygreen" does the same for him, in freedom from complaints, energy level, resistance to colds, etc. Barleygreen, it turns out, is ground up young barley plus brown rice and smells like bad tea. I guess since I feel so good most of the time, and when I don't feel good there is a good explanation for it, that I would be hard put to try these enthusiastically recommended remedies and arrive at any conclusions. But maybe I will anyway!

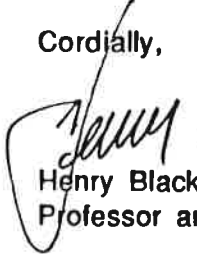
I too am enjoying the more frequent contacts with your family. John Finnegan is a very original thinker and bright. Whether he will use the Hawley Award and make the same impact as Cheryl Perry remains to be seen. At any rate, we are moving forward in many areas and I feel the need to bring you and the whole family up-to-date about various directions of various efforts. Please let me know when you entertain a visit North, and we would like to take a couple of hours of your time to do that, if you would like.

Incidentally, Art Leon will arrange an appointment in the near future for a preventive workup for your brother James.


I will respond elsewhere and more substantively to your "missing ingredient" letter which was helpful. I was hoping to get from you still another ingredient, that is, your vision of the organization and mission of a community consortium for health that we could elaborate on for a Health Promotion Resource Center.

Also, if there is to be one day another Hawley family gift to the University, you and I need to be clear together on how it should go. The PUF awards (University matching) are very important as far as increasing the value of a gift, and there is no question in my mind that a Chair is an important part of this. However, we need resources and a building more than a body at the moment. I'm trying to look in the direction of a building and have Ellerbe as consultants. Our approach will be to present the University with our needs and a vision. If it is unresponsive, as we anticipate, to take steps on our own to move efforts off campus, but very near campus, so that we have the leverage of foundation funds and sizable indirect costs (overhead) that we bring in annually to the State of Minnesota (4-5 million). The University would not get those indirect costs if we moved off campus, but a developer would respond very well to the kind of money we have to offer for space. I don't know if you would be interested at all, but I want to let you know that we are thinking, in a forward way, of putting our academic and health promotion mission together in one unit (we're now in 6!) to improve communication and collaboration as well as our impact and visibility in the community. It's a dream that I have not allowed myself to dream until recently. I now see it as crucial. We have become so large and so "good", yet so fragmented with cardiovascular, cancer and infectious disease academic and health promotion undertakings that our total effort is beginning to suffer from the separation.

Cordially,


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