SECOND OPINION

MORE PRAISE FOR DR. EGAN

I just wanted to congratulate you on the excellent review of Dr. Egan's career and his contribution to the health care of women! The only problem is that it was published too late. (You are aware of his death from, probably, significant exposure to X-rays.)

One little anecdote about our days together in med school. All, but Bob Egan, carried big note paraphernalia. Bob carried in his shirt pocket 3" x 5" file cards only. I tried that unsuccessfully. I wrote in such small letters that when it came to studying the notes, I couldn’t read my own handwriting.

Again—many thanks to you for your contribution to the memory of that most remarkable of physicians, Robert L. Egan, MD.

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AND SURGERY BEGOT...

Congratulations on your (Dean Levine’s) Pitt Med magazine in general and your April 2001 issue in particular.

Art Levine’s message about alternative medicine is excellent. I am sending a copy to my composer son in Oregon, whose nature-bound healthy lifestyle made him discuss this topic with me.

The nitric oxide story—of work spearheaded by Dick Simmons, Tim Billiar, and Edith Tzeng and helped by many others—is particularly well portrayed. I am happy and proud of our colleagues in surgery for having created a strong link between molecular basic science and traditional surgery, which fathered anesthesiaology, which in turn fathered (or mothered) critical care medicine and emergency medical services.

Readers should also be aware of the cutting-edge traumatic brain injury research by Pat Kochanek and collaborators (including nationally recognized scientists like Marion, Clark, Dixon, Jenkins, and Jackson and the pediatric intensivists and neurosurgeons at Children’s Hospital).

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PIT MED MATCH

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We gladly receive letters and whatever else you would like to share. (We may edit for length and clarity.)

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