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Dear Mrs. Peterson,

I do not intend intruding into private matters but having lived through what your husband suffers and having learned that there is much the doctors, and I had some of the best, do not tell their patients, first I offer him encouragement—the also delayed diagnosis with me was more than twenty years ago and I'm still here and second, if it is of any interest to him, I'll gladly share what I've learned.

What I've learned is important with the claudication in the legs in particular is a conscientious walking program. With that what other physical activity is possible for him. I'd not be alive without this and I'll be 83 in three weeks.

If he is on coumadin, and its history may interest him, it can be dangerous but rarely is and it can be influenced enormously by diet. I learned this from du Pont, not from my doctors. Du Pont bought the patent rights. It is now a generic but du Pont was very informative with me.

He probably has regular blood tests to determine the clotting time of his blood. That can be influenced by his consumption of any form of alcohol and it can be influenced either way. This is to say he should not vary his consumption of it.

Vitamin K has an enormous influence on the clotting time of the blood. So much so that it is injected if there is any hemorrhage. That happened to me once. It was no big deal then. I've had four major and two minor operations since then, with no problem from the blood.

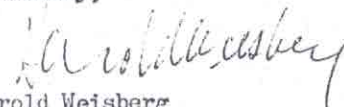
If he has regular blood tests, I know nothing about the other local lab but SmithKline has been wonderful and thoroughly dependable and conscientious with me. He can have unlimited confidence in them. They all are good people, too.

If your husband might find any interest in my experiences, we are only about ten minutes away. I can drive in or if he, or if you and he, would like to see the archive Hood will be getting from me and our property, which Hood also gets, perhaps the deer will be accommodating. From time to time this is a veritable deer park.

What your husband has can be serious and can be intimidating but it should not be, as my experience does, I think, indicate.

In talking to friends about this he and they may find it interesting that if he is on coumadin, what keeps him alive is rat poison. Literally!

Sincerely,


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Dear Hood Students, Parents, Alumnae, and Friends:

The snow has finally melted, the trees are budding, and the Hood campus is bustling with activity and enthusiasm. On Valentine's Day, we celebrated "Give Your Heart To Hood" day — an event which brought together students, faculty, and staff in an inspirational brainstorming session that generated many good ideas for improving life and education at Hood. The program, which filled Rosenstock auditorium with hundreds of participants, concluded with the awarding of numerous prizes — including a free room at Hood next year.

The suggestions that emerged are being catalogued and will be referred to our Strategic Planning Committee for implementation. These suggestions range from installation of an automatic teller/cash machine to the creation of an International Studies program. Some — such as the ATM machine — will be instituted immediately, while others will require resources and planning. One "fun" suggestion came from the students, who asked that we hold an annual formal "ball" similar to the one we hosted in connection with my inauguration. I have promised that we will try to repeat that glorious evening, and we are searching for an appropriate date on the Hood calendar. "Give Your Heart to Hood" day was such a success that we intend to repeat it annually.

We will welcome Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to Hood on March 6. Students, faculty, and staff will spend the day gathered in small groups discussing "justice" and "free speech" prior to Justice O'Connor's presentation in Coffman Chapel. Each group will be led by a Discussion Leader, some 25 of them Hood students; others will be drawn from the faculty and staff, as well as from Washington and Frederick legal circles. All participants in the day's proceedings are invited to a reception honoring Justice O'Connor following her presentation.

We regard this Colloquium as one of the highlights of the academic year at Hood. It will provide a splendid opportunity for the Hood community to think seriously about the timeless topic of "justice" and to meet Justice O'Connor — the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court, an outstanding jurist, and an exemplary role model.

Parents, please mark your calendars for April 19-21 and plan to attend Family Weekend. That event will include performances by our fine Gospel Ensemble and choir; there will be a dance on Saturday evening, and you are invited to join me Saturday afternoon at a reception. Our Student Life group has planned a very full schedule for our visitors. We look forward to seeing you.

The Hood College Board of Trustees held its winter meeting on February 22 and 23, approving the 1997 budget and setting tuition and fees for the 1996-1997 academic year, as follows: tuition, \$15,372; room and board, \$6,592; for a total of \$21,964. For undergraduate students, the cost per credit hour will be \$440; for graduate students, the cost per credit hour will be \$255. This represents an overall increase in tuition and board and room fees of 3.7 percent. We are doing everything in our power to control costs and to ensure that a Hood education remains affordable.

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With this letter, we are introducing the new Hood logo. The leaf that now graces our name is a metaphor for personal growth through learning, as well as for branching out and exploring. We think of Hood as a sturdy tree providing the strong roots of honor, tradition and strength of character. The College plants the seeds of knowledge and responsibility, and the students draw nourishment from their experience at Hood. The leaf is a living symbol, depicting individuality that is yet part of a larger entity. The leaf also represents the seasons and the natural beauty of our lovely campus. We hope that our new logo will evoke happy memories of your time here as well as remind us of the ongoing growth and vitality of the College.

Life as a college president is challenging and rewarding. Our students are wonderful, and it is a never-ending source of pleasure to watch them grow. The pace is hectic as I "learn the ropes" at Hood and try to get around the country to meet as many alumnae as possible. In addition to the many activities on campus and with various Hood constituencies, invitations from beyond the campus seem to pour into my office. Although time does not permit me to accept every invitation, here is a sample of upcoming speeches that you might find of interest:

Managing Diversity, the Merrill Lynch Distinguished Lecture at Mount Saint Mary's College.

Hood Today, the Hood New York Alumnae Club, at the Colony Club in New York City on May 9.

Creating Your Life, the Committee on Women and Minorities of the American Bar Association Tax Section, Washington, D.C.

The Flat Tax: Prospects and Problems, the University of Denver Tax Institute. (Requests to speak on tax issues arrive with such frequency that it is necessary to decline most of those invitations.)

Finally, on a personal note, I want to report that my husband is slowly improving from a frustrating illness. After five long weeks of pain, Don's illness was finally diagnosed as blood clots in the lungs and legs. Following more than a week in the hospital, he is gradually regaining his strength. He joins me in sending our warmest thanks to all who sent cards and notes during his illness.

Thanks again to all of you for your support of the College and your words of encouragement to its new President.

Sincerely,


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