

Christmas 1977

Dear Friends,

I haven't seen as many of you as I would have liked during the past year, and I miss it. Mike Lehman came for a few days to stay with me and Nina in the fall. It should be no surprise to you that he is doing fabulously in Grad School in Physio Psych. Mike read through the manuscript of a comprehensive review of aggressive behavior in muroid rodents and gave me a number of valuable suggestions. By the way, Mike, I did go on to analyze sexual behavior also in my newest version of the reviews! Now it is a general theory of social behavior. I also had a brief and good visit with Rich Ladd who continues to work for Chase Manhattan and plans to go to night school in business at the same time. Rich, I haven't forgotten. that you're coming up to visit with me and Nina for a weekend.

I haven't even heard any news from most of you. I hear from Jane Witten Surgeon who is applying to a variety of graduate schools in the neurosciences- and who promises to visit this Spring when she interviews at Yale. Also, I spoke with Bill "Smitty" Smith who was working this spring with the Nader's Raiders of Connecticut. but was planning to head for the Dakotas to set up a small farm.

Big news from Wesleyan is that Allan Berliand has received tenure. Now Biopsychology is firmly established with one tenured member in each department.

Our research is as productive as ever. The paper with Mike Lehman came out this year in Behaviour and is the basis for a whole series of theoretical reviews I am now preparing. The paper with John Kanki is now being reviewed for publication in Physiology and Behavior. The Psychology 207 class did a beautiful project on competitive fighting, and it is high time we published the accumulated material we have on it over the past few years. They used the old behavior genetic animals worked on by Jane Witten, Andy Eichenfield and others, and to our great delight, the one-gene effect is still holding up after six back-crossed generations. It's time to publish that finding also. Jane and Andy, you may get your name on a paper with me yet! Now two of the 207 students, Ted Crandall and Jeanette Talavera are planning to look at the interaction of competitive fighting and the estrous cycle.

On the home front, Nina and I are happily playing house in New Haven, and would love to get visits from any of you. Nina gets her first job as a nurse practitioner next week, taking an internship at the Yale Health Plan.

Where will I see you all next year? I am tentatively planning to be at Neurosciences in November in St Louis, at EPA in Washington in April, and at the meetings of the Society for Research in Aggression in September in Washington. Also, I am toying with the idea of the Behavior Genetics meetings in California in June.

I am off next week for a three week visit to the Soviet Union to give a paper at a conference on the neurophysiology of memory, I am looking forward to visiting my old friends there and publishing a couple of papers in Russian.

Regards from Nina.

Peace, David