Retirement simply brought a reorientation of his interests — almost a lateral arabesque — as he founded The Friends of the Health Sciences Library and personally made significant contributions to the McMaster library. His contribution was so great that the university has created an elegant space within the library, The C. Barber Mueller History of Health and Medicine Room. The university has honoured him with an Emeritus Professorship, inducted him into the Faculty of Heath Sciences Community of Distinction and given him an honorary degree (his third).

Most of us would have been tired out at this point, but Barb, remembering his chief, Evarts Graham, finished his biography, *Evarts A. Graham: The Life and Times of the Surgical Spirit of St. Louis*, in 2002. The title is an interesting reflection on Lindbergh’s airplane and Graham’s independent and innovative leadership in surgery. At age 94, Barb completed another work, *Excalibur: the Sword of Science that Reshaped the World*, which was published in 2012.

On a personal note, I have many fond memories of my meetings with Barb. The most memorable was one in which I was a visitor to his teaching exercises with the students. Barb was a great role model, and I left feeling better than when I arrived. In preparing this commentary, I was delighted to find that Barb had contributed a chapter to my grandfather’s text, *Practice of Medicine*, on the electron microscopy of the kidney. Barb and I met at least twice a year at the American Surgical and the American College meetings. I always left our visits feeling good about things; he had that way about him. He was always most interested in who he was talking with and with his lively sense of humour, bringing out the best in all those around him.

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**CORRECTION**

The article entitled “Low-intensity pulsed ultrasonography versus electrical stimulation for fracture healing: a systematic review and network meta-analysis,” published in June 2014 (*Can J Surg* 2014;57(3):E105-18), contained errors in references 35 and 39. The correct references are
