PS,

Gov. Chris Gregoire has been talking about 6% funding cuts across the board and you mentioned you were facing a 7% cut. Has the ethnomusicology department been singled out for deeper cuts... or the music department? I hope not. I know your division has already been cut a lot. Probably no chance you could bring the Insane Clown Posse to the U for an artist-in-residency, huh.

Tomorrow comes autumn and a full moon. Hard to believe; summer seemed to pass so fast this year. As I've grown older time passes so much faster. As a teenager, summer use to last forever.

Received a new catalog from the lecture company that I showed you before. How I got on their mailing list I have no idea. The DVD lectures offered by *The Great Courses* mostly sell for around $60 but some are over $100. You might think of gathering the material for making one yourself while you are still teaching. Tom Putnam has no end of TV cameras including a couple of small, high-end digital ones, of which he might lend you one. Tom could help you get it set up and show you how to use it and you could tape your lectures. Then when you retire you could edit them into a coherent form and sell them. If you couldn't strike a deal with *The Great Courses* people you could sell them door to door from a brightly painted push-cart. Just a thought but it might be a good income supplement for your retirement.

Had a doctor's appointment today and I am expected to live. I have a new resident (I get a new one every couple of years as they graduate) and I like her. She doesn't much like me smoking but is going to set me up for Physical Therapy for my back pain. Also an eye appointment for new glasses.

All my penguins have fledged and left the nest. I'm thinking of shopping for some more. Are you interested in a brood of your own?

That 's about it from me. Any chance you can break loose for coffee in the foreseeable future? It would be good to see you before you are back in the saddle for school.

Jim