

Sept. 22, 1971

Dear Francois and Denise:

We were so happy to receive your letter today and learn of our joint marriage anniversary - August 14, 1943. Evelyn said she wished we had as much to show for our years together and that we were as young as you and had all that mileage left. Evelyn was 30 when we were married and I was 31, so guess we waited a little long. The only people I know of who waited longer were Joe Ben and Pat Wheat. We are so glad that Denise is now feeling better. We have two great girls and we have to get them well. Evelyn is still taking chemotherapy and the treatment is still grim. We dread every third week.

I did enjoy having Bruce here at the school. He certainly has remarkable control of hand and eye. At his age and with the proper interest he should be able to contribute a great deal to technological problems. We had to drum into him the importance of exact replication but got thru and expect great things of him. I do hope you will be able to learn more of the man from Jura's methods of making big blades. There is always some new tech. to learn.

I have just sent in a paper for editing which describes the use of the obtuse angle as a working edge and will send you a copy as soon as it is published. I have tried using a number of tools with the obtuse edge angle and even an obsidian polyhedral core will cut dry bone as fast as one could manage without giving edge damage. Now I am wondering if you can give me an idea of how to make an obtuse angle burin by the conventional methods? Bruce and I both tried it but failed. So far my only success has been to shatter a wide thinning flake and select the pieces with a a double ninety degree edge with a margin that bears the obtuse angle. Hard to put into words but I think you know what I mean.

Francois, I have fond hopes of seeing you in Illinois in December but as of now it is still a tentative date. If I can't make it, Irv Rovener will take my place. You met him at the school last year. If Evelyn is still on treatments I have to be with her when she is so terribly ill and so may not be able to come. I am wondering if you plan to come to Kimberly after or before the meeting. We would love to have you and the trailer house is ready and waiting. Norm Holve and some of the people from the Dept. were down yesterday from ISU and they, too, want you to come to Idaho. Norm wants to discuss the CroMagnon project with you which I believe they plan for 1972. Can You possibly make it if we can raise the money for plane fare to Idaho. Norm is going to try. I hope so for this would save me a trip to Illinois for my only reason for going there is to be with you. Please let me know. Do hope you and Denise had a pleasant summer and that you are not working as hard as you have been.

Your friends,

Don and Evelyn:

We have not written more because it has been a hectic summer. My treatments keep me constantly on the sick list and we had a heat wave that was unbelievable during July and August. Don has not been well and had a bad hemorrhage during the school. Blood got too thin and his nose hemorrhaged and we had to take him to hospital. The school was not up to par this year and this has worried him and he has not been too well since. He goes for complete physical on Oct. 11th. Do hope you can come to Idaho and save him the trip to Urbana. Last week we traded the Mercury and now have a V.W. 411. Really like it. Have been re-doing the house and shop and have all new carpet and it all looks nice. We are sending you a small package of "Rugged American" coins which we thought Arnaud might enjoy. Everyone at ISU sends regards and hopes to see you.

Evelyn 

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