

"THOTS" OF FRED

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Thanks for all the wisdom. I finally got it, I am the doctor...doctor.

Stacey Reynolds, DC
Indiana, USA

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"Exercise nor diet will bring health to the human spirit. If men were meant to exercise they would have been born with hooves on their feet!" I can still remember Fred speaking those words. I am grateful for the great memories that I was able to share with Fred during my tenure on the ICA Board. There were many moments at various Board meetings, but the ones that stand out

were the libations and the good Cuban cigars we shared in Davenport at the Centennial and in Toronto at the ICA convention. Thank you Fred for your guidance, wisdom and leadership. You were a great mentor to me in the world of chiropractic and chiropractic politics.

Michael Brickman, DC
Canada

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I was getting ready to give a final in radiology when I read about Fred in an email. I was sad and suddenly taken over by a feeling of emptiness. The first time I had him as a Philosophy instructor I hated him and hated me for leaving a medical career to become a chiropractor. I would challenge him time after time after class. I thought he didn't

like me but as I moved through the course I would read more and more about chiropractic to have ammunition to dispute with him. By doing so, I became more and more a chiropractor as he would say. Dr. Barge was in a committee that selected me as the recipient for the Dr. Virgil Strang Philosophy Award. I was so honored by that. Dr. Barge contributed a lot to my professional development. Before I left the US to return to Brazil he was gracious enough to spend some time to teach me "his" technique. He also signed a copy of his book "Tortipelvis." He wrote, "To my friend Ricardo..." and that's what he became to me — instructor, mentor, friend. I will miss him.

Rickardo Fujikawa, MD, DC
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Brazil, South America

I am a current Palmer student who has had the opportunity of attending more than a few of Dr. Barge's legendary lectures. It was not more than a week ago that I saw Dr. Barge roaming the halls of Palmer College. He always greeted everyone with a smile and hello; no matter if you were a longtime friend or new student. His lectures were always spirited and full of Barge-isms. Many of the topics would fuel great debates among the students and Dr. Barge alike. I suppose it was his willingness to share with the students his candid opinions that made the students admire him so much. He saw that the students were the future of chiropractic and did all he could to remind us of the struggles and triumphs we have been through to be chiropractors. My regret is that future students will never have the chance to hear Dr. Barge as I have. He will be missed and always remembered.

Nick McGinnis, DC
Palmer College Class of '04

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Dr. Barge was invited to speak in Michigan by the Macomb County Chiropractic Association in the early 1980s. After his lecture we went to dinner at a Hungarian restaurant; Dr. Barge was delighted for he played the violin himself. The next day we spent hours at my office. I was doing research on scoliosis and adjusting the cervical spine. He reviewed hundreds of pre and post full-spine x-rays and affidavits attesting that only the atlas had been adjusted. We talked until the wee hours. I later wrote to him sending him one of the theories of how upper cervical care could correct scoliosis. Dr. Barge talked about Dr. Yamada and the righting reflex and Upper Cervical Adjustments on page V, Volume III in his "Idiopathic Scoliosis".

Dr. Barge was a great man who gave others credit. He was not only a dynamic speaker but an astute listener. Although he practiced differently than I, he always acknowledged the scoliosis changes he had seen in my office. He was living proof that even though chiropractors practiced different methods, chiropractic was always right.

Fred was my friend, my mentor and my colleague. He was an inspiration of what we all can achieve with innate's help. I treasure our time together.

Frederick M. Vogel, DC
President, R.W. Sweat
Research Society

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I will miss you Fred but I will never forget you and what you did for chiropractic. I will do my best to carry on for the healthy expansion of principled chiropractic in Europe. You will always be with us in spirit.

Ken Koehler, DC
The Netherlands

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