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Saturday, May 7 and Sunday May 8 St. Andrews will host the Intercollegiate National Horse Show at Singing Wood Farm.

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Mr. Bruce Havuka, President
Everest & Jennings
3233 East Mission Oaks Boulevard
Camarillo, California 93010

Dear Mr. Havuka:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Darryl Carter and I am a sophomore at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina. In 1983, I received injuries from an automobile accident, resulting in C5/C6 quadriplegia. I am writing to you as a satisfied and grateful owner of an E & J Marathon chair which has given me perfect service since the day it was purchased. The level of comfort and overall quality of my chair have contributed significantly to my physical and social rehabilitation to the extent that I have successfully completed my first year toward a B.A. at St. Andrews.

I assume that as the president of one of the country's leading wheelchair manufacturers, you are at least slightly familiar with the well-established rehabilitation program for handicapped persons at St. Andrews. Since the formation of the school in 1958, one of its strongest commitments has remained the program for the rehabilitation of the disabled. This program serves students with a broad range of injuries and impairments, from severely

disabled persons with birth defects to those with spinal cord injuries, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, and many other afflictions which most people have never heard of or had to think about. This college has also remained private and relatively modest in size; the total enrollment is still under 900 students. Roughly five to seven percent are disabled. After residing for a full year in Highland Hall, the college dormitory for wheelchair students, I can say with total confidence and personal experience that what St. Andrews has done for the disabled citizen is beyond all praise.

St. Andrews was founded upon a very progressive philosophy back in 1958, as it was one of the first institutions of higher education with a concrete mission to support and serve the disabled. The year 1988, therefore, marks the 30th anniversary of the college; to honor the college's support of the disabled, I would like to ask you to consider making a gesture in recognition of the life of the disabled program. The idea is an expression of my continuing enthusiasm regarding E & J products, both in the performance of my Marathon chair and the several E & J chairs owned by friends of mine here.

St. Andrews was progressive in 1958, and in 1988 its ideals remain progressive, although as a small, private college it is struggling financially. I am aware that the college has gifts and endowments in many forms. I have read about these in the student newspaper and I have noticed honorary plaques around the campus. Our

rehabilitation program is a fine one, perhaps one of the finest. (The college catalog boasts that it is!) We have full academic support services, physical attendant services, limited but adequate medical services, and a totally accessible living center and college campus. In the fall of 1987, we were given a new lift-equipped van which improves our transportation services that much more. What we really could use right now would be some new spare chairs for wheelchair-bound students to use either temporarily while their chairs and scooters are being serviced, or for students making the transition from manual to electric chairs to use in learning driving skills.

What I propose to you, Sir, is that you consider a gift of two new E & J power drive wheelchairs to the St. Andrews rehabilitation program. It seems to me that it would be a great way to show the support that E & J shares in the rehabilitation of the disabled and to help so many courageous students who overcome a lot of obstacles in order to achieve something as meaningful, enriching and rewarding as a college education. It is a strong personal endorsement for me to make this suggestion and I am sure that all of my friends who own E & J chairs would share this positive recommendation if they knew of this letter.

I do not know whether your company has presented gifts of this nature before; I do believe it is worth your considering, especially if you knew how much it would help us. If you would like to contact me to discuss this proposal of mine, you can reach me at the college.

Darryl Carter

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colleague and a brother in the Philosophy Department.

Betty Parker and James Ward, thanks for the typing job and xerox assistance that you have done for me. You are so considerate and helpful that I will have a hard time forgetting your kindness.

Becky Spencer, how many times did I bother you? Always coming to your office asking you for so many things? Oh, what a hassle must I have been to you, Becky. Million thanks, you are so marvelous that time and distance cannot erase you from my memory.

Thanks likewise to you, Mel Bringle, for your professional friendship. You have always been a very helpful colleague and a friendly office neighbor such that your daily "Hi, Tim" salutation has always made my day complete and meaningful.

I am grateful also to the very helpful people in the Physical Plant Office, especially Kris and James for the periodical check-up of the car that the College has lent me.

Lastly, special thanks are due to all students with whom I have been privileged to get acquainted and have befriended. It has been a great pleasure to have worked and discussed so many topics with you. Carry on the good work and I wish you success in life.

To all of you, good-bye and take care.

Florentino Timbreza