

---

## *Reader comment*

Dear Dr. Roberts:

I enjoyed your reflection on Bob Cade in the April issue of *Proceedings*. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Bob for over 18 years at the University of Florida. He was a delightful person with a Capote-like appearance whose mind was always spilling over with novel, sometimes over-the-top, ideas. He also had a barn full of Studebakers that he had restored during his spare time over the years. He was one of those people who we would say is a “character.” He loved research and teaching. Many people assume that he profited from the patents for Gatorade, but in fact those revenues were devoted entirely to medical student scholarships and junior faculty research support. That fact alone says a lot about the type of person he was.

He said the inspiration for Gatorade came when he was working in the ER on a hot Florida day and admitted several football players for dehydration and heat stroke. You wonder how many similar cases his invention has prevented over the last 40-plus years.

Best regards. I always enjoy your column.

—GARY L. DAVIS, MD

Director, Division of Hepatology  
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation  
Baylor University Medical Center