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ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER COLLEGE

Beginning with the fall semester of 1962, I will be teaching at Brooklyn College. Like Queens College, Brooklyn College is a part of the City University of New York. It was founded in 1930, and quickly became one of the best undergraduate schools in the country. BC is currently organizing graduate classes in physics as part of the CUNY graduate program.

My present apartment in Jamaica is very inconveniently located for Brooklyn College, which is in Flatbush, $\frac{1}{2}$ hours by subway from here. I am currently apartment hunting in Brooklyn Heights, although I would also be interested in something in lower Manhattan. I would like to be located so that Brooklyn and Manhattan are equally convenient. Brooklyn Heights is a quiet, old-fashioned neighborhood located on the East River just south of the Brooklyn Bridge. Over half of its buildings were erected before the Civil War. During this summer I will keep my eyes open for a good apartment in Brooklyn Heights, and I would greatly appreciate it if any POINTING VECTOR readers would let me know if they hear of anything in this line. I am also trying to get someone to take over my lease here in Jamaica, which has another year to run. My present place is a 3-room railroad flat on the 4th floor of a rent-controlled apartment building $\frac{1}{2}$ block east of the Jamaica bus terminal, and $\frac{1}{2}$ blocks from each of two different subway lines.

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My plans to go to Warsaw for this July's conference on current research in general relativity have fallen through. The Polish Academy of Science, host of the meeting, noticed how strongly Americans were represented at the last such international relativity conference, and decided upon a "national origins quota" system. Only 20 of the 100 or so Americans working in general relativity have been invited.

I expect to spend most of the summer in New York, working on some interesting problems that have accumulated during the past several months while my main concern has been finding the time to grade 70 lab reports a week. My doctoral dissertation has been completed, and that research will be published within the next few months.

Easter week I was quite busy with this dissertation. On Monday I gave a paper at the Washington meeting of the American Physical Society which outlined the results I have obtained in my work on the quantization of the general theory of relativity. The next day I flew up to Syracuse, and spent the next 5 days filling in equations in the dissertation as it was typed. I also made arrangements for the oral finals (May 18), and renewed several acquaintanceships from my four years as a Syracuse student.

(A word of warning to graduate students at Syracuse: When the time comes to seek a typist, get one who has had experience with

So many Syracuseans frequent one of Greenwich Village's coffeehouses that, during university vacations, the personnel resembles that of the Savoy. The Fat Black Pussycat is located at the bend of Minetta Street, between MacDougal Street and Sixth Avenue. For some reason, students of Syracuse University who live temporarily or permanently in New York are frequently to be found there. During SU's spring vacation, I dropped in one evening and met Richie Fox, Nick Cross, and Abby Josephson.

(Incidentally, I would greatly appreciate it if anyone who knows Abby's present whereabouts would ask her whether she would like to contribute poetry to the POINTING VECTOR.)

Another comfortable coffeehouse is the Iron Cat, in Brooklyn Heights. This pretty and old-fashioned district is located just across the East River from the south end of Manhattan. The Iron Cat is at the southwest corner of Hicks and Cranberry Streets, conveniently located to the 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue subways. It is not as crowded as the Village coffeehouses, but has much the same atmosphere and (unfortunately) prices.

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My latest published work appears on the last page of the February 1962 Realist (#31). It grew out of a letter to Paul Kravner, the Realist's editor, about the fuss that was raised last December in Downey, California, when a citizens' group demanded that the Tarzan books be removed from the school libraries because Tarzan and Jane were allegedly never married. I pointed out that, be this as it may, Hans Katzenjauer is certainly not married to the Captain. ("The Katzenjauer Kids" is the oldest continuously running comic strip in America. Owing to copyright troubles a few decades back, another version by another artist exists, "The Captain and the Kids".) Most modern readers of "The Katzenjauer Kids" make the tacit assumption that "Der Captain" is Hans's husband and the boys' father. This is not so; in the history of the strip he is just a seafaring man who moved in and stayed. The other characters in the strip also just moved in, very much like the dramatic persons of The Best Years of Our Lives.

My comments on the marital situation of the Katzenjausers resolved themselves into a news report on how aid to dependent children encourages illegitimacy. Paul gave this article the lamentable title "Who Put the Wiener in Mrs. K's Schmitzels", and added to it a Guindon cartoon, also placed in the jungle. Comments about the deplorable morals of Africa are added by the Shantons, Mougil, Sheena, Kollo Kimball, Wilhelm Busch, a female chimpanzee, Albert Schweitzer, Adolf E. Incegnato, Noire Tchouke, and the Rev. Paul Farrier.

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In POINTING VECTOR #7, I mistakenly attributed verses 25-28 of "The Great Fantastical Bum" to Bruce Felt. They were actually written by Dick Huoy. The mistake came about because Dick included them in a Residual Oscillator comment addressed to Bruce, and I put the wrong name to the verses.

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