

June 12, 1979

Basilis Xanthopoulos
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Dear Basilis:

On behalf of the Physics Department I would like to express to you our appreciation for your interaction with the Department and students during the past year. We feel it has been our pleasure and good fortune having you here and that you have made a significant contribution to both our research and teaching program. The students have greatly enjoyed your lectures and your interactions with them and we will all feel a deep loss when you leave.

I hope that through the years that we can keep track of each other and that we will have the opportunity to see you back here sometime in the future for a visit or that occasionally people from here may be able to visit you in Greece.

Best wishes to you, Basilis, and I hope things go well for you on your return to your mother country.

Cordially yours,

Robert J. Swenson, Chairman
Department of Physics

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Dear Dr. Swenson,

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know our feelings about one of this Departments instructors, Basilis Xanthopoulos.

Most of us were associated with Basilis this year in the Electrodynamics course he taught. Others of us had the opportunity to hear him teach in the series of General Relativity lectures he gave, at our request, out of his own free time. Whatever the formal association may have been, we all felt that we could talk freely with him or visit him in his office at any time. He was always available and helpful with any physics problem we might have had, whether in his own teaching area or not.

We feel the department's effectiveness is greatly enhanced by such professors as Dr. Xanthopoulos. Such teachers, we have learned from experience, are extremely rare, and we think that anything that could be done on the departments behalf to retain him would be richly repaid in the long run. In other words, we think that the result of teachers such as Basilis in the department is that the people turned out by the University are much abler and better prepared for any challenge they may meet in the future.

We are all extremely pleased at the opportunity we had of learning under Basilis and we all wish that we could study under him in terms to follow. Whether you see fit to attempt

to retain him or not, we want you to know of our support for him and of our ^{etc}greatfulness to the department for allowing him to teach us these last three quarters. We all feel we have found in Dr. Xanthopoulos a true friend.

Sincerely,

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