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• In Memoriam: Robert Lawson Vaught. Robert Lawson Vaught, one of the great pioneers in the field of model theory, died on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 in Berkeley after an extended illness, just two days shy of his 76th birthday. Born in Alhambra, California on April 4, 1926, Vaught began his university studies at Pomona College in 1942, before entering the U.S. Navy and earning an A.B. degree in Physics at the University of California, Berkeley, in the Navy's V12 program. He then was sent to Midshipmen School, completing his naval service in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant jg and returning to Berkeley for graduate studies.

As a graduate student, Vaught (with John Kelley) made an important contribution toward the solution of a major problem in the theory of C^* algebras before shifting his attention to logic and obtaining a Ph.D. under Alfred Tarski in 1954. After four years at the University of Washington, Vaught was called back to Berkeley in 1958 as Assistant Professor, rising to a Professorship in 1963 and teaching there until his retirement in 1991.

Many of the fundamental concepts and results in model theory are due to Vaught, and several of his ideas have proved seminal in the development of the subject. For his paper, "Invariant sets in topology and logic," (which he regarded as his best work), he was awarded the first Carol Karp Prize of the Association for Symbolic Logic in 1978. Vaught's writing was noted for its great clarity, and in 1985 he published a senior-level undergraduate text on set theory that was described by a reviewer as "impeccable in its precision, thoughtful in its historical and methodological commentary." He had a long line of distingished doctoral students, and will be remembered by large numbers of logicians for for his kindness and encouragement.

- ASL Supervisor of Typesetting Position. The Association for Symbolic Logic continues to seek applicants for the position of Supervisor of the ASL Typesetting Group, which will become vacant in the Fall of 2002. This is a part-time position that requires a total of about one month of work during the year, and pays accordingly. The ASL Typesetting Group is responsible for the production of The Journal and The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic. The duties of the Supervisor are primarily "TeX-nical", with some light administration. They can be carried out from home or any office with a TeX installation and a good internet connection. For further information, visit the ASL Typesetting Group homepage, http://www.math.ucla.edu/~asl. To apply, send a Curriculum Vitae and a clear description of prior work in TeX and any administrative experience to C. Ward Henson, ASL Publisher, at henson@math.uiuc.edu. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 3, 2002.
- 2002 Sacks Prize. The Sacks Prize, for the best doctoral dissertation in mathematical logic, will be awarded for the eighth time in December, 2002. This prize was established to honor Professor Gerald Sacks of MIT and Harvard for his unique contribution to mathematical logic, particularly as adviser to a large number of excellent Ph.D. students. The Prize became an ASL Prize in 1999; the Fund on which the Prize is based is now administered by the ASL and the selection of the recipient is made by the ASL Committee on Prizes and Awards. The Sacks Prize will consist of a cash award plus five years free membership in the ASL.

Students who complete their degrees (equivalent to the American doctoral degree) between October 1, 2001, and September 30, 2002, are eligible for the Prize this year. This is an international prize, with no restriction on the nationality of the candidate or the university where the doctorate is granted. Nominations should be made by the thesis adviser, and consist of: name of student, title and 1–2 page description of dissertation, date and location where the doctorate was awarded, letter of recommendation from the adviser, and an electronic copy of the thesis in .ps form, or the address of a web site from which an electronic copy in .ps, .dvi, or .pdf form can be downloaded; an independent second letter of recommendation is strongly encouraged. Nominations should be sent to the Committee Chair, Andreas Blass; TeX or PostScript files, sent by e-mail to ablass@umich.edu

are preferred. Correspondence should be addressed to Andreas Blass, Department of Mathematics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1109. Nominations must be received by September 30, 2002.

Those wishing to contribute to the Sacks Prize Fund may send contributions to the ASL office (ASL, Box 742, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12604); all such contributions are tax-deductible within the USA.

• Book Discounts for ASL Members. Several publishers now offer discounts on books to ASL members. A detailed description of these discounts will appear at http://www.aslonline.org/books-discounts.html on the new, redesigned ASL website, which will go online on April 22. Those who do not have access to the website may write to the ASL Business Office for the discount information.

ASL MEETINGS

- 2002 ASL Annual Meeting. June 1-4, 2002, Las Vegas, Nevada. The program for this meeting, a registration form, and travel information are enclosed in this Newsletter mailing. Electronic registration will be available beginning April 29 at http://www.aslonline.org/meeting_registration.html. The members of the Program Committee are G. Cherlin, D. DuBose, W. Goldfarb, J. Larson, A. Scedrov, and T. Slaman (Chair). The Local Organizing Committee includes D. Burke, D. DuBose (Chair), and J. Mourad. The official website for this meeting is http://www.unlv.edu/math.asl.
- 2002 ASL European Summer Meeting (Logic Colloquium '02). August 3-9, 2002, Münster, Germany. Invited speakers include J. Avigad, A. Beckmann, T. Carlson, R. Constable, K. Dosen, M. Gitik, V. Halbach, B. Khoussainov, S. Lempp, T. Pitassi, T. Scanlon, R. Schindler, P. Speissegger, and K. Tent. Tutorials will be offered by L. Beklemishev, S. Cook, O. Lessmann, and S. Thomas. Special sessions in computability theory, non-monotonic logic, and set theory also are planned. The members of the Program Committee are K. Ambos-Spies, S. Buss, Z. Chatzidakis, A. Kechris (Chair), P. Koepke, P. Komjath, M. Lerman, V. McGee, W. Pohlers, M. Rathjen, K. Segerberg, and B. Zilber. The members of the Organizing Committee are M. Burghardt, J. Diller, P. Koepke, B. Löwe, M. Möllerfeld, W. Pohlers (Chair), and A. Weiermann. A satellite meeting, Colloquium Logicum 2002, organized by the Deutsche Vereinigung für Mathematische Logik und für Grundlagen der Exakten Wissenschaften, will take place on August 9-11; for details, see page 6 (below) or visit http://www.math.uni-muenster.de/LC2002/CL2002.html. Further information about LC 2002 may be obtained by visiting http://www.math.uni-muenster.de/LC2002.
- 2002-03 ASL Winter Meeting (with APA). December 27-30, 2002, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The members of the Program Committee are J. Burgess, B. Ewald, and S. Weinstein (Chair). Abstracts of contributed talks submitted by ASL members will be published in *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic* if they satisfy the Rules for Abstracts (see below). Abstracts must be received by the deadline of September 16, 2002, at the ASL Business Office: ASL, Box 742, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12604, USA; Fax: 1-845-437-7830; email: asl@vassar.edu.
- 2002-03 ASL Winter Meeting (with Joint Mathematics Meetings). January 17–18, 2003, Baltimore, Maryland. This meeting will take place in conjunction with the Joint Mathematics Meetings, which will be held January 15–18, 2003. The members of the Program Committee are H. Becker (Chair), M.C. Laskowski, and R. Solomon. Abstracts of contributed talks submitted by ASL members will be published in The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic if they satisfy the Rules for Abstracts (see below). Abstracts must be received by the deadline of September 30, 2002, at the ASL Business Office: ASL, Box 742, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York 12604, USA; Fax: 1-845-437-7830; email: asl@vassar.edu.
- 2003 ASL Annual Meeting. June 1-4, 2003, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. The Chair of the Program Committee is A. Blass. The members of the Local Organizing Committee are: W. Blok, B. Hart (Chair), B. Howard, and D. Marker.
- 2003 ASL European Summer Meeting (Logic Colloquium '03). August 14–20, 2003, Helsinki, Finland. The members of the Program Committee include P. Aczel, Z. Adamowicz, J. Baldwin, E. Bouscaren, M. Detlefsen,

- M. Gitik, L. Hella, T. Jech, R. Parikh, H. Schwichtenberg, T. Slaman, V. Stoltenberg-Hansen (Chair), and J. Väänänen. The Local Organizing Committee members are T. Huuskonen, T. Hyttinen, J. Kennedy, K. Luosto, J. Oikkonen, J. Väänänen (Chair), and P. Vaisanen.
- Rules for Abstracts. The rules for abstracts of contributed talks at ASL meetings (including those submitted "by title") may be found (on the new ASL website) at http://www.aslonline.org/Meetings.htm. Please note that abstracts must follow the rules as set forth there; those which do not conform to the requirements will be returned immediately to the authors submitting them. Revised abstracts that follow the rules will be considered if they are received by the announced deadline.

ASL SPONSORED MEETINGS

- North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI-2002). June 24–30, 2002, Stanford, California. NASSLLI is intended as a North American sister event of the annual European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI). The conception and the structure of this event will be similar to that of its European counterpart. NASSLLI will be held in conjunction with the yearly Logic, Language, and Computation workshop organized by CSLI at Stanford University. For further information, contact D. Sarenac (email: sarenac@stanford.edu) or visit http://www.stanford.edu/group/nasslli/.
- Seventeenth Annual IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS). July 22-25, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. This conference is part of the 2002 Federated Logic Conference (FLoC'02). The Program Chair is G. Plotkin (email: gdp@dcs.ed.ac.uk), and the Local Arrangements Chair is U. Kohlenbach (email: kohlenb@brics.dk). For further information, visit http://www.lfcs.informatics.ed.ac.uk/lics.
- International Workshop on Linear Logic (LL2002). July 25-26, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. Since the invention of linear logic by Girard in 1986, the subject has shown up in various fields and notably in the denotational semantics of programming languages. The most recent international workshop on linear logic was held in 1998, and the time is now ripe for another meeting. This is an official affiliated workshop of LICS 2002 (see above). The workshop organizers are S. Abramsky (email: Samson.Abramsky@comlab.ox.ac.uk), L. Regnier (email: regnier@iml.univ-mrs.fr), and A. Scedrov (email: scedrov@cis.upenn.edu). For further information, contact any one of the organizers or visit http://floc02.diku.dk/LL/.
- Ninth Workshop on Logic, Language, Information and Computation (Wollic'2002). July 30–August 2, 2002, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Invited speakers include: R. Bianconi, E. Graedel, G. Nadathur, R. Parikh, N. Portier, and I. Walukiewicz. The members of the Program Committee are: M. Ayala-Rincón, M. Benevides, A. Dawar, P. de Groote, R. Maddux, T. Pitassi, B. Poizat, A. Policriti, and G. Winskel. The Co-Chairs of the Organizing Committee are L. C. Pereira and R. de Queiroz. For further information, visit http://www.cin.ufpe.br/~wollic/wollic2002/.
- Eighth Asian Logic Conference. August 29-September 2, 2002, Chong Qing, China. Invited speakers include: R. Goldblatt, S. Goncharov, M. Hamano, R. Jensen, B. Khoussainov, A. Li, K. Su, K. Weihrauch, A. Yamamoto, M.-S. Ying, and Y. Yue. The members of the Program Committee are: C. T. Chong, J. N. Crossley, D.-C. Ding, R. G. Downey, Q. Feng, W. Li, H. Ono, Y.-H. Qiu, S.-P. Tong, and M. Yasugi. For further information, visit http://cyber.swnu.edu.cn/computer/satellite/.

CALENDAR OF OTHER MEETINGS (Also see http://www.aslonline.org.)

• Thirty-Fourth Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC). May 19–21, 2002, Montréal, Québec, Canada. Topics of interest include: algorithmic graph theory, algorithms and data structures, applications of logic, biological computing, computational biology, complexity theory, cryptography, computational algebra, computational geometry, machine learning, parallel and distributed computation, and probabilistic computation. Co-located with STOC is the Seventeenth Annual IEEE Conference on Computational Complexity, which will occur on May 21–24 2002. For further information, visit http://sigact.acm.org/stoc02/.

- Tenth Francophone Days for Logic Programming and Constraint Programming (JFPLC 2002). May 27-30, 2002, Nice, France. The Chair of the Program Committee is M. Rueher (email: Michel.Rueher@sophia.inria.fr). For further information, visit http://www-sop.inria.fr/coprin/jfplc2002.html.
- Euro-Conference in Model Theory and Applications. May 27-June 1, 2002, Ravello, Italy. Tutorials will be offered by E. Bouscaren, J. Denef, and P. Speissegger. Invited speakers include: G. Cherlin, L. van den Dries, T. Gardener, E. Hrushovski, A. Macintyre, H.D. Macpherson, Y. Peterzil, A. Pillay, B. Poizat, T. Scanlon, K. Tent, F. Wagner, M. Ziegler, and B. Zilber. There will be a banquet to celebrate Angus Macintyre's sixtieth birthday. The Chair of the Program Committee is A. Wilkie. For further information, visit http://www.logique.jussieu.fr/ECMTA-02/.
- Conference in Honor of Jan Mycielski. June 1-2, 2002, Boulder, Colorado. This conference will honor Jan Mycielski on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, and celebrate his retirement from the University of Colorado. Topics shall reflect all of his wide mathematical interests. Speakers include: A. Blass, R. Brown, T. Carlson, S. Fajtlowicz, S. Feferman, M. Foreman, H. Friedman, A. Hajnal, J. Hutchinson, T. Jech, A. Kanamori, M. Laczkovich, D. Mauldin, R. McKenzie, G. McNulty, J. Pawlikowski, K. Sato, J. Steel, S. Swierczkowski, and S. Wagon. The organizers are R. Laver and W. Taylor. For further information, visit http://euclid.colorado.edu/~jmconf/main.html.
- ACM SIGMOD-SIGACT-SIGART Symposium on Principles of Database Systems (PODS'02). June 3-6, 2002, Madison, Wisconsin. This conference focuses on the theory, design, specification, and implementation of databases. The Chair of the Program Committee is P. Kolaitis. For further information, visit http://www-db.cs.wisc.edu/sigmodpods2002.
- Bounded Arithmetic and Complexity Classes. June 28-29, 2002, Lisbon, Portugal. The invited speakers include: J. Avigad, M. Hoffman, U. Kohlenbach, J. Krajíček, and T. Strahm. For further information, contact F. Ferreira by email at ferferr@cii.fc.ul.pt or visit http://alf1.cii.fc.ul.pt/~ferferr/bscc.html.
- Ninth International Symposium on Temporal Representation and Reasoning (TIME-2002). July 7-9, 2002, Manchester, England. There are three tracks in the symposium: Temporal Representation and Reasoning in AI, Time Management in Databases, and Temporal Logic in Computer Science. For further information, visit http://www.cs.man.ac.uk/img/TIME-2002.
- Sixth International Conference on Mathematics of Program Construction (MPC'02). July 8-10, 2002, Dagstuhl, Germany. Invited speakers include R. Giegerich, D. Kozen, and J. Wing. MCP'02 is co-located with the IFIP TC2 Working Conference on Generic Programming. For further information, visit http://www.cs.ukc.ac.uk/events/conf/2002/mpc2002/.
- Simpleton 2002 Workshop. July 8-12, 2002, Marseille, France. The aim of the workshop is to discuss recent progress regarding all aspects of simplicity theory. For further information, contact the workshop organizer, F. O. Wagner (email: wagner@desargues.univ-lyon1.fr), or visit http://www.desargues.univ-lyon1.fr/home/wagner/simpleton.html.
- Twenty-ninth International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming. July 8-13, 2002, Málaga, Spain. The scientific program will be split into two parts: Track A of the meeting concerns Algorithms, Automata, Complexity, and Games, and the focus of Track B is Logic, Semantics, and Theory of Programming. The Conference Co-Chairs are R. Morales and F. Triguero. Additional information may be found at http://www.lcc.uma.es/icalp2002.
- First Salzburg Workshop on Paradigms of Cognition (SWPC 1/2002). July 18-20, 2002, Salzburg, Austria. The topic of this workshop is "Non-Monotonic and Uncertain Reasoning in the Focus of Competing Paradigms of Cognition." It will focus on the interdisciplinary interrelations between non-monotonic reasoning and probability, philosophy of science, cognitive psychology, and neuroscience. For further information, visit http://www.sbg.ac.at/sfb/nmr-workshop.

Calendar of other meetings continued on separate sheet

CALENDAR OF OTHER MEETINGS (continued)

- The 2002 Federated Logic Conference (FLoC'02). July 20-August 1, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. The following meetings will participate in FLoC: the Conference on Automated Deduction (CADE), the Conference on Computer-Aided Verification (CAV), Formal Methods (FM), the IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS), and the Conference on Rewriting Techniques and Applications (RTA). Preconference workshops will be held on July 20-21. LICS, RTA, and FM will be held in parallel during July 22-25, and mid-conference workshops and excursions will be on July 25-26. CADE and CAV are scheduled in parallel for July 27-30 and postconference workshops will be held on July 31-August 1. For more information about the ASL-sponsored LICS meeting, see above. For more information about FLoC'02, visit http://floc02.diku.dk.
- Fourth International Workshop on Implicit Computational Complexity (ICC'02). July 20-21, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. This workshop is part of FLoC'02. Topics include: automatic complexity analysis of programs, higher-type computational complexity, logical and machine-independent characterizations of complexity classes, logics closely related to complexity classes, software that applies ICC ideas in programming language design and in formal methods, and type systems for controlling complexity. For further information, visit http://www.cis.syr.edu/~royer/icc.
- Workshop on Fixed Points in Computer Science (FICS'02). July 20–21, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. The themes of this LICS'02-affiliated event include several topics of interest to logicians. Invited speakers include L. Aceto, D. Kozen, A. Labella, and G. Winskel. For further information, visit http://floc02.diku.dk/FICS.
- Rewriting Techniques and Applications (RTA 2002). July 22-24, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. Part of FLoC'02, the subject of this event is all aspects of rewriting, including applications, foundations, frameworks, implementations, and semantics. The several workshops affiliated with RTA 2002 should also be of interest to logicians. For further information about RTA 2002, visit http://www.ericsson.com/cslab/rta2002.
- Fourth Workshop on Hybrid Logics. July 25, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. Hybrid logic is a branch of modal logic. This LICS 2002-affiliated event should appeal to researchers in description logic, feature logic, applied modal logics, temporal logic, and labelled deduction. For further information, visit http://www.hylo.net.
- Intuitionistic Modal Logic and Applications '02 (IMLA 2002). July 26, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. The goal of this FLoC'2002 workshop is to stimulate more systematic study of constructive or intuitionistic modal logics and, in parallel, of modal type theories. The invited speakers are G. Sambin and D. Scott. For further information, visit http://floc02.diku.dk/IMLA/.
- Conference on Automated Deduction (CADE-18). July 27–30, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. Part of FLoC'02, CADE is the major international forum in which research on all aspects of automated deduction is presented. Several CADE-affiliated workshops and tutorials will take place and should be interest to logicians. For further information, visit http://www.uni-koblenz.de/~cade-18/.
- Conference on Computer-Aided Verification (CAV 2002). July 27–30, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. Part of FLoC'02, CAV'02 is dedicated to the advancement of the theory and practice of computer-assisted formal analysis methods for software and hardware systems. The Co-Chairs of the Program Committee are E. Brinksma and K. Larson. For further information, visit http://floc02.diku.dk/CAV.
- International Conference on Logic Programming (ICLP 2002). July 29-August 1, 2002, Cohenhagen, Denmark. Affiliated with FLoC'02, this event focuses on all aspects of logic programming. For further information, visit http://floc02.diku.dk/ICLP/.
- Tableaux 2002. July 30-August 1, 2002, Copenhagen, Denmark. The topics for this FLoC'02 meeting include analytic tableaux, related concepts (e.g., model checking and BDDs), and related calculi (e.g., sequent calculi, connection method, model elimination). The invited speakers are M. Baaz and D. Miller. For further information, visit http://floc02.diku.dk/TABLEAUX/.

- Fourteenth European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI-2002). August 5–16, 2002, Trento, Italy. Foundational, introductory, and advanced courses, together with workshops cover topics within the three main areas of interest of ESSLLI: language and computation, language and logic, and logic and computation. There will be an ESSLLI 2002 Student Session on August 5–16, 2002 to provide ESSLLI participants who are students with the opportunity to present their own work in progress. For further information on the Student Session, visit http://www.iccs.informatics.ed.ac.uk/~malvi/esslli02/. For further information, visit http://www.esslli2002.it/.
- Workshop on Paraconsistent Logic (WoPaLo). August 5-9, 2002, Trento, Italy. This workshop, part of ESSLLI 2002, focuses on current research on paraconsistency. Paraconsistency developed as the study of non-trivial inconsistent logics, and the use of such logics since then has proved useful in several contexts. The organizers are D. Batens, W. Carnielli, and J. Marcos. For further information, visit http://logica.rug.ac.be/WoPaLo/.
- Colloquium Logicum 2002. August 9-11, 2002, Münster, Germany. This event, a satellite meeting of Logic Colloquium 2002, is also the biannual meeting of the German Logic Society (DVMLG). Invited speakers include: T. Arai, J. Bagaria, A. Nies, M. Otto, C. Parsons, A. Pillay, M. Rathjen, and J. van Benthem. Organizing and Scientific Committee members are: J. Diller, P. Koepke, B. Löwe, W. Pohlers (Chair), C. Thiel, W. Thomas, and A. Weiermann. For further information, visit http://www.math.uni-muenster.de/LC2002/CL2002.html.
- International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM'02). August 20-28, 2002, Beijing, China. The invited 45-minute speakers in the Logic Section are: E. Bouscaren, J. Denef, M. Gitik, D. Lascar, and H. Woodin. For further information, visit http://www.icm2002.org.cn/.
- International Summer School in Computational Logic (ISCL 2002). August 25–30, 2002, Maratea, Italy. Invited speakers include K. Apt, P. Cousot, V. Dahl, B. Demoen, and J. Esparza. The organizers are R. Bagnara and P. Hill. The School is aimed at graduate students, as well as other researchers from both academia and industry. For further information, visit http://www.cs.unipr.it/ISCL02/.
- The Seventh Symposium on Logic and Language (LoLa7). August 26–29, 2002, Pecs, Hungary. Invited speakers include L. Kalman, T. Reinhart, and J. van Eijck. Tutorials will be offered by T. Reinhart and K. Szendroi (Syntax-Semantics Interface) and J. van Eijck (Semantics); a third tutorial on information structure also is planned. The Organizing Committee members include G. Alberti (Chair), K. Balogh, and A. Nagy. For further information, visit http://maya.btk.pte.hu/~kata/lola7.html.
- Thematic Program on Set Theory and Analysis. September-December 2002, Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada. The Fields Institute will host a thematic program devoted to fostering the interaction between set theory and analysis. The program will include at least two short thematic workshops. The members of the Organizing Committee are: A. Dow, A. Kechris, M. Laczkovich, C. Laflamme, J. Steprans, and S. Todorčević. For further information, visit http://www.fields.utoronto.ca/programs/scientific/02-03/set_theory/.
- Annual Conference of the European Association for Computer Science Logic (CSL'02). September 22-25, 2002, Edinburgh, Scotland. The conference is intended for computer scientists whose research activities involve logic, and for logicians working on issues significant for computer science. Invited speakers include S. Hayashi, F. Neven, and D. Niwinski. The Chair of the Program Committee is J. Bradfield. For further information, visit http://www.dcs.ed.ac.uk/csl02/.
- Very Informal Gathering in Honor of Yiannis N. Moschovakis' 65th Birthday. January 24-26, 2003, UCLA, Los Angeles, California. The organizers of this meeting are G. Hjorth, A.S. Kechris, D.A. Martin, and I. Neeman. For further information, contact I. Neeman (email: ineeman@math.ucla.edu or visit http://www.math.ucla.edu/~greg/vig.html.

The next Newsletter will be mailed in September, 2002. Items to be included should reach the Secretary-Treasurer before August 15, 2002.

Submitted by Charles Steinhorn, Secretary-Treasurer.