

# Letters

## Lucy about-face

I was interested in "Lucy's Family Problems" (SN: 7/2/83, p. 8) and enjoyed reading it very much. I was disturbed, however, when you said that "Johanson and Kimbel ... (had) come full circle" to White's point of view. If they had really "gone full circle" they would have still believed that there were two species at Hadar. It seems more likely they made a 180° turnaround, or "U-turn" in the recent political jargon.

Laura Jefferson  
Boston, Mass.

## Vanderbilt stays put

When I last visited the lovely campus of Vanderbilt University 12 years ago, it was located in Nashville. I had not heard until your July 2 issue, "A novel enzyme in basic metabolism" (SN: 7/2/83, p. 12), that it had been moved to New Orleans.

Considering what you recently had to say about the Mississippi River trying to shift its course, leaving New Orleans a salt-water port without a water supply ("Dammed If They Do and Dammed If They Don't," SN: 3/26/83, p. 204), I hope the University reconsiders its ill-advised move and returns to its Nashville campus.

J. Scott Morrison, M.D.  
Kansas City, Mo.

The "ill-advised move" took place in the editing process; last we heard, Vanderbilt is, and plans on remaining, in Nashville. —Ed.

Correction: The credit for the photo of Albert Einstein that appeared in the article "Many Dimensions in Gravity Theory" (SN: 7/23/83, p. 60) should read Lotte Jacobi/NOVA.

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