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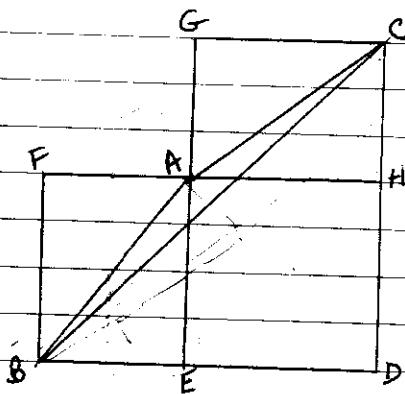
Dear Rob -

I hope library schools are not looking for mathematicians. I don't think I did particularly brilliantly on the quantitative section of the GRE. In fact, I had to leave out a few (I think they should have had a place to indicate year of birth so they could see that I am over-age for the new math) and didn't quite finish the last section. One problem that I remember I'll have to go over with Jane because it seems to me that, though it could be done with the info. given (one choice was "cannot be done with figures given"), it would take an inordinate amount of figuring for a test of that number of questions to be answered in that limited time. The English part was actually fun (except for a couple of turgid reading comprehension passages). At any rate, I'm very glad it's all over. Goddard is right by the N.Y. Botanical Gardens and across from the Zoo - nice neighbors in case you have some extra time and a nice day.

This letter will probably continue in fits and starts - report cards come out Thursday, which means I have numerous papers still to grade and no time to do anything worth writing about anyway.

Later

I've been wasting precious time on that problem - let's see if it gets you:



Rectangles GCE and FHB are equal. Length is 7; width is 4. Find the area of $\triangle ABC$. (Can it be done with the figures given?)

I'm positive it can be done, but I'm really tangled in square roots.

Wednesday

I think I've solved it. I'll have to check with one of the math teachers, but I really did waste a foolish amount of time on that and another I can't solve.

Your letter with self-portrait arrived yesterday - and was thoroughly enjoyed (even the rat with the retroussé nose - "Do you really have many - that close?") We'll have to send off the last Galsworthy books - you evidently read them as fast as possible - as soon as we get some more book envelopes.
Note by student on his essay on Julius Caesar: "I had trouble writing this S.A." - "No, he wasn't being funny. Or least on J.C. - not "Marullus and Flavius for pulling scarves off Caesar's image are put to silence" but "M. + F. are put to silence."

Please send some requests - or suggestions at least of authors or types - for books - I'm running out of ideas. Are there any that you own - or I own - that you would like to send to reread? What about numbers of books? Do you have too many? too few? enough? I'll have to make out a questionnaire for you to fill out.

I asked Tom Annunziata (math teacher - just your age - and fun - one of 9 kids!) about my solution of the problem - and he said I was right - but I won't tell you until you have tried yourself.

I know it's short but I think I'll finish this off and send it.

Day tells to the guppies.

Love,
Lois