

Personals

1900

Irving C. Harris, Caltech's oldest living alumnus, died on May 13. He received his AB degree when Caltech was known as Throop Institute. A retired engineer, Mr. Harris worked on several major dam projects, including the Shasta, Hoover and Roosevelt dams. He was a member of the Caltech Gnome Club. He leaves his daughter, a grandson and two granddaughters.

1924

G. Harold Hopkins died on April 18 of a cardiac arrest. Before his retirement, he was a project engineer at the Anaheim division of Robertshaw-Fulton Controls. A World War I vet, Harold was past president of the Claremont, California, Rotary, a member of the American Ordnance Association, a registered professional engineer for the State of California, and a Tau Beta Pi.

1926

Johannes A. Van den Akker, PhD '31, senior research associate in the department of physics and mathematics at the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton, Wis., has been invited to be a Fulbright lecturer in physics during the 1961-62 academic year at the University of Manchester, England.

Eugene Kirkeby died on March 27. For many years he had suffered from Parkinson's disease and since about 1936 was unable to work as an engineer. He was an associate in his brother's clothing business in San Luis Obispo.

1942

John H. Rubel has been nominated by President Kennedy to the post of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development. He was formerly Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

Jack L. Alford, PhD '50, writes that "two years of working to establish the engineering department in a new selective college—Harvey Mudd—have given me increased respect for the men who built Caltech. Other alumni at Harvey Mudd College include: Al Focke, PhD '32; Bob James, PhD '46; Duane Roller, PhD '29; Warren Wilson, MS '39; Gray Bell, PhD '57; Bill Sly, PhD '55; Roy Whiteker, PhD '56; and Harry Williams, MS '52, PhD '56."

1947

D. Murray Alexander, MS, has an appointment in the physics department of the recently-established Foothill College, in the Los Altos Hills. The Alexanders have three children, Trish, 12; Dave, 9; and Bev, 4.

Charoen Vadhanapanich, MS '48, is now a captain in the Royal Thai Navy. He writes that "we have a new addition to our family. Our second son is now 8 months old and is called "Pong" as a nickname (this means loud noise in Thai). We had a nice re-union with Leslie Levin '45 and his wife when they were in Bangkok."

1949

Gene D. Six, counselor at Pasadena

High School, writes of a new addition to his family—Neil, born on June 2, who joins Brian, 6 and Laura, 4.

1950

Almon E. Larsh was one of the four co-discoverers of a new element, 103, at the University of California's Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley. It is the first element discovered by nuclear methods.

John M. Greene, research scientist at the Princeton Physics Laboratory, writes that he has a daughter, Emily. She was born on April 15.

1951

Richard K. Smyth, supervisor of advanced analysis controls at the Automatics Division of the North American Aviation Corporation, writes that his fifth child, Dawn, arrived on March 27.

1955

Roger De Wiest, MS, associate professor of hydraulics at Princeton University, announces the birth of a third child, Denise.

1959

Richard D. Dietz is working for his PhD in astrophysics at the High Altitude Observatory at the University of Colorado. He will spend 1961-62 in Italy at the University of Florence on a Fulbright Fellowship.

Martin Conneally, MS, engineer at the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N.Y., announces the birth of a son, Thaddeus, on March 25.

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