

# The Month at Caltech

## *75th Anniversary*

Caltech, which dates from the 1891 founding of Throop University, will be 75 years old next fall. Plans for the anniversary celebration are now under way and center around a week-long program of meetings, lectures, and special events. The celebration will bring to the campus distinguished persons and representatives of institutions of higher learning, foundations, industries, and businesses from all over the world.

David Elliot, Caltech professor of history, has been named chairman of the 75th Anniversary Convocation, and is working with a faculty committee to explore and expand preliminary ideas for the commemoration celebration. The central theme will concern the operations and significance of science in our changing civilization.

## *Lunar and Planetary Conference*

Caltech was host to more than 130 international space scientists at a six-day Lunar and Planetary Conference held on campus September 13-18. Participants from eight countries and the United States gathered to pool information, deliver papers, advance and argue theories, and survey the results of our most recent knowledge of the moon and planets.

Meetings of the first five days were attended only by the invited scientists and engineers; on the final day, sessions were open to representatives of Caltech's Industrial Associates and other guests of the conference sponsors — Caltech, JPL, and NASA.

Monday and Tuesday conference sessions were devoted to lunar astronomy; Wednesday to the planet Jupiter; Thursday, Venus; and Friday, Mars. Highlights of the final day, attended by some 750 persons, were an up-to-date report on Mariner IV's fly-by, and a surprise slide-showing of eight previously unreleased Russian pictures of the backside of the moon.

## *Honors and Awards*

President L. A. DuBridge received an honorary doctor of science degree from The Rockefeller Institute in New York City, at their Annual Convocation for Conferring Degrees in June.

William A. Fowler, Caltech professor of physics, was awarded the Columbia University 1965 Barnard Medal for Meritorious Service to Science, and was cited for his pioneering work in the nuclear reactions of the lighter elements and its widespread influence on nuclear physics, astrophysics, and related fields.

Jesse L. Greenstein, Caltech professor of astrophysics and staff member of the Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories, has been elected to the board of overseers of Harvard University. Dr. Greenstein received his BA, MA, and PhD degrees from Harvard.

Charles Lauritsen, Caltech professor of physics, emeritus, was awarded an honorary doctor of law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles at the June commencement exercises.

## *Theodore C. Sorenson*

Theodore C. Sorenson, writer, lecturer, and former special counsel to President Kennedy, will be on campus November 17 and 18 as a guest of the Caltech YMCA under their Leaders of America program.

Sorenson, whose book, *Kennedy*, has just been published, will give a public address in Beckman Auditorium on November 17, and will meet informally with student and faculty groups during the two-day visit.

Sorenson is the first of the 1965-66 "Leaders". The program, sponsored annually by the Caltech Y since it was established in 1954, brings distinguished persons to the campus to lecture and to discuss subjects of political and social significance.

## *James N. Ewart*

James N. Ewart, secretary of the Caltech board of trustees, has been elected assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the California Institute Associates, the organization of industrial and professional leaders dedicated to advancing Caltech's welfare. Mr. Ewart, who came to Caltech in 1946 to set up the personnel department, succeeds Herbert G. Nash, who has retired after 43 years at the Institute.