June 7 was a day of academic milestones at Caltech. At the Institute’s 74th annual commencement exercises a record of 396 degrees were conferred—154 bachelors of science, 127 masters of science, 5 engineer degrees, and 110 doctors of philosophy. Almost one-half of this year’s seniors graduated with honors. These are students who have maintained a B-plus average throughout their four years at Caltech. Also among this year’s seniors were 15 graduating with degrees in the humanities. The first degrees in the humanities and social science options were awarded only two years ago.

Dr. Frederick Seitz, president of the National Academy of Sciences, delivered the commencement address, “Science and Society.”