Doris DuBridge
1900-1973

Doris DuBridge, wife of Caltech’s former president, died on November 18 at Laguna Hills, California, after a long illness. She was 73.

Born Doris May Kohl in Reinbeck, Iowa, she graduated in 1921 from Cornell College in Mount Vernon—a social sciences major with particular training in nutrition, sewing, and institutional management. It was at Cornell that she met and became engaged to Lee DuBridge; while he did his graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, she taught school. They were married in 1925.

The DuBridges were first at Caltech from 1926 to 1928. They returned to the Institute in 1946, and for the next 22 years Doris DuBridge’s college training stood her in good stead. Generations of students and countless other men and women—about 2,500 a year—were her guests. All of them found their hostess gracious, friendly, interested in what interested them—and dedicated to Caltech. Of course, she manifested those characteristics in many other ways as well. For example, she expressed her concern for students—and their wives and children—by serving as a member of the board of the Caltech Service League for many years, and she spoke several times to groups of students’ wives on how to ease the strains of helping to “put hubby through” college.

She called it earning their PHT. Mrs. DuBridge was also active in the community—as a member of the Pasadena Philharmonic Committee, the Women’s Committee for the Pasadena Symphony Association, ARCS, the YWCA, and the San Marino PEO.

Her husband, a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren survive Mrs. DuBridge. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Doris DuBridge Memorial Fund at the California Institute of Technology.

Kenneth Eells
1913-1973

Kenneth Eells, former Institute psychologist, died on December 8 at his home near Springville, California. Dr. Eells, who was a native of Washington, received his AB in economics at George Washington University in 1937. His AM (1942) and PhD (1948) were earned at the University of Chicago in the field of tests and measurements. He is nationally known for his work at that time on intelligence and cultural differences, and for the intelligence tests he devised—called the Eells Games—which were one of the earliest attempts to provide fairer evaluation of minority-group abilities.

After working for several years in various areas of statistical analysis, Dr. Eells became associate professor of psychology at San Diego State College, and from 1952 to 1955 he was a psychologist with the U.S. Naval Personnel Research Field Activity in San Diego. He returned to Chicago in 1955 to become counselor and associate professor of psychology at the University of Illinois. In 1961 he accepted the Caltech appointment, and he remained at the Institute until ill health forced his retirement in 1969.

Dr. Eells was coauthor of a number of books concerning evaluation of secondary schools, social class in America, and cultural differences in intelligence. The subjects of his many articles in professional journals ranged from methods of evaluating and reporting educational progress to assessing the prevalence of the use of LSD and marijuana. His booklet, Drugs and the Caltech Student, was first published in 1968. It was not only useful to the Institute community but was so widely requested by other colleges attempting to formulate reasonable, informed policies relating to drug usage that it had to be reissued in 1969.

In 1966 the DuBridges and the Beckmans joined in the celebration of Lee DuBridge’s 20th anniversary as Caltech’s president.