

Iroquois 4-01
West Lafayette, Indiana
March 29, 1951

Mr. David Packard
Hewlett-Packard Corporation
395 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Packard:

On his return from his recent trip to New York City, Professor John Cage of the School of Electrical Engineering here at Purdue University contacted me and informed me that you are interested in employing a graduate from Purdue. I had previously discussed with Professor Cage my interest in obtaining employment on the West Coast. I am very much interested in this opening and would like to be considered for employment.

Attached to this letter is a brief review of my personal and educational background. I understand you are familiar with the type of work done in the Campus Electronics Service in which I am now employed. Our principal function is the design, development, and construction of electronic equipment, mainly that which is not commercially available, for the use of research groups and other departments on campus. During the past few months I have worked on several direct-coupled broad-band amplifiers to be used with thermocouples. At present in connection with my work in Campus Electronics Service I am working on my master's thesis project. For my thesis project I am building a stress-strain plotter. This is an electronic device which will trace on an oscilloscope the stress-strain curve of a piece of sheet metal during a normal punch-press operating cycle. It uses strain gauges and a differential transformer as the input transducers, operating on a carrier frequency of ten thousand cycles.

I would appreciate receiving information about the type of work that is done in the position for which I might be considered. If there is any further information about myself or my background that you desire, I will be happy to furnish it.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Grimm

cc: Mr. W. R. Hewlett

PERSONAL INFORMATION AND RESUME OF TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name Robert A. Grimm
 Present Address Iroquois 4-01
 West Lafayette, Indiana
 Home Address 208 Crescent Drive
 Macon, Missouri
 Age 24 Weight 175 Height 6' 0"
 Birthplace Macon, Missouri
 Birth date December 16, 1926

EDUCATION

School	Dates attended	Major	Degree
Valparaiso University	Feb. 1947 to Feb. 1949	EE	None
Purdue University	Feb. 1949 to June 1950	EE	BSEE
Purdue University	Sept. 1950 to Aug. 1951	EE	MSEE (Electronics)

ORGANIZATIONS

AIEE, IRE, Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi

MILITARY SERVICE

Navy April 1945 to July 1946 AETM 3/c
 (Completed eleven month radio technician training program)

EMPLOYMENT

Employer	Title	Dates employed
Mo. State Highway Dept. Macon, Missouri	Draftsman, computer	Summers from 1946 - 1950
Campus Electronics Service Purdue University	Graduate assistant	September 1950 to date

REFERENCES

Prof. John M. Cage Purdue University Lafayette, Indiana	Professor of Electrical Engineering
E. E. Zelade Mo. State Highway Dept. Macon, Missouri	Division engineer of surveys and plans

REFERENCES (cont.)

Prof. James R. Bowman
Purdue University
Lafayette, Indiana

Professor of
Electrical Engineering

Frank P. Briggs
Macon Chronicle Herald
Macon, Missouri

Newspaper editor

DATE AVAILABLE

Available August 27, 1951

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY

Laboratory Instruments for Speed and Accuracy

395 PAGE MILL ROAD, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

PHONE DAVENPORT 2-4651

April 4, 1951

Mr. Robert A. Grimm
Iroquois 4-01
West Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Mr. Grimm:

As Professor John Cage indicated, we are planning to take on one or two engineers this year and after reviewing your qualifications and educational experience, would like to offer you a definite position as engineer in our laboratory.

Our starting salary is approximately \$400 a month. I say approximately as the exact amount is dependent upon a monthly plant-wide bonus system which is based on overall production. However normal fluctuations of this bonus will only vary the net amount by a few per cent.

We believe that in many ways our laboratory is an ideal place for engineers who are interested in electronic development. As our ultimate reputation is directly dependent upon our quality of engineering, we have made every effort to select and maintain a small but high caliber group of engineers. The operation of the laboratory is highly informal and the individual engineer has a great deal of opportunity for personal freedom in the prosecution of his project.

In addition, the proximity of Stanford University, Stanford Research Institute, Varian Associates and several other organizations of the same type, form a nucleus in the Palo Alto area of a great deal of engineering talent and stimulation. Palo Alto itself is a pleasant place to live, being a combination between a commuting town and a college town. We would like very much to have you join our staff and would appreciate hearing from you as soon as it is convenient as we wish to make final selection of our engineers for this year within the next month or so.

Sincerely yours,

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY


William R. Hewlett

WRH:c

Iroquois 4-01
West Lafayette, Indiana
April 17, 1951

Mr. William R. Hewlett
Hewlett-Packard Company
395 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Hewlett:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 4 offering me a position as engineer in your laboratory at a starting salary of approximately \$400 a month.

It is with great pleasure that I accept this offer. The type of work which you are doing appeals to me very much, and I am certain I will be very happy working in your organization.

As I stated in my previous letter, I will be available for work on or about August 27.

If there is any further information about myself that you desire, or if there is any information which you feel I should have, I would appreciate hearing from you. I am looking forward to meeting you personally and beginning work with your company.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Grimm

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PHONE DAVENPORT 2-4651

May 24, 1951

Mr. Robert A. Grimm
Iroquois 4-01
West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Mr. Grimm:

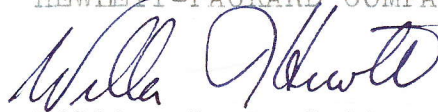
We were very pleased to learn that you will be able to join our engineering organization.

The date of August 27th is quite satisfactory and we will look forward to seeing you then. In the interim, if there is anything that we may do to facilitate your getting settled in Palo Alto, please let us know.

I hope that you will have a very enjoyable summer and we will look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely yours,

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY



William R. Hewlett

WRH:icr

829 North Salisbury
West Lafayette, Indiana
July 29, 1951

Mr. William R. Hewlett
Hewlett-Packard Company
395 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Hewlett:

Thank you for your letter of May 24 confirming my employment with your company.

I have made plane reservations such that I will arrive in Palo Alto in the afternoon of August 27. I would like to know whom I should contact on arrival.

In your letter you asked if there were anything that you could do to facilitate my getting settled in Palo Alto. There are two items that would help considerably. First, when I arrive I will have to find a place to live. What I would like to have is one or two rooms with private bath, preferably with a private entrance. If you should hear of any such accommodations that will be available near the end of August, I would appreciate receiving that information when I arrive. Second, I would like to have an address to which I may ship my personal belongings.

As you will note above, my address has been changed. I will be at this address until August 16. After that date my address will be 208 Crescent Drive, Macon, Missouri.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Grimm

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PHONE DAVENPORT 2-4651

Air Mail

July 31, 1951

Mr. Robert A. Grimm
829 North Salisbury
West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Mr. Grimm:

We were pleased to learn through your letter of July 29th that you expect to arrive in the afternoon of August 27th. It is likely that both Mr. Hewlett and I will be here on that day and I suggest you call us when you arrive. If we are not here, you may talk to our secretary who will have some information on how to get from the airport down to Palo Alto.

We shall do what we can to find a place for you to live and we will attempt to have some arrangements for you at least for the first few days you are here. It will be best if you shipped your belongings directly here to the plant. We can arrange to keep them for you and have them available for you on your arrival.

If we can be of any further help to you, between now and the time of your arrival, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY


David Packard

DP:icr