The Month at Caltech

Campus Dining Hall

The Institute has received a gift of $400,000 from the Chandler family of the Los Angeles Times for the construction of a new campus dining hall. The building, which will be named the Harry Chandler Dining Hall, is the sixteenth of the eighteen buildings to be financed in Caltech's $19,500,000 Development Program.

The new dining hall will replace the overcrowded campus coffee shop in the 60-year-old Old Dorm. It will have a main room with a seating capacity of 250, and four smaller rooms each seating 30 diners. The building is scheduled to be completed by September, 1960.

Harry Chandler, who was publisher of the Los Angeles Times, president of the Times-Mirror Company, and a pioneer southern California civic leader, served as a trustee of Caltech from 1920 until the time of his death in 1944. His son, Norman, now publisher of the Times and president of the Times-Mirror Company, is a member of the present Caltech Board of Trustees. Harry Chandler was one of the people who was instrumental in bringing R. A. Millikan from the University of Chicago, to serve as president of Caltech's executive council. He also helped organize the Caltech Associates, an organization of southern California citizens who give financial support to the Institute.

AUFS on Campus

On January 11 the first of four representatives of the American Universities Field Staff came to Caltech to report on political, social and economic conditions in foreign areas. Albert Ravenholt, reporting on the Far East, was on campus from January 11 to January 20. This was his fourth visit to Caltech. He has studied and written about Asian affairs since 1940 and has just returned home from 18 months in the Philippines.

Richard W. Patch, whose field is Latin America, will be on the campus from January 25 to February 2, when he will report on developments in Bolivia and Peru. Lawrence Olson, whose field of interest is Japan, will be at Caltech from February 8 to February 17 to speak on current conditions and problems in that country. Edwin S. Munger, whose field is Africa, will be here from February 22 to March 2, concluding the program for 1960.

All four men are representatives of the AUFS, an organization sponsored by Caltech and 10 other educational institutions in this country, which sends qualified young men to foreign areas to study current conditions, problems, and personalities. Besides reporting regularly by mail, these correspondents visit the campuses of each of their sponsoring institutes every two years to make comprehensive reports in person.