

ALUMNI SCHOLAR



Timothy Harrington '58

Caltech recently entered into a solemn agreement with nearly 100 other colleges to play down publicity on scholarship awards. Yet here we are playing UP the awarding of the first Alumni Scholarship to a Caltech freshman.

In this case, we plead special circumstances. Last year, the Alumni Association's Alumni Fund set as its new objective the establishment of a series of Alumni Scholarships. Now that the first of these scholarships has been awarded to Timothy Harrington '58, it seems only fair to let the many contributors to the Alumni Fund in on this fact—since he's their boy. So meet Mr. Harrington.

THE CALTECH ALUMNI FUND reached its initial goal last year when it raised \$167,000 for the construction of a swimming pool and locker rooms, now nearing completion on the campus. As its next objective the Alumni Association set the establishment of an endowment to provide for undergraduate scholarships—four-year, full-tuition grants to be known as Alumni Scholarships.

Contributions were great enough in 1953-54 to provide for the granting of the first of these scholarships this fall to a member of the entering freshman class. Timothy Harrington of Santa Rosa, California, was selected by the Caltech Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships and Honors to receive the award.

Timothy is 17, and a graduate of Santa Rosa High School, where his scholastic rating put him among the first 10 students out of a class of about 200. (After two months at Tech he notes, a little wistfully, that it was easier to stay on top there than it is here.)

He worked during his high school years to save up for college. When he was a young sprout he had a paper route. Later he became a delivery boy and stock boy for a drug store, working from 6:30 to 9 every evening, with longer hours on weekends.

As a result, he didn't have much time to go out for sports, though he did serve as track manager in high school. At Tech, now, with his time his own again, he's been out for freshman football, playing second-string left tackle ("Second string," he explains modestly, "because there are only two of us playing that position.")

In high school he was an avid stamp collector, a hi-fi fan, and a devotee of science fiction. Tech hasn't changed these hobbies much, though there's not much time for stamps anymore.

Timothy's father is Deputy County Surveyor and Road Commissioner for Sonoma County. He has two sisters, 14 and 10. He's always been interested in science in general and, since junior high school, physics in particular. As of now, he wants to do research in nuclear physics at Tech.

In junior high school he won an honor award—as the student of the year who had demonstrated the highest degree of citizenship and rendered the most service to his school—the highest award bestowed by the faculty. He doesn't seem to have changed much since then.

In spite of his first attack of midterms he's still enthusiastic about Tech. "One of the best parts," he says gratefully, "is, like one of my friends says—you can use words of more than three syllables around here and be sure everybody will understand you."