LETTERS

Fort Collins, Colorado

Sirs:

I was interested in reading the article in your November issue about the Alumni Scholar. He had a mighty fine high school record and it looks like the committee made an excellent choice in Timothy Harrington.

Without wishing to detract in the least from Harrington's honor, I believe your claim that this is the *first* Alumni Scholarship to a Caltech freshman is in error. It has probably been so long since one was awarded that everyone but a few former recipients has forgotten. Almost 30 years ago, however, I was fortunate enough to have received a so-called "Alumni Prize Scholarship" that paid for tuition and books the freshman year. In my case, I might never have gone to college without that break. There were others awarded in those years (I remember Robley Evans, '28, now Professor of Physics at MIT, received one in 1924) but I do not know when they ceased. Apparently there was no stable fund to finance them as the alumni are planning now.

Congratulations to the Alumni organization, and to Timothy Harrington, from an Alumni Scholar of another generation. (Boy, how time flies!)

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In actual fact, the old Alumni Prize Scholarships were quite different from the present Alumni Scholarships. The Alumni Prize Scholars used to be selected by the alumni (not by the Caltech Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships and Honors, as the present Alumni Scholars are) and the funds were based on a note signed by the donor of the scholarship.