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Home to convalesce — Timothy Elston, 19, flanked by parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harry E. Elston Jr., arrives home by helicopter from Cleveland Clinic Hospital after beating all odds in staving off a series of critical complications. He will recuperate at his Highland Rd. home.

Hospitalized boy returns by copter

"Welcome home, Tim." read the huge sign with signatures of nurses and employes of Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital.

It reflected the feelings of about 100 friends who greeted Tim's arrival home by helicopter from Cleveland Clinic Hospital, where for the last nine weeks he fought off a series of critical complications to make a miraculous recovery.

Tim is Timothy Elston, 19, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry E. Elston Jr., 1695 Highland Rd. His father is head of the surgery department at the Farrell hospital.

Tim, a Sharon High School graduate and a freshman at Pennsylvania State University's main campus, was taken to Cleveland Clinic nine weeks ago when complications developed after he underwent intestinal surgery here. In Cleveland he underwent a series of serious surgeries and hovered near life and death as he fought off one crisis after another.

The helicopter trip home was "first" for both Tim and the

Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Frederick G. Uberti, chief internist at Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital, made arrangements for the copter to land on the roof of the clinic hospital and to bring Tim home. The whirlybird set down on the ellipse east of the Farrell hospital.

Accompanying Tim home on the airship were his parents and Dr. Uberti.

An avid outdoorsman and expert sailor, Tim will convalesce at his home, eagerly awaiting the time when he can again take the helm of the family sailboat at their summer home at Pymatuning Reservoir.