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The Chemistry Department has been accredited by the American Chemical Society, the highest accreditation the department can receive. Phil Kumler says plans are in the making for a bash to formally announce the honor, but no date has been set as yet. The rumor that Phil's sea lion, which he keeps in captivity in the Chemistry Department, had anything to do with the ACS approval is not true.

The college has its date with the Legislature tomorrow, May 2. The budget hearing will be before the joint sub-committees of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. The college is asking for a substantial increase in its budget, as recommended by Governor Milliken, to permit the strengthening of existing programs.

A number of faculty members have resigned to take other positions. Among these are Alice O'Rourke, Dev Pathak, Jan Jackson, John Schillinger, and Micheline Rozier. Bill Tucker, Admissions, and Joe Garza, Food Service, also resigned. Some new persons have been hired.

Erik Beckman, professor of Criminal Justice at Macomb County Community College and a trained police officer, is the new associate professor of Criminal Justice; Dr. Robert Meadows, curriculum director of the Dayton School System, is associate professor in Education, and Dr. Bernyce Smith, University of Miami, Florida, has a joint appointment in English and Education.

Our hopes of Federal grants are up and down. Eldon Graham was in Washington and came back with the observations that the application for Co-op Education looks good. We have a chance to get money out of the Veterans program, and there is reason for some optimism for a Project 70's proposal we filed. However, the National Science Foundation is bogged down with proposals in that area and we won't know until June about our requests for money for chemistry and physics equipment. The Title III program, for Developing Institutions, is being changed. Our proposal will be scratched, new guidelines issued this summer, and in August we will file again. The guidelines are broader this time and give colleges like SVC a better chance.

SVC will have two high school competitions next year as our efforts to attract talented students broadens. The highly successful Math Olympics will be repeated, and joining that will be a similar type contest conducted by the English Department for writers. It will be called the Roethke Award Program. The Science Division will continue its popular open house. All of these are being funded by Forward '71 money.

  
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