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MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTRY TEACHERS IN LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

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Dear Member of the MACTLAC Executive Committee:

Enclosed please find a copy of the tentative program and list of proposed discussion groups, workshops, and tours for the 35th annual meeting of MACTLAC, to be held at Westminster College on October 23-24, 1987. It had always been my understanding that this mailing could be done anytime during the month of May. However, sometime well after the first of May, I happened to review the list of duties of host institutions and noticed that it gives May 1 as the deadline. To any of you who may be strict constructionists of this list of duties, I apologize for not getting out the mailing sooner.

It doesn't take long in my position as Program Chairman to realize what a mammoth undertaking it is to host a MACTLAC meeting. A great deal of work has already been done in planning the 1987 meeting, but obviously much more remains to be done. We have received confirmation from two out of our three main speakers. Prof. Wotiz has been in Europe on a lecture tour for some time and during June and July conducts his annual travel and study tour. I have been checking with both his secretary and his wife and have reason to believe that he may be able to accept. It shouldn't be too much longer before I get a definite answer.

Although I still have to get discussion leaders for most of the groups, I do have commitments from John Zimmerman and Stan Burden for the Chemical Applications of Microcomputers groups. Very soon, I will be contacting several others to help with demonstrations and/or discussions in this area. Most likely, Robert Watson will be the NSF representative. I will be checking with Brian Andreen of Research Corporation and John Malin of PRF to see if they can attend.

Despite some obstacles, we hope to be able to offer the CAS on-line workshop which couldn't be offered last year. We will need to have two additional outside phone lines installed at a cost of \$200-300. I have reasonable assurance from our dean that this cost will be covered by the college. We are trying to get help from industry to reduce the fee to \$40, but we may have to ask for the regular \$75 each. Concerning the microcomputer interfacing workshop, I have been in contact with Dr. James Wisman and Dr. Bill Durham of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. They have a good reputation for giving good workshops. The only potential problem is their fee of \$125 per person (12 participants). Again, I am seeking help from our development director to see if we can't get enough of a subsidy to bring it down to \$75. Finally, we are hoping there will be enough interest to give two tours of the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant, located about 10 miles from Fulton. This is one of the newer plants in the country, has been selected as one of the top 20 plants in the world, and is one of only a few to give public tours. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our plans, please write me or call me (314-642-9504).

Sincerely yours,
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