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To

Case Reserve Chemists

We are pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to the Case and Western Reserve chemists. This first issue of the Case Reserve Chemist is emblematic of the federation of our two institutions which is going forward. The two departments are being united under the chairmanship of Professor George Olah and plans are under way for an excellent department to carry on the fine traditions of the past.

Both of us are deeply convinced that we are seeing the beginnings of a more excellent University which will take its place among the leading institutions of the country. The Department of Chemistry will be among the first to demonstrate new strength and leadership. We know that our graduates will watch the progress with interest and with pride.

Sincerely yours

John S. Millis

Robert W. Morse
TO OUR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

The decision last November of the Trustees of Case Institute of Technology and Western Reserve University to establish a joint chemistry department was followed in January by the overall federation of the two institutions. This created a unified joint chemistry department to be known henceforth as the Department of Chemistry of Case Western Reserve University. At President Morse's request I accepted to act as the first chairman of the joint chemistry department and will try to do my best with my colleagues to build a fine, unified department at our campus.

I think that the alumni of our two original institutions will welcome the fact that one of the first acts of the new department was to extend the scope of the former "Reserve Chemist" and to start publishing on a regular basis the "Case Reserve Chemist", which we hope will keep our alumni and friends informed about the activities of our department and in general about chemistry on the Case Reserve campus in Cleveland.

Professor Frank Hovorka generously agreed to continue to act as editor pro tem for our new publication, and I think I can express the appreciation of all of us for the fine job he has done.

I also would like to extend my personal appreciation for the fine job Professor Gordon Borrow, head of the former Case chemistry department, has done in past years by building up the chemistry department at Case. We intend to build into our new department the best features of the two original chemistry departments, and we hope that through the joint efforts of our faculty, students, alumni, and friends we will be successful. We have indeed a unique opportunity and challenge to build one of the finest chemistry departments in the country.

The joint chemistry department has a faculty of 37 members. We have more than 200 graduate students, and serve an outstanding undergraduate body on both the Case and Reserve side. The department presently occupies three buildings, the Smith and Morley Chemistry Buildings (the latter just remodeled and ready for occupancy) and the south end of the Millis Science Center. Our facilities, greatly enhanced by the Science Development grants provided two years ago to both Case and Western Reserve, provide first-rate instrumentation and equipment for both undergraduate and graduate teaching and research. We are looking forward to build further not only our physical plant and equipment but also our faculty, and to attract increasing numbers of top students from across the country. Whereas we don't intend to build size for itself, we certainly look forward to build further the quality of our department and to provide the Cleveland area and our chemical community with first-class graduates.

We hope you share in our enthusiasm concerning the future and will be interested to learn what progress we are making in our aims. We very much hope that both the Case and Reserve alumni will keep in close touch with the department and will feel they are an active part of our effort in trying to develop and build this unique joint venture. We hope to see you soon, probably during one of the main ACS meetings at our joint alumni gathering (the next of which, as you will find noted elsewhere, will be during the Miami ACS meeting). We also hope that you will contact us either by writing or visiting us if you happen to be in our neighborhood and try to find out for yourself what we are doing and what we are planning.

George A. Olah

NATIONAL MEETING SOCIAL HOUR

A social hour is scheduled at the Spring American Chemical Society meeting in Miami, Florida on Tuesday, April 11, 1967, at 5:00-6:00 p.m., at the Hotel Saville, in the Fiesta Room. We hope that many Case and Reserve alumni, faculty and students will attend this first joint social function.

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