information on all aspects of Tri Beta activities, copies of the national constitution, procedural information for local chapter officers, information on Beta Beta Beta lapel pins, keys and sports wear, and national or regional lists of chapters.

My experience has been that Beta Beta Beta can be the "glue" that cements a lasting relationship between Biology Department faculty and students. It gives a potential biologist an early start at the professional activities expected in his field. The society is strong in the midwest and continues to grow.

A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT!

NIH ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PRODUCTIVE UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS: ADVANCE WORD

April 1, 1985, will be the first deadline for the National Institutes of Health's new program, which the Congress recently recommended, to support faculty research at "four year, public and private colleges and universities, which provide undergraduate training for a significant number of our nation's research scientists [but] have not shared adequately in the growth of the NIH extramural [research] program" (House Report 98-911).

In fiscal 1985, NIH expects to spend $5.0 million to support research by faculty at undergraduate colleges which have

+ received less than $200,00 in research grants from Public Health Service component agencies, and

+ have graduated since 1977 at least twenty-five students who have gone on to receive doctoral (M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M. and Ph.D.) degrees in a health science field.

Proposals will go through the regular NIH review procedure.

The Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA) does not share in this program.

Additional details will be available when guidelines for these new Academic Research Enhancement Awards are published in January 1985. In the meantime, we understand that the one-time grants may be for a maximum $50,000 over two years for feasibility studies and other small projects that will pave the way for applications for regular, full-scale NIH research grants -- "mainstreaming," in other words.