

## AOCS Moves on Page Charge Question

### Both JAOCs and Lipids Affected

In recent years, the combination of climbing publication costs and increasing volume of material to be published have caused many of our sister societies to seek partial relief by asking authors to assume a portion of the cost of publishing their papers. Though this problem has been no less troublesome for the AOCS (publication costs having risen from \$52,443.41 in 1962 to an estimated \$108,000 in 1965), careful management and a very strong increase in advertising have allowed the question to be deferred long after other principal journals in our fields have initiated page charges.

At their meeting on October 10, 1965, the AOCS Governing Board climaxed several years of study of this question by accepting the Journal Committee's recommendation that page charges be requested from authors. If the Journal is to continue to grow and perform its services, additional funds are needed in order to prevent dipping further into the reserves which have been accumulated over the years. In addition, the Society's new research publication (*Lipids*) was shown to be feasible only with authors' help.

### Charges to Begin with January Issues

Beginning with the January, 1966, issues of both JAOCs and Lipids, each author will be asked to pay \$25 for each printed page his paper utilizes. Though this is only about one fourth of the actual cost, it will be sufficient, along with continued careful management, to offset financial problems that were simply too serious to project.

### Nonpayment Not to Disqualify Authors

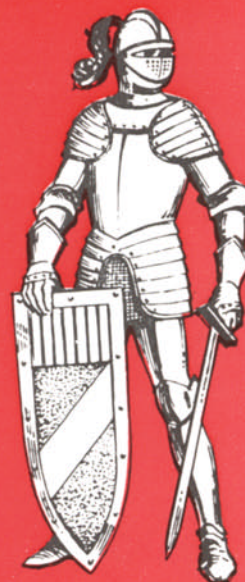
Both the Journal Committee and the Governing Board made it quite clear that the acceptance of manuscripts for publication is not to be contingent upon payment of these charges. They were equally careful to emphasize that author's cooperation is basic to continued good publication service. It was noted that the Government and many other supporting agencies include this in research grant costs.

All authors who have submitted papers for consideration by either JAOCs or Lipids have been advised that page charges will begin with the January, 1966, issues. Special reprint rates have been designed for those who accept the charges.

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