

A REVIEW

Approximately 800 persons crowded Chicago's Hyatt Regency Hotel in late September for the 50th annual fall meeting of the American Oil Chemists' Society.









They came to hear approximately 180 technical papers, to participate in AOCS committee sessions, to exchange ideas with speakers and other conferees, to visit with friends and, in general, to find out more about their profession.

Informal comments during the three-day meeting were generally favorable. Many persons said they were impressed by the number and quality of technical papers—ranging from analytical methods to a session on management. Meeting facilities were frequently praised.





Two new techniques introduced during the fall meeting were optional tape recording of presentations and the display of visual material (slides, charts, and the like) outside meetings rooms following technical presentations.

The tape recording produced the most controversy. Some authors said that taping of papers based on uncompleted research was not desirable. Others worried about possible legal ramifications of such taping. The governing board approved a motion noting that taping of a talk would not constitute scientific publication in the same sense as being printed in a journal. The taping was done only with an author's written consent by Audio Archives Inc. of Chicago. The firm sold cassettes at \$8 each.



Eighty-three women registered for a ladies' program that included guided tours of Chicago and its northern suburbs, a visit to the city's historical museum, and other social events.





More than 600 persons attended the Tuesday banquet with entertainment by Woody Herman and his orchestra.

The sole plenary session, held the opening day, featured a slide show on the history of AOCS and of Chicago. Honored student and Bond award presentations were made during the plenary session. (See articles on pages 676A.)

Steven S. Chang, professor at Rutgers, was recognized during the plenary meeting for having recruited the most new student members-13-into the Society during the past year and for having recruited the highest total of new members-16-in all categories. AOCS President Frank White recruited the most individual associate members, three, and the most corporate members, two. Edward M. Lloyd of Archer Daniels Midland Inc. of Decatur, IL, signed up 11 new active members to lead in that category.

With the plenary session completed, technical sessions began in seven meeting rooms on two levels of the Hyatt Regency. Three sessions on palm oil production, processing, and uses attracted large crowds as did papers on more traditional AOCS subjects. Albert E. Brust, chairman for a "management perspectives" session, said there was good attendance and favorable reaction for what he termed an "experimental" session on management.

Various AOCS committees held meetings during a four-day period beginning Sunday.



The governing board met Sunday and Wednesday. The board endorsed in principle the National Academy of Science "Affirmation of Freedom of Inquiry and Expression." Executive Director Jim Lyon was directed to prepare an explanation of the affirmation to be published in JAOCS along with the affirmation. Members may then sign the affirmation and mail it directly to NAS if they desire.

A proposal by the publications and public relations committee to establish a "letters to the editor" column in the JAOCS' news section was approved. The column was suggested as a method to promote better communication among members and to broaden readership.

Names of 311 new members were presented to the board for approval. The board also endorsed emeritus membership status for James P. Hughes, Stewart Bauer, Dan Henry, Norris E. Embree, Raymond Reiser, S.F. Brooker, Virgil F. Green, and Arthur N. Wrigley.

New membership directories will contain a member's affiliation after his name in the geographic listings. The board approved the change which will be completed for the 1977-78 edition.

Publications chairman Richard Baldwin was authorized to discuss with an international sunflower organization the publication in JAOCS of the proceedings of the group's 1978 meeting, to be held in the United States.

In his executive director's report, Lyon told the board that membership was growing, finances were in good shape, and production of *JAOCS* and *Lipids* was increasing. His report was approved.

The board also heard a final report on the World Conference on Oilseed and Vegetable Oil Processing Tech-

nology held during March in The Netherlands.

The report by Tom Applewhite showed that nearly 1,000 persons took part in various parts of the conference, which ended with more revenue than expenses. The board accepted the report "with gratitude for an exceptionally fine conference." Later the board heard a preliminary report from Karl Zilch, general chairman, for a World Conference on Soaps and Detergents to be held Oct. 10-14, 1977, in Montreux, Switzerland. Zilch told the governing board that the meeting would be designed to attract operating, marketing, and management personnel and would not be a highly theoretical scientific conference.



In financial areas, the governing board directed that the mortgage on the AOCS headquarters building be paid off. The move will save the 9 percent interest on the remainder of the mortgage which had about 2½ years to run. The

board also approved a 1977 budget showing \$497,400 income and \$510,900 expenses. The deficit budget is to be further studied by the finance committee. AOCS President Frank White said that the finance committee stated the budget conservatively and that hopefully the final result will not be a deficit.

In other action the board:

- approved a change in scope for the environmental committee to provide more flexibility.
- agreed to have AOCS offer to act as coordinator for a Technical Advisory group on oleaginous seeds and fruits that is working on establishing international standards. AOCS previously has offered to serve as coordinator for the advisory group on animal and vegetable fats and oils.
- accepted regular reports from several committees on their activities during the past year.
- agreed that the top three runners-up for the annual Lipid award should automatically be considered for the award the following year.
- approved offering a \$5 discount on prepaid total registration for AOCS national meetings and \$2 discount for prepaid one-day registrations.
- approved Richard Purdy as general chairman for the 1979 meeting in San Francisco and Peter Kalustian as general chairman for the 1980 meeting in New York.

Final totals showed 795 persons registered for the meeting, Bernard F. Szuhaj, registration chairman, said after the meeting. That total included 449 members, 86 nonmembers, 15 retired members, 83 spouses, 6 students and 112 one-day registrations. All totals were above the previous fall meeting in Chicago, held during 1973 at the Pick-Congress Hotel. The 1973 meeting had a total of 642 registrants.



Local committee chairman included, from left, Bernard F. Szuhaj, registration chairman; Heloise Husch, ladies chairman; Robert L. Husch, hotel chairman; R.G. Krishnamurthy, program chairman; and Daniel R. Sullivan, publicity/press chairman.

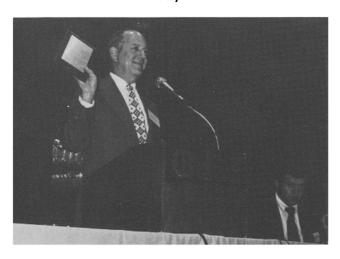
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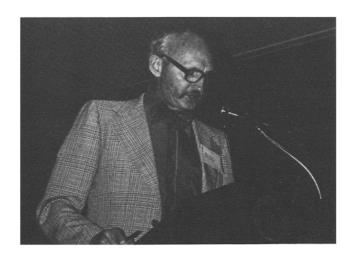
AOCS President Frank White presided at plenary session; flanking White are vice-president Thomas Applewhite, left, and executive director James Lyon



Chicago Deputy Mayor Kenneth Sain extends welcome



President F.B. White displays Presidents' Club plaque



J.G. Hamilton presented Honored Student awards



Lars Weidermann, general chairman for 50th fall meeting, at plenary session



K.K. Carroll, Bond award chairman, presents certificate to T.H. Smouse

AWARDS

Five Graduate Students Honored at Fall Meeting

Five graduate students doing research in the United States and Canada were cited as AOCS Honored Students during the fall meeting and exhibition in Chicago.

The names, institutions and nominating professors for the students are:

Martin E. Hemler, Department of Biological Chemistry, University of Michigan; Prof. William E.M. Landis.

Murray W. Huff, Department of Biochemistry, University of Western Ontario, Prof. K.K. Carroll.

Rona I. Karney, Department of Environmental and Nutritional Sciences, UCLA; Prof. Roslyn B. Alfin-Slater.

Richard E. Moyers, Food Technology and Science Department, University of Tennessee; Asst. Prof. Sharon L. Melton.

Samuel H. Yong, Department of Nutrition and Food Science, M.I.T.; Prof. Marcus Karel.

Abstracts of their work appeared in the fall meeting program published as part of the July Journal.



Honored students (standing) Murray Huff (left) and Martin E. Hemler; (sitting) Samuel H. Yong and Rona I. Karney.



J.G. Hamilton presented honored student award to Richard Moyers, left.



Applied Science Laboratories sponsored luncheon for Honored Students

Ann C. Sullivan Receives Bond Award

Ann C. Sullivan, a research group chief with Hoffman-LaRoche Inc. of Nutley, NJ, has received the Bond Award for best presentation of a technical paper during the AOCS Spring 1976 meeting in New Orleans.

She received the Bond gold medallion during the Fall 1976 meeting in Chicago.

The winning presentation was a paper entitled "Hypolipidemic Activity of (-)-Hydroxycitrate." Co-author J. Triscari, also of Hoffman-LaRoche, will receive a certificate.

Honorable mention certificates were received by T.H. Smouse, research associate with Anderson-Clayton Foods in Richardson, TX, and J.W. Dickens of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service.

Smouse presented a paper entitled "Determination of Flavor Scores of Fats and Oils by Instrumental Menthods." Dickens presented "Aflatoxin Control Program for Peanuts."

John Coniglio served as chairman of the Bond Award Committee during the New Orleans meeting. The award was established to stimulate better presentation and overall quality of papers at national meetings.



Frank White congratulates Bond Award winner Ann Sullivan

SOCIAL EVENTS





Let and Carol Campbell made a special point of being at the Tuesday banquet during the Chicago fall meeting. Woody Herman and his orchestra provided Tuesday's music, and it was 22 years ago that the two Decatur, IL, residents met at a Woody Herman dance in Seattle, WN.

Two social events were part of the Chicago meeting with Ed Hahn (second from right, above) greeting friends during the Sunday evening mixer. At right, former president William Link and his wife, Betty, were among early couples on the dance floor during the Tuesday evening banquet. Woody Herman, below, and his orchestra provided the music.





Tidbits





• The local sections committee was hearing a report on rather successful Northeast section meetings that included an open bar with hors d'oeuvres for \$12 a person at the Robinhood Inn in Clifton, NJ.

"In fact, we even enriched our treasury slightly on those," Howard Gordon said. "I think the inn charged us \$9.50 or \$10 a person."

"How can they do it?" someone else interjected.

"How do other sections find places like that?" asked R.G. Krishnamurthy.

And down at the farm end of the table, George Cavanagh whispered to Jim Lyon, "Maybe they're robbing the rich to feed us poor."

• University of Michigan Prof. William Lands won the President's Club drawing held during the Tuesday banquet.

Lands' number was drawn from a tray by Mrs. Lars Weidermann, wife of the general chairman for the conference. AOCS President Frank White presented Lands with a watch.

Persons who recruit new AOCS members each year are eligible for the drawing held at each meeting.



• The music of Woody Herman's orchestra kept the Hyatt Regency Ballroom dance floor crowded during the Tuesday evening banquet, but the minds of some musicians were wandering.

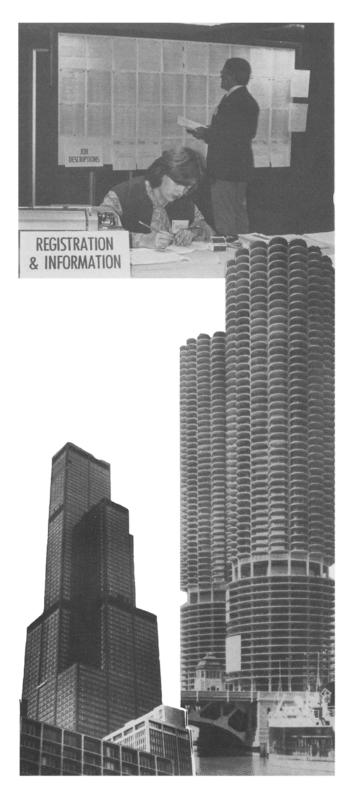
In the top row where the trumpet players were sitting, dance music was so routine to one young musician that he kept an opened *Play boy* magazine on his music stand where he could flip a page each time he turned his sheet music.

• After listening to Emery Industries' R.H. Boehringer describe the quality of his firm's diester based synthetic lubricants, one member of the audience could hardly wait for the question-and-answer session.

"Where can I buy some of that Emery oil?" he asked with obvious anticipation.

"Currently in Fairbanks, Alaska," Boehringer shot back without hesitation.

• The AOCS placement center at the fall meeting was asked by employers to list 46 job openings. Twenty-eight interviews between potential employees and employers were scheduled during the three-day meeting. Participants could also arrange interviews at other times and places.



EXHIBITS

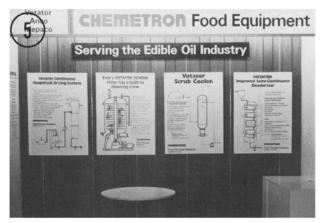








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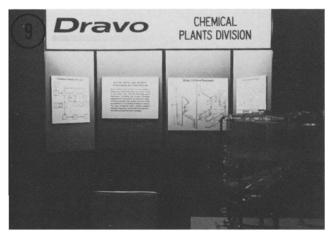








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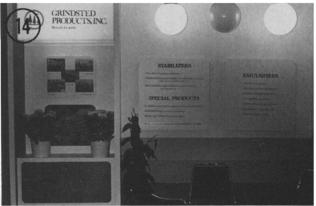






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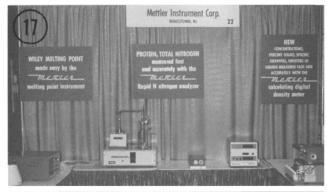




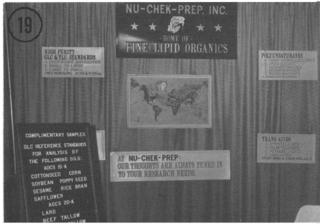




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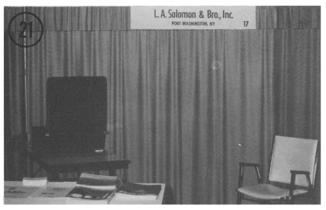


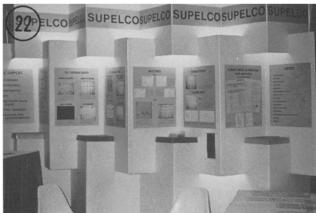






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