
Inside AOCS

Yep, it's AOCS in the New York Times.

The American Oil Chemists' Society received mention in the respected columns of the New York Times Magazine of Feb. 17, 1980.

William Safire, in his regular column "On Language," was noting results of his quest for the source of the phrase "state-of-the-art." One response was from a Robert Rabinowitz of Norwich, New York. Then came the following paragraph:

"We are rewarded with this bit of serendipity, however: Mr. Rabinowitz, who describes himself as 'an explosive chemist,' notes that a professional organization, the American Oil Chemists' Society, is so named because of its interest in animal and vegetable oils, and has nothing to do with petroleum derivatives; its members were willing to risk confusion with petroleum chemists because they did not want to belong to an organization called 'The American

Fat Chemists' Society."

Well, that's not entirely accurate as AOCS was named long before the term "oil" meant petroleum to most Americans. Executive Director Jim Lyon sent a friendly letter to columnist Safire explaining the origins of AOCS, that the Society does have a few fat chemists as members, and we like our name just the way it has been since about 1920. Still, it's nice to be noted on the pages of one of the world's foremost newspapers. □

Corrections

In the February JAOCS listing of candidates for the AOCS Governing Board, Jack McEwan's degree should have been listed as a PhB, bachelor of philosophy, rather than a PhD. Erl Lowrey's last name was misspelled in his c.v. □

Local Sections

Bailey Award presented

Dr. Frank Norris, 1980 recipient of the Alton E. Bailey Award, treated the approximately 60 persons at the award dinner to a talk on "Life Among the Glycerides" at the February dinner meeting of the AOCS North Central Section.

Dr. Norris recalled his personal acquaintance with Alton E. Bailey, noting that he was an outgoing man who was a renowned researcher as was able to write a book by himself that now takes a half-dozen persons, including Norris,



Bailey Award dinner was held Feb. 20 in suburban Chicago.



R.G. Krishnamurthy, left, Lars Weidemann, center, and Harold Jackson share a pre-dinner conversation



North Central President Frank Kincs presents Bailey Award plaque to Frank Norris, right