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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

The Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, trains graduate students in lipid biochemistry at both the M.S. and Ph.D. levels. We were not included in the May 1980 issue of *JAOCS* listings of institutions offering lipids courses because this area is not a formal major and lipid biochemistry is taught as part of one of our advanced courses in nutrition. The major of these students is Nutritional Biochemistry, but they are thoroughly trained in lipid biochemistry.

Robert G. Jensen
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Dear Sir:

The published survey of colleges and universities that provide training in fats and oils (*JAOCS*, May 1980, page 389A) should be very useful to those individuals planning a career in this field or for those already in the field who might wish to expand or update their education and training. This is a most worthwhile Society service that I would like to see published annually. Unfortunately, data regarding Texas A&M University was not included in the survey. Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is one of the few institutions of higher education that provides both the basic classroom fundamentals and the practical aspects of oilseed processing at the pilot plant level. A&M offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biochemistry and Food Science

and Technology with specializations in lipid chemistry, lipid biochemistry, fats and oils technology and oilseed proteins. Graduate courses are offered in: Chemistry and Metabolism of Lipids; Oilseed Proteins for Foods; and Oil and Fat Food Products. Pilot Plant operations include dry separations, mechanical oil extraction, particle size reductions, solvent extraction, aqueous processing, extrusion and several bench-top operations such as oil refining, bleaching, deodorization and hydrogenation. The annual oil mill operators' short course also is sponsored by the University. The dozen AOCS members at Texas A&M University believe we have a well developed program in fats and oils ranging from oilseed processing to cellular membranes of cancer cells.

Randall Wood
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Dear Sir:

The tabulation indicating the number of courses in fats and oils at various educational institutions (May 1980) did not include the course in Fats and Oils Technology at Cornell University. This includes one course plus one lab, 4 hours per week. This course is taken by most students in their senior year.

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of Food Science
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

Calendar

WORLD CONFERENCE

Nov. 9-14, 1980 - World Conference on Soya Processing and Utilization, Acapulco Convention Center, Acapulco, Mexico.

AOCS NATIONAL MEETINGS

Annual Meeting, 1981: May 17-21, Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, LA.
Annual Meeting, 1982: May 2-6, Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Annual Meeting, 1983: May 8-12, Chicago Marriott, Chicago, IL.

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August

"Introductory Short Course on Composition of Paints," sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla,

Aug. 18-22, 1980, University of Missouri-Rolla. Contact: Norma Fleming, Arts & Sciences Continuing Education, 102 Chemistry, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, MO 65401.

Second Chemical Congress of the North American Continent, exposition and meeting of the American Chemical Society, August 24-29, 1980, San Francisco, California.

"Basic Quality Control Short Course," coatings short course sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla, Aug. 25-29, 1980, University of Missouri-Rolla. Contact: Norma Fleming, Arts & Sciences Continuing Education, 102 Chemistry, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, MO 65401.

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