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In the long history of the AOCS and its predecessors, there has been a steady increase in the diversification of members' interests. This has been accompanied by a trend toward a higher scientific level in the national program of the AOCS and its publications. These changes have been healthy for the Society, for they have brought together scientists of widely differing backgrounds, who have learned new things from each other. The exchange of information has been beneficial to the objectives of the industrial, governmental and academic organizations from which our members come. This blend has been so successful that, in the last decade, the AOCS has become the best forum for presentation of scientific findings relating to fats, oils and lipids. In recent years the scope of the Society has become international through joint meetings with sister societies in other countries, through meetings outside the U.S. and through a more active membership abroad.

If this Society is to serve its members better in coming years, it must be aware of their diversified interests and must serve the needs of all segments of its membership. The AOCS must continue to strive for, and to attain, higher standards in its scientific program and publications, for it is primarily through these that it serves the industrial, governmental and academic scientific community.

If I am chosen by the members to serve them, I shall devote my efforts to maintaining and enhancing our standards, to strengthening our programs and services to all interest groups within the Society, and, in so doing, to maximize the service of the AOCS to the scientific community at large and to mankind.—R.T. Holman

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As is well known the members of our Society, although all interested in fats and oils, come from a wide variety of disciplines. Industrial research, control development, government research, academia, medical-related research, education, and many others, are represented. With this variety of members, how best can our Society meet the needs of the individual so that his membership is valuable to him and not just a membership in another organization? I believe that we should examine what we are doing now to find if our programs are worthwhile, or if we are wasting time and talent on work that has no value now or in the future. Once we have accomplished this, we must find in what ways we can best use the talents of our members to provide information, not only to each other, but also to the world society in which we live.—J.R. Houle



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