

J. Nolan Etters to Receive The Olney Medal

J. Nolan Etters, professor of textile science at the University of Georgia, is this year's recipient of the Olney Medal for achievement in textile chemistry.

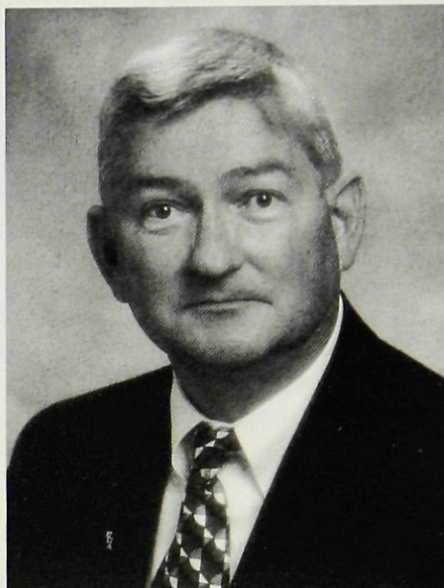
Etters is a 1960 graduate of Clemson University, with a BS in textile chemistry, where he also earned an MS two years later. In 1986 he completed his PhD in clothing and textiles at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Etters' involvement in textiles goes back to his childhood. He was raised in a Springs mill village in Chester, S.C., and worked as a sweeper at the Springs Eureka Mill. With the assistance of a Springs Educational Loan, made available to children of mill employees, Etters was able to attend Clemson University, where he would rather have studied to become a professor of English literature. After being told that such a path was not economically sound, he decided instead to continue his education in the field of textile chemistry. Etters began his industry career at Dan River; a career that lasted 23 years until downsizing caused him to be laid-off. During the years of 1962-85, he served the company as a research chemist, senior research chemist and corporate senior scientist.

In 1986, Etters began his career in academics. He was an associate professor at Louisiana State University from 1986-87. In 1987, he moved to the University of Georgia, holding the position of associate professor and in 1991 was named a full professor. From August 1991 through December 1993, Etters was acting head of the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors department. He is now completely devoted to his duties as a professor at the school.

Professional Activities

Etters has been very active in the Association since he joined as a freshman at Clemson. His involvement includes—Northern Piedmont Section Research committee, chairman 1972; national councilor, 1975-77; Committee on Applied Dyeing Theory, chairman 1965-77 and 1990-92; Committee on Local Sections, chairman 1978-80; Technical Program Committee, National Technical Conference, chairman 1981; Statistics Advisory Com-



J. Nolan Etters has devoted much of his career to research activities designed to bridge the gap of understanding between the industrial technologist and academic researcher.

mittee, chairman 1986-89; Textile Education Committee, chairman 1988-92; International Dyeing Symposium, chairman 1989; Southeastern Section Research Committee, chairman 1988-89; Southeastern Section, chairman 1992; and Chapin Award Committee, chairman 1993.

Etters has authored 76 publications which have appeared in journals such as *Textile Chemist and Colorist*, *Textile Research Journal*, *Textile Asia*, *American Dyestuff Reporter*, *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*, *Journal of the Society of Dyers and Colourists*, *Canadian Textile Journal*, *Colourage*, *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research*, *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*, *CIETEX*, *America's Textiles*, *Textile World*, *Textilveredlung*, and *Modern Knitting Management*.

His writings cover a broad spectrum of topics, including—chemistry of dyeing, dyeing theory, dyeing of denim, environmental protection, textile chemical quality analysis, color science, industry and academic cooperation, thermal fixation of dyeing, inducement and measurement of particulate migration, and diffusion equations.

Etters has also given some 39 presentations at scientific conferences and meetings including the AATCC International Conference & Exhibition, Technical Conference of the American Association for Textile Technology Inc., American Chemical Society, American Society for Quality Control, German Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, Swiss Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, a variety of AATCC sectional meetings, workshops and symposia, and Clemson University conferences and seminars.

Etters has been an active participant on AATCC Intersectional Paper Competition committees. He has been involved in committees that have placed first five times, second place twice and third place once. His first year of award winning ITPC participation was in 1972.

Etters is a full member of Gamma Sigma Delta and Sigma Xi. He has been honored by being listed in the McGraw-Hill publication, "Leaders in the Textile Industry." Etters is also a member of the editorial advisory board of *American Dyestuff Reporter*.

Etters is married to the former Betty L. Gentry of Chester, S.C. Mrs. Etters was the first TCC cover girl, appearing on the cover of the March 1971 issue. She holds an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Mrs. Etters also teaches in the Department of Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors at the University of Georgia.

Etters has a variety of hobbies, some of which are writing, gardening, motorized vehicles and country music.

The Olney Medal

Established in 1944 in honor of Dr. Louis Atwell Olney, the founder and first president of AATCC, The Olney Medal recognizes outstanding achievement in textile or polymer chemistry or other fields of chemistry of major importance to textile science. The award consists of a gold medal, a scroll and an honorarium.

Presentation of the medal each year is a highlight of AATCC conferences. This year's presentation will be made at the conference Awards Luncheon on

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AATCC's 1994 International Conference & Exhibition

The Millson Award (continued from page 84)

- 1984: Victor F. Fahringer of Burlington Industries, inventor of the jet dyeing machine.
- 1985: Herman B. Goldstein of HBG Export Corp. for development of a low cost process for manufacturing dimethylol dihydroxyethylene urea (DMDHEU) and his discovery that DMDHEU was ideally suited for use as a cellulose crosslinker.
- 1986: Andrew G. Pierce Jr. and John G. Frick Jr. of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Southern Regional Research Center for their development of magnesium chloride-hydroxy

acid mixed catalyst systems for durable press finishing.

- 1987: Dietrich R. Hildebrand of Bayer AG for his work on the fundamentals and techniques of reactive dyeing.
- 1988: Hugh R. Davidson and Henry Hemmendinger of Davidson and Hemmendinger, developers of the first successful color matching computer system.
- 1989: Winfried T. Holfeld of DuPont for contributions in improving the dyeing uniformity of nylon and polyester fabrics.
- 1990: Ulrich W. Meyer of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology for trac-

ing the cause of catalytic damage to cotton fabrics during peroxide bleaching and largely eliminating the problem.

- 1991: Wolfhard F. Beckmann of Bayer AG for his contributions to a vastly improved scientific understanding of dyeing processes and the improved dyeing procedures he produced as a result of his research.
- 1992: Sueo Kawabata of Kyoto University, developer of the fabric hand evaluation system that bears his name.
- 1993: Bernard F. North of Sequa Chemicals for his advancements made to resin finish technology.

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Wednesday, October 12 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Immediately following the luncheon, Etters will deliver the traditional Olney Medal Address. His topic will be Adventures in Textile Chemistry.

Previous Recipients

Etters is the fifty-first recipient of the Olney Medal. The first medal was presented to Dr. Olney in 1944. Since then it has been awarded to:

- 1945: Milton Harris of Milton Harris Associates
- 1946: William A. Cady of U.S. Finishing Co.
- 1947: Edward A. Schwarz of Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1948: Harold M. Chase of Dan River Mills
- 1949: Charles A. Seibert of the DuPont Co.
- 1950: George L. Royer of American Cyanamid Co.
- 1951: Raymond W. Jacoby of Ciba Co.
- 1952: Werner von Bergen of Forstmann Woolen Co.
- 1953: Roland E. Derby Sr. of the Derby Co.
- 1954: William D. Appel of the National Bureau of Standards
- 1955: Miles A. Dahlen of the DuPont Co.
- 1956: Walter J. Hamburger of Fabric Research Laboratories

- 1957: P. J. Wood of Royce Chemical Co.
- 1958: Henry E. Millson of American Cyanamid Co.
- 1959: Emery I. Valko of Lowell Technological Institute
- 1960: Arnold M. Sookne of Harris Research Laboratories
- 1961: Fred Fortess of Celanese Corporation of America
- 1962: Charles F. Goldthwait of North Carolina State University
- 1963: Guiliiana C. Tesoro of J. P. Stevens & Co.
- 1964: Richard O. Steele of Rohm and Haas Co.
- 1965: Herman F. Mark of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn
- 1966: Wilson E. Reeves of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 1967: Edwin I. Stearns of American Cyanamid Co.
- 1968: Harold P. Lundgren of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 1969: D. Donald Gagliardi of Gagliardi Research Corp.
- 1970: Paul L. Meunier of the DuPont Co.
- 1971: Ernest R. Kaswell of Fabric Research Laboratories
- 1972: Victor S. Salvin of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- 1973: Herman B. Goldstein of Sun Chemical Corp.
- 1974: Henry A. Rutherford of North Carolina State University

- 1975: R. Lee Wayland Jr. of Dan River Inc.
- 1976: George L. Drake Jr. of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 1977: James M. Straley of Tennessee Eastman Co.
- 1978: Dmitry M. Gagarine of Milliken Research Corp.
- 1979: Joseph W. Gibson Jr. of the DuPont Co.
- 1980: Roland E. Derby Jr. of the Derby Co.
- 1981: Mathias J. Schuler of the DuPont Co.
- 1982: Stephen B. Sello of J. P. Stevens & Co.
- 1983: Theodore F. Cooke of Textile Research Institute
- 1984: Ralph McGregor of North Carolina State University
- 1985: Stanley P. Rowland of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 1986: Melvin D. Hurwitz of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- 1987: Ludwig Rebenfeld of Textile Research Institute
- 1988: Martin K. Lindemann, Consultant
- 1989: J. Lee Rush of AlliedSignal Inc.
- 1990: Hans-Dietrich Weigmann of Textile Research Institute
- 1991: Robert J. Harper Jr. of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 1992: Bethlehem K. Andrews of the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 1993: Herbert T. Pratt of the DuPont Co.

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