ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill.—Students seeking "experience through employment" within the turfgrass sod production industry again may use resources of the American sod Producers Association (ASPA). ASPA has created a program whereby students can expand their education by putting it to practical use. Internship applications may be obtained from ASPA at 1858-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, Ill. 60008. Phone 708-705-9888.

RUTGERS ALUMNI HONOR HURLEY
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Dr. Richard Hurley, vice president and director of research for Lots Seed, recently received the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award from the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association. Hurley credited professional golfer Bruce Crampton for early inspiration to a career in the turfgrass industry. Said Hurley, "While attending college in Florida, I was fortunate enough to caddy for Crampton, who fed my interest in golf and the courses where the game is played." Hurley is president of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association.

STUDY OF DEATHS UNDERTAKEN
An independent scientific study of deaths of superintendents is being undertaken by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. The study is designed to provide basic evidence about any links between long-term pesticide exposure and health care problems. Researchers have identified as pesticide-related. Researchers will first thoroughly review scientific literature dealing with human exposure to pesticides used on golf courses. A team of epidemiologists will then perform a statistical mortality study of GCSSA members who have died since 1970. The GCSSA hopes to choose researchers by late January.

ECOLOGY, MANAGEMENT TOPICS
BLACKSBURG, Va. — First of two sessions in turfgrass ecology and management is due Jan. 4-8, at Virginia Tech's Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education. The course is designed to provide basic information to new turfgrass managers, and to provide experienced turf managers opportunity to update expertise. Thirteen faculty members from turfgrass-related disciplines will provide 36 lecture and laboratory contact hours of instruction. David R. Clammer, extension agronomist—turf, Virginia Tech, will direct the program. A second course is due here Jan. 25-29.

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addressing certain pitfalls.

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Snow found support from fellow panelists, long-time Canadian Open chairman Dick Grimm, Canada Golf Superintendents Association President Paul White, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America President William Roberts, and Canadian PGA pro Lindon Garron.

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"Golf courses have survived wars and recessions, always meeting the needs of superintendents." — Paul White

"We, as superintendents, have prime accountability for the environmental challenges that face us," Roberts said. "Golf's role in the future in the environmental arena will include developing an increased regulatory awareness. It has a responsibility to help communicate environmental impacts to players and anybody else involved in the game. It needs to insist that superintendents get current with regulations and achieve compliance, particularly through education... And golf needs to support superintendents' requests for research funding."

He predicted that the industry will see coalitions forged between business associations and others, "and this will offer great opportunities for state and local chapters.

Garron, an Atlantic PGA member and a member of the PGA Canadian National Education Committee, alluded to such an interaction, saying: "We can make or break the relationship of..."

"Sometimes the effort to keep current can seem overwhelming," Roberts said. "We have to make sure... assistant superintendents, equipment mechanics, horticulturalists, arborists, and other staff members also benefit from continuing education in their areas of expertise.

"Advances in information technology will affect not only how we continue our education but also how we do our daily work. We deal with large volumes of information—weather data, pest monitoring and control records, equipment purchases and maintenance records, inventories, capital and maintenance budgets, payroll and personnel records, material safety data sheets, hazard communication training records, and so on.

Roberts added: "Most superintendents who use computers today—and that is a minority, frankly—are using them for irrigation management or for word processing. We certainly expect this to change over the next decade... More superintendents will feel the need to embrace the computer, simply to cope with the sheer volume of information we have to deal with on a day-to-day basis."

"The future of golf in general depends on the relationship of club pros and superintendents. Hopefully, we'll get together and see that we're all heading in the right direction."