BRIEFS

WOOD REGIONS IN SOUTH TEXAS

Michael Wood of South Shore Harbour CC in League City has been elected president of South Texas GCSC. Vice president is Don Lolo of Greatwood Golf Club in Sugarland, and secretary/treasurer is Mike Burris of Bay Oaks CC in Clear Lake. Newly elected directors are Ahsan Ali and John Myers of Westwood CC in Houston, Mike Link of The Woodlands in Conroe, Ric Kehres of River Oaks CC in Houston and affiliate representative Bill Wade, representing Golfworthies of Texas in Houston.

MULLEN IOWA'S PRESIDENT

DESMOINES, IOWA — Ron Mullen, superintendent at Crow Valley Country Club in Newport, Minn., has been elected president of the Iowa GCSC. He was elected at the 60th annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference, at which Larry Hill of Indiangola CC was named Superintendent of the Year. Dan Smith of Carroll Municipal GC and former GCSCA Executive Secretary Sherry Tegtmeier were presented Distinguished Service Awards, while Dennis Jones of Waverly GC was named top assistant superintendent.

LAKE PROTECTION IN KANSAS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Office of Science and Technology has purchased 210 acres of the Crystal Lake property near Kansas City. The lakes are owned by Kansas City. The office purchased the property to address the needs of people interested in obtaining this disease-resistant elm may contact the ERI in Harrisville; telephone 603-827-3048.

YEAR OF THE ELM

HARRISVILLE, N.H. — The Elm Research Institute has declared 1994 The Year of the American Liberty Elm and is promoting Johnny Elmseed, Arbor Day, Earth Day, Adopt-a-Street and municipal earth care programs. The ERI hopes to have 1 million American Liberty elms planted by the year 2000. Superintendents interested in obtaining this disease-resistant elm may contact the ERI in Harrisville; telephone 603-827-3048.

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TGF PROVES IT CAN MAKE IT ON ITS OWN

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Turfgrass Information Foundation (TGF) membership has doubled and participation has grown 30 percent since the mandate for its self-sufficiency was handed down last winter by the U.S. Golf Association Green Section.

"I'm very, very optimistic. These are the right kinds of numbers. That's the kind of response and interest we needed from the industry," said Peter Coolingham, director of the Turfgrass Information Center, based here at Michigan State University. The USGA had underwritten the costs since the start-up of TGF, the world's largest turfgrass-related library.

Now, Coolingham said, "It's a matter of sustaining that momentum, and of delivering..."

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TURF RUSH OF GOLF: GETTING THE GOOD STUDENTS

There's a gold rush going on in the golf industry — and the gold is good turfgrass students. In various stages of development under the Signature Sanctuary program are Arrowhead Golf Club near San Jose, Calif.; Ocean Trails in Los Angeles; Pine Ridge in Baltimore; Granite Bay near Sacramento, Calif.; and Grand Island Golf Club near Albany, Ga.

"People are concerned we are going to dictate architecture or landscape," said Bob Brame, agronomist with the U.S. Golf Association Green Section. "But we are not. To get good employees, especially...

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four years.
Beyond the course itself, Signature program members are concerned with such things as installing fans so that air conditioners can run lower; using air conditioners with a higher energy efficiency rating; installing water-saving faucets; and recycling aluminum, green glass, brown glass and paper.

"Instead of cutting down a tree and burying it, you leave it standing as a snag for eagles and ospreys, hawks and owls, woodpeckers and red-billed woodpeckers," Hiers said. "Your whole philosophy is different. But the amazing part of this is, it actually makes the golf course look better and it's less expensive. It's better for the habitat and for the animals and birds."

Native vegetation replaced grass in certain areas of the Art Hill-designed track, he said. And while it costs more to plant, after the first six months of keeping the weeds out, the natives use no water, electricity, fertilizer, pesticides, or labor. "That is forever," Hiers said.

"The most expensive thing to maintain on a golf course is what you have to care for by hand — with Flymos, weed eaters and other small specialty equipment. Those are also the most expensive pieces of equipment to maintain and the most dangerous to operate."

"What we've done is not necessarily all new. The top superintendents have been doing them for 20 years. But we've taken points A, B, C, D, E and F and put them all together in one package."

Hiers plans to set up an environmental educational center for visitors, nature trails for guided tours and for the animals and birds.

Dodson's office is located at 46 Rarick Road, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158; telephone 518-767-9051.

Penn State

Continued from previous page improved the project. "Part of the interesting thing was to watch these teams work together and watch the leadership develop," says Stearns. "We saw lots of cooperation as well as lots of friendly competition. There was this overall determination within the class that the job had to be done right.

Hiers also originated from outside the campus. A stone mason volunteered time with the students, and Rushe said, "Venezuela contractors in the area lent their hands tools — a great gesture."