USMA OFFERS GREEN SCHOOL
AMHERST, Mass. — Green School, the University of Massachusetts' Comprehensive Extension System's educational training program for Green Industry professionals, will run from Jan. 5 to March 24. The program is designed to provide training in horticulture fundamentals and the relationship of those fundamentals to environmental quality. Intended to instill a sense of stewardship the school will teach quality. Intended to instill a sense of stewardship the school will teach quality.

JENKINS CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESIDENT
Brian M. Jenkins of Dubsdread Municipal Golf Course in Orlando has leap ed from the secretary-treasurer position to president of the Central Florida Chapter of the Florida GCSA in the wake of resignations from President Chuck Blankenship and Vice President Donald W. McCommon of Ventura Golf and Country Club in Orlando. Blankenship also resigned his position at Ridgewood to pursue other interests in the industry.

OTTAWA CONCLAVE SET
OTTAWA, Ontario, Canada — The 46th Canadian Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show March 11-14 at the Ottawa Congress Centre will embrace the Canada Golf Superintendents Association's 28th annual meeting March 13. Speakers and their topics include keynote Alan Simmons, teamwork among staff on golf courses; Dr. Joseph Vargas, integrated approaches to pesticide issues. Opponents say it potentially overrides U.S. sovereignty in regards to land use.

BIODIVERSITY TREATY AGAIN DELAYED
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, has set aside a vote on ratification of the international Convention on Biological Diversity until the Senate reconvenes in January. Opponents say it potentially overrides U.S. sovereignty in regards to land use.

ISS INKS PACT
SEBASTIAN, Fla. — ISS Golf Services has signed an agreement with the city of Sebastian for the maintenance of its golf course here. By contracting the golf course maintenance, the City hopes to cut its losses and turn a profit. ISS now maintains 15 public, semi-private, and private golf courses.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY MARK LESLIE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Citing a lack of research on the effects of golf course construction on wildlife, the U.S. Golf Association has set aside $100,000 a year for the next three years to fill this void.

USGA officials will meet here with wildlife agencies and associations the first week of November to discuss how to best spend the funds.

"We're rounding up the National Wildlife Federation, Environmental Defense Fund and others who have an interest in wildlife and scientists from the Department of Fish and Game and other agencies," said USGA Green Section National Director Jim Snow. "We'll get everyone in one room and ask what they think the priorities should be for spending the money. Once we have their opinions, we will get together and seek proposals from scientists whose field is wildlife rather than turf.

"We hope to be able to start funding sometime in 1995."

ubic Program's newest addition
CHESTERTON, Ind. — The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), a joint effort program between the Audubon Society of New York State and the United States Golf Association, has announced that Sand Creek Country Club has joined the program.

According to Jean Mackay, staff ecologist for New York Audubon, "The open space of a golf course is utilized not only by golfers, but is a habitat for a variety of wildlife species. We welcome Sand Creek's commitment to the environment and to managing the golf course with wildlife in mind."

Through the program, Sand Creek will become involved in programs that enhance habitats for wildlife on the golf course and preserve natural resources for the benefit of the local community.

Golf House Tennessee course tests multiple bent, Bermuda cultivars
FRANKLIN, Tenn. — The Tennessee Golf Foundation's dream of developing a unique turf research center is becoming reality, as grow-in of The Little Course at Aspen Grove continues apace.

The Little Course at Aspen Grove, a nine hole short course with an extensive variety of turfs, will surround Golf House Tennessee here, just minutes south of Nashville. Golf House Tennessee, a renovated antebellum structure built in 1842, has been designed as a state-of-the-art junior golf learning center. It will also be one of the first facilities to house all of the state's major golf organizations under one roof: The Tennessee Golf Association, Tennessee Section PGA, Women's and Junior Golf Associations, Golf Course Superintendents and Club Managers.

Golf course architect Bob Cupp, who donated his services, designed The Little Course at Aspen Grove, located on land adjacent to The Legends Club of Tennessee, a 36-hole layout designed by Cupp and Tom Kite.

The Little Course features holes ranging from 84 to 225 yards with 11 bunkers, two lakes, two double greens, an 18-hole putting course and practice tees for junior clinics. One day, the center may host a competitive junior tournament.

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WHERE THEY'RE GOING
New Tri-Mountain track hires Stephens
RIDGEFIELD, Wash. — David Stephens has been named head superintendent at Tri-Mountain Golf Course, which opened here this summer (Golf Course News, Aug. '94).

Stephens joined Tri-Mountain from Orchard Hills Golf Club in Washougal. Prior to his tenure at Orchard, he served 11 years as course foreman at Portland (Ore.) Golf Club where he was involved in the 1982 U.S. Senior Open and the 1986, '87 and '88 Fred Meyer Challenge tournaments.

Having attended Portland State University and Portland Community College, Stephens is a graduate of the Golf Construction Techniques and Management course offered by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He lives in Camas.

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DODGE CITY, Kan.—There's a new sheriff in town.... Shawn Ackerman is the new golf course superintendent at Dodge City's Mariah Hills Golf Course.

ALPHARETTA, Ga.—Mark Dinan is the new golf course superintendent at Crook Creek Golf Course in Alpharetta. Dinan comes to Crook Creek from Council Fire Golf Club in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he served as an assistant.

HERSHEY, Pa.—Ron Diefenthaler is the new course superintendent at Hershey Country Club here. When American Golf Corp. (AGC) bought the course — about two weeks before the Lady Keystone Open, held each year at Hershey — the management company summoned Diefenthaler from his prior post in Toledo, Ohio. "I've never turned down a challenge," said Diefenthaler, a Big 10 man who isn't intimidated by his new home in Nittany Lion country. "I have a bachelor's degree from Ohio State. I'm a Buckeye, through and through."

CONYERS, Ga.—Scott Dornbrook has left his post as golf course superintendent at Atlanta Athletic Club's Riverside Course for a similar position here at Legacy Golf Club, which remains under construction. Randy Mangum has replace Dornbrook as head super at the Riverside Course.

WELLINGTON, Fla.—Scott Mau has been named golf course superintendent at Palm Beach Polo and Country Club here. The 36-year-old Mau had been responsible for the 54 holes at Port Royal on Hilton Head. The Ohio State University graduate can relax now — at Palm Beach Polo, there are only 45 holes to look after.

OKEECHOBEE, Fla.—Fred Flora has been named greens superintendent at Blue Heron Golf and Country Club, a three-year-old development here. Only nine of the proposed 27 holes are open for play. Flora, who came to Okeechobee from Placid Lakes Country Club where he worked under Bob Harbough, will oversee construction of the remaining 18 holes....

REYNOLDS, Ga.—Barry Bell is the new superintendent at Reynolds Golf Club here. Bell had been the assistant at Brickyard Plantation.

COFFEEVILLE, Kan.—Randy Sweet is the new superintendent at Hill Crest Golf Club for the city of Coffeeville.

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