The College of DuPage received $600 and universities received cash awards for highest attendance with 25 students at the Mid-Am Trade Show, one of the nation's leading horticultural expositions. The College of DuPage received $600 for second best attendance, Joliet Junior College and Iowa State University each got $225 for third and fourth best attendance. A total of 153 students from 18 schools met with representatives from 76 companies.

ENVIRONTRON GETS $33,000
HOMOSSE SPRINGS, Fla. — The third annual Environtron Golf Classic at World Woods Golf Resort raised $35,000 for the University of Florida's Envirotron Research Laboratory. Environtron is a 3,100-square-foot state-of-the-art research lab that includes a greenhouse, four climate-controlled glass houses, two walk-in growth chambers, labs, study areas, classrooms and offices. Scientists study turfgrass systems from root to blade and issues like temperature modification, noise abatement, pollution and water purification, and general turfgrass culture.

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kicking off its Environmental Management Program, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has cited Certified Golf Course Superintendents David E. Davis, Matthew W. Henry, Keith A. Ihms, Jim B. Key and Evonne K. Sandras, Key of Pointe and Hilton Resorts in Phoenix, Ariz., completed course work for certificates in the Water Quality, Integrated Plant Management (IPM) and Underground Storage Tanks specialties. IPM certificates were awarded to Davies of Palo Alto (Calif.) Municipal Golf Course; Henry of Dixon (Ill.) Country Club; Ihms of Bent Tree Country Club in Dallas; and Sandras of C.W. Ditto Golf Course in Arlington, Texas.

LATHAM JOINS JACKINGOLF
James M. Latham, who retired this year as a regional director of the U.S. Golf Association Green Section, has joined Jackingolf as technical agronomist, working on projects worldwide. A graduate of Texas A&M with a master's degree in agronomy, Latham worked 14 years for the USGA after 24 years with the Millionaire Division of Milwaukee Sewerage. He will work with another former USGA agronomist, Jim Connolly, Jackingolf's senior technical agronomist.

The amount of pesticide which can be rubbed off the turf is referred to by scientists as a dislodgeable residue. At the Ft. Lauderdale Research and Education Center, chlorpyrifos (Dursban 25) was applied at the label rate of 0.75 ounces per 1,000 square feet to a Tifgreen Bermuda grass green around 11 a.m. Immediately after the application, small four-inch squares of cotton cloth were pressed onto the treated turf with a pressure of 1.5 pounds per square inch. A second sample was taken in the same manner following a light mist, working on projects worldwide. The plan "removes the disincentives that currently prevent most landowners from carrying out actions that could benefit the woodpecker," Bean said. "Pinehurst is excited to be the first private landowner to sign on to this ... plan," Kocher said. "We knew the golfers like our courses but we were happy to learn that woodpeckers find them a good substitute for their disappearing natural habitat." Pinehurst will work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enhance the woodpeckers' habitat. Officially known as the North Carolina Sandhills Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), it differs from other habitat conservation plans because it is designed to encourage positive habitat improvements, in advance of any specific project that could adversely affect an endangered species.
UMinnesota student wins Musser award

By TERRY BUCHEN

The Musser Foundation has announced the 1995 Award for Excellence to Paul G. Johnson, who was awarded $6,000 towards pursuit of a Ph.D in horticulture from the University of Minnesota.

According to Frank Dobie, superintendent at Sharon (Ohio) Golf Club and president of the foundation, "Professor Burton Musser was a turfgrass pioneer for four decades at Penn State University. The foundation that bears his name is dedicated to promoting that same kind of pioneering individual. Supporting this new generation of turfgrass scientists is the wisest move that we can make."

"This kind of award indeed reminds me of the kind of support the turfgrass industry has for students like myself," said the 30-year-old Johnson. "No other industry group shows this kind of support in my mind. I also look forward to showing my appreciation by serving this great bunch of people in any way that I can."

"Mr. Dobie said it best when he described the turfgrass group as a 'family.' Currently, I am applying for positions at several universities and finishing up my Ph.D work, as well as some additional projects here at the University of Minnesota. My career goals begin, in the near term, by obtaining a post-doctoral position or assistant professorship, and continue to research turfgrass breeding and genetics topics," Johnson continued. "Once in a faculty position, and part of a turfgrass management team, I look forward to continuing in research. Teaching would also be a key to my career. The interaction with students keeps me on my toes and down to earth, so to speak. Later on in my career I still wish to maintain at least some of the turfgrass breeding and teaching responsibilities, but would also consider administrative roles in an academic department, university or professional society."

Johnson's doctoral thesis was on "Genetics & Physiology of Flowering on Selected Poa Annua." Under the tutelage of Dr. Donald White, Johnson's grade point average (GPA) was 3.70 cumulative for his master's and doctoral degrees.

Each year the Musser Foundation looks for the brightest, most promising turfgrass doctoral students throughout the world to award moral and financial support.