ARGYLE CC NAMES BARRETT
SILVER SPRINGS, Md.—Mike Barrett has been appointed superinten- dent at Argyle Country Club here.
He has been a member of the Argyle staff since February 1996 when he as- sumed the position of assistant superin- tendent. A graduate of the Univer- sity of Maryland, Institute of Applied Agriculture, Barrett has a bachelor of science degree in business administra- tion from the University of Balti- more. He has extensive experience in turf management and was employed at Greenspring Valley Hunt Club and Cat- tail Creek Country Club prior to join- ing the Argyle staff.

GCSAA UNVEILS COLLEGE GUIDE
LAWRENCE, Kan.—The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has released a publication providing a concise profile of turfgrass man- age-ment programs offered by two- and four-year colleges and universities. The GCSAA College Guide to the Golf Course Management Profession is de- signed to help students select the pro- gram that best fits their needs. Copies may be ordered through the GCSAA Bookstore at 800-974-2722.

FLORIDA CITES CAMPBELL
TAMPA, Fla.—The Florida Turfgrass Association (FTGA) has hon- ored Charlie Campbell with its cov- eted Wreath of Grass Award for out- standing contributions to the turfgrass industry. Campbell has more than 40 years experience in the turfgrass in- dustry. He is currently a manufacturer’s representative at Dow Elanco. He has been an active member of the FTGA since 1987, serving on the FTGA board for six years and several com- mittees including the Show and Mem- bership committees in 1996-1997.

KILLINGTON JOINS AUDUBON
KILLINGTON, Vt—Killington Golf Course has joined the Audubon Coop- erative Sanctuary System (ACSS), a national program designed to help landowners preserve and enhance the environmental quality of their property. "It’s a great program to make people aware the environment on the golf course," said superintendent Chris Voutas. "We’re putting out bluebird and bat boxes and encouraging wild- flower growth. We’ll also cut down on water and pesticide usage.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

BRIEFS

Dicamba, 2,4-D study finds little soil, water impact

BELLE GLADE, Fla.—A two-year study of a U.S. Golf Association-specified golf green by University of Florida Profs. George Snyder and John Cisar has found that concentrations of the herbicides 2,4- D and dicamba were low in the thatch and soil and far below federal maximum con- taminant levels (MCLs) in percolate wa- ter.

"Dicamba and 2,4-D, particularly dicamba, are pretty mobile in sand soils, and most people don’t want any in their drinking water," said Snyder, adding, "As far as I know, they are not of any health concern at the con- centrations we ob- served."

Both of the phenoxacyclic herbicides are widely used to control weeds in turfgrasses and general agriculture. They have been found fre- quently in surveys of pesticides and sur- face waters — and less commonly in ground water — and have therefore raised public concern. Although they have been studied frequently in agricultural settings, little research has been done on their persistence and mobility when applied to turfgrasses, especially high-sand-content USGA greens.

Snyder and Cisar, who presented their findings to the recent International Turfgrass Society meeting in Australia, reported that the average concentration...