This is essentially what I have found to be my four years at Woodmont. As I leave, for the last time (I have said that before) I take a lot of good memories with me, as well as the knowledge that all the work has helped put me through college. And if nothing else comes of my hours of hard labor I am secure in the knowledge that I can finally back a car into a parking space.

THE NEW MARYLAND TURFGRASS COUNCIL

Angelo Cammarota has provided us with this up to date progress report of the newly formed Maryland Turfgrass Council. April 20th was the first initial meeting. Many interested members of the turfgrass industry were invited to attend a meeting to consider the formation of a Maryland Turfgrass Council. A steering committee was appointed to draft a set of by-laws and establish an organizing board of directors. The members were: Lou Block, Paul J. Barefoot, Clifford Case, Angelo Cammarota, Dr. Jack R. Hall, J. S. Newsom, Parker Shirling, W. F. Kirwin, Richard Moffett, and R. A. Traband.

May 4th marked the first official meeting of the Maryland Turfgrass Council. The group reviewed various sets of by-laws, selected the name of Maryland Turfgrass Council, discussed the purpose and objectives of the Council, and drafted a set of by-laws. The Council was formed for the promotion of quality turfgrass in the state and recognition of the professional people in turf production and management.

June 1st, the second meeting of the Council, officers and directors were appointed and a complete set of by-laws approved by the Council.

OFFICERS:

President 
Angelo Cammarota
Mid-Atlantic GCSA

Vice Pres. 
W. F. Kirwin
Landscape Architect

Secretary 
Dr. J. R. Hall
Turf Specialist, Univ. of Md.

Treasurer 
J. S. Newsom
Bolgiano Turf Supplies

DIRECTORS:

Parker Shirling
Princeton Turf Farm
Sod Producer

Clifford Case
Cornell Chemical Co.
Ag. Chemical Sales

Richard Moffett
Maintenance Supervisor
State Highway Dept.

Paul J. Barefoot
U. S. Soldiers Home
Prof. Grounds Mgr.

R. A. Traband
Extention Agent
Hartford County, Md.

Lou Block
Home Builders Assn.
Maryland

July 6th was the date of the third meeting. Membership classes were established and annual dues determined.

Classes of Membership:  
Individuals $ 5.00
Organizations 25.00
Industrial 25.00
Complimentary no fee
Honorary no fee

The standing committees of the Council were determined at this meeting and the directors appointed by the President during the following August 17 meeting.

COMMITTEES

Programs & Educational Committee 
R. A. Traband

Technical Advisory Committee 
Dr. J. R. Hall

Nominating Committee 
Board of Directors

Membership Committee 
Richard Moffett

Legislative Committee 
Clifford Case

Publicity Committee 
W. F. Kirwin

Finance Committee 
J. S. Newsom

Also discussed at the August meeting was the solicitation of members and a publication of a pamphlet to describe the purpose and objectives of the Turfgrass Council. Their greatest need is financial support from contributions and dues from membership income. Everyone interested in the state of Maryland is urged to become a member of the Council. Big participation brings big success — join early and help get the organization rolling.

Membership Forms Maybe Obtained From:

Maryland Turfgrass Council 
c/o Dr. Jack Hall
P. O. Box 214
College Park, Maryland 20740

HOW TO BUTCHER A TREE

Before you begin to butcher a tree you need the following equipment: A pair of tree climbing spikes. The spikes on these are about 3" long and really help you climb. If you have not used them much, you can really impress your customers how dangerous tree butchering is with blood coming down your legs from gaffing yourself with the spikes. Spikes are also ideal for scarring a tree. This shows your customer how high you had to climb up into the tree.

Next, you need a machete so you can cut off the suckers. These are the little branches that grow off the main branches of the tree. The machete works well in cutting these off and also does a good job of scarring the tree so the customer can see how many suckers you have cut off. It also works well in cutting up your leg while you are climbing; again to show the customer how dangerous the job is.

The next thing you need is a combination pruner and pole saw at least 25' long. This makes it easy to use. The pruner on one side works well in pruning while the saw on the other side is scarring the tree at the same time and vice versa when you are using the saw. If the combination pruner and pole saw is 25' long or longer you may break a few second-story windows and if you're lucky, the owners may pay you to repair them.

Now a word about the real art of butchering. Always make a cut from the top only. This will cause the branch to rip off bark on the bottom of the branch and down the tree as it falls. You can paint this wound with a water base paint. The tree will look good, but it will not prevent disease or stop insects in any way. If you are lucky the tree will die and you'll get a removal job.