Maryland Student Chapter of the GCSAA
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Golf Course Management classes resumed January 27, 1998 at the University of Maryland. Events have already been unfolding with President Andrea C. Bakalyar and Vice-President William Stowers attending the GCSAA Conference in Anaheim, California. The trip was funded by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the Maryland Student Chapter GCSAA. Bill and I arrived in Anaheim on Wednesday, February 4, 1998, staying until Sunday, February 8th. We spent the first day at Disneyland where we spotted several MAAGCS members enjoying a day of fun before the educational seminars began. On Thursday we attended educational seminars on Bentgrass. Thursday evening we attended the reception in honor of GCSAA President, George Renault. The reception was a great opportunity to meet more MAAGCS members. The trade show was amazing! On Saturday, the 7th of February Bill and I competed in the 4th Annual Student Turf Bowl. The competition was followed by a seminar hosted by Tommy Witt, CGCS. His topic covered “Building a Bridge to the Future.” The talk was an informative outlook on getting a job, what to expect from yourself as an assistant superintendent, and how to be successful. At the February MAAGCS Board of Directors meeting, I submitted a proposal for the association to sponsor future GCSAA Conference attendance for MSCGCSAA officers. Under the terms of the proposal, the MAAGCS support will only be given if the student chapter follows guidelines that will build and maintain the chapter.

In student news, congratulations go out to Mike Perry for taking the second Assistant position at the Suburban Club of Baltimore County. GOOD LUCK! Art Grace has accepted an internship at Cattail Creek Country Club. John Beau-regard and Kevin Teal will be spending the summer at the highly exclusive Nantucket Golf Course in Nantucket, MA. If you are looking for a summer intern, please call Golf Course Management Advisor, Kevin Mathias at the Institute of Applied Agriculture. Thanks again to those who supported the cap and shirt fundraiser. There are still a few items left, look for them at the MAAGCS meetings. We will have new items for sale soon.