

**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MICHIGAN TURFGRASS
CONFERENCE GENERAL SESSION
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At the time that I arrived here, we had six students in the program and three incoming for fall '93. I devoted my summer to recruitment activities that included an "Open Field Day" at the Pontiac Silverdome in June. The current student numbers are segmented as follows:

- 1) 8 first year students; full-time, on-campus
- 2) 3 first year students; part-time, on-campus
- 3) 6 first year students; part-time, off-campus
- 4) 4 second year students; full-time, on-campus

One young lady completed her graduation requirement in December.

The purpose of the remainder of this short presentation will be to interest some of you in the long-term, off-campus program that is ongoing in the southeast part of the state. Ten students participated in CSS 081 *Introductory Turfgrass Management*, which was taught by Dr. John Rogers at Novi last spring. This past fall, seven students took CSS 043 *Basic Soils* under Dr. Jim Crum at Birmingham Groves High School. This spring I'll be at the same venue teaching CSS 081 *Pesticide and Fertilizer Application Technology*. We still have openings, and I urge anyone interested to contact me as soon as possible. This fall, Susan Gruber will be making the trek to offer HRT 059 Introduction to Plant Science. These four courses are taken by two-year Turfgrass Management students during their first semester on campus. My plan is to continue offering these on a rotational basis somewhere in the Detroit Metro area.

It is possible for you to receive credit at other institutions for courses that would correspond to the following Ag Tech classes:

Technical Mathematics
Introduction to Microcomputers
Engine and Equipment Maintenance
Agricultural Chemistry
Agricultural Communications
Landscape Maintenance
Leadership
Turfgrass Operations Budgeting
Electives

We must offer certain key courses off-campus in order for you to successfully complete our program under this format. These are:

Turfgrass Soil Management
Management of Soil Pests
an advanced turfgrass management

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Your MSU Turf Team and particularly Dr. Jim Crum are working toward offering one of the above soon. Hopefully, this will be in an interactive television format that can be simultaneously offered in other regions as well. For more information call me at (517)355-0207.