Turfgrass Extension Cont'd		LOCATION
2.	FOLIAR (Tissue) TESTING fee based on elements tested	AGRI-FOOD LABS
3.	WATER TESTING fee based on elements tested	AGRI-FOOD LABS
4.	PESTICIDE RESIDUE TESTING eg. atrazine residues	PROVINCIAL PESTICIDE LABORATORY Agricultural Lab Services OMAF Building 43, McGilvray St. c/o University of Guelph Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1 (519) 824-4120 ext. 4825
5.	PEST DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC fee disease diagnosis weed / insect / grass I.D.	UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH Ontario Agricultural College Dept. of Environmental Biology Pest Diagnostic & Advisory Clinic Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1 (519) 824-4120 ext. 2700
6.	SAND ANALYSIS (particle size) fee	UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH Dept. of Land Resource Science Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1 (519) 824-4120 ext. 2494

Problems encountered by turf managers in 1987 were mainly caused by unusual weather conditions throughout the entire season.

Winter injury including ice damage and variable snow mold control occurred on many courses. Renovation in the spring was complicated by poor overseeding conditions and a shortage of bentgrass seed.

Weed control was a big concern for the lawn care industry. Poor spraying conditions and drought in the spring, resulted in reduced broadleaf weed control. Crabgrass control was a tremendous problem mainly due to timing of application and warm weather conditions that reduced the residual of the control products.

Sod growers experienced poor germinations conditions in mid-summer resulting in uneven seedings and above average annual weed problems.

Insect problems were significant this year with grub type insects and chinch bug topping the list. Detection and control was difficult due to drought conditions and insect life cycles being approximately 2 weeks ahead of a normal year's development, making timing complicated.

## NOTICE

DR. J. BEARD

WILL MAKE A SPECIAL

15-MINUTE PRESENTATION ON

GEOTEXTILE SYSTEMS

AT THE 1st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WED., MARCH 9, 1988

FROM 1:15 - 1:30 P.M.

President Mike Bladon will be discussing the organization of the new Sports Turf Association:

- to the University of Saskatchewan the first week of February
- the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture Alumni Association at their 41st Annual Conference
- at the Ontario Parks
  Association 3-day Conference at Humber College in March 1988.

## Argonaut's Smith injures his elbow

VANCOUVER (CP) – Toronto Argonauts wide receiver Jeff Smith suffered a nasty gash to his elbow after hitting the artificial turf during football practice Thursday at B.C. Place Stadium.

Smith sustained the injury making an acrobatic catch that drew applause from his teammates. The six-foot-four, 180-pound flanker spiked the ball in mock celebration but then left the field a minute later holding his elbow in pain as a team doctor examined the crescentshaped gash.

"He made a diving catch out there. Somehow he hit his elbow and had a real bad gash," Argonaut head coach Bob O'Billovich said after practice. "I'II just have to wait and play it by ear until we see what it's like tomorrow (Friday)."

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DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE 1st ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS 4:30 - 5:00 P.M.

## A Final Note:

We sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this issue of the Sports Turf Association Newsletter. We invite comments and suggestions for future articles from all of our members.

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