I AM LAND
Lynn Pinkerton

I am land
I am trustworthy, when the friends and
fortunes of men have wronged
you, I will remain loyal.
I am the producer of food, the
foundation of factories and banks.
I provide a birthplace for your
offspring, a home for your family,
and a shroud for your dead.
I have absorbed the sweat and secrets
of your forefathers as they toiled
over me.
I have witnessed the discovery of fire,
The birth of Christ, and man's
flight to the moon.
I give you comfort when the world
has wronged you, strength when
your path becomes rough, and the
solitude needed for self-evaluation.
I am a living, breathing entity, repro-
ducing year after year, growing in
strength generation after
generation.
I am all on earth you can believe in,
while all things wither and decay
— I survive.
I am land.

GCSAA NEWS The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the
United States Golf Association have joined together in a joint effort to raise
funds to support turfgrass research.

GCSAA supports the unprecedented research project initiated by USGA to
develop and produce quality golf turfgrass that will thrive with minimum water
and maintenance. GCSAA President James W. Timmerman, in a message to superin-
tendents, said "Accelerated research leading to the development of grasses
that are drought tolerant, less costly and easier to maintain are crucial to
golf's survival."

The first phase of this research is being implemented in 1984 through a
$332,000 commitment by the USGA. Over the next ten years, $5 million will be
needed to accomplish this much needed research.

GCSAA and USGA are jointly urging their members and all others inter-
ested in the future of golf to contribute to this research to insure that
green golf courses and the game of golf will always be a part of our lives.

"It is really important to us in working with GCSAA -- it is truly a new
era. The joint project is important, not only to us, but the cementing force
is what it will bring to the future of golf," so said William H. Bengeyfield,
National Director, USGA Green Section.

The members of the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J., felt so
strongly about this research and fund raising effort that each member will
donate $2.00 annually to the USGA Turfgrass Research Program. A jointly-
signed letter by GCSAA President James W. Timmerman and USGA President James
R. Hand has been sent to all golf clubs via the golf course superintendent.