

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

Mr. Ray Gerber
Editor, The Bull Sheet
865 Hillside Ave.
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Ray:

Enclosed are some photographs of presentations made at the 16th Annual Illinois Turfgrass Conference. I believe that these reflect the growing support for turfgrass research at the University of Illinois. More importantly, they show the commitment of Golf Course Superintendents, Sod Growers and others in the turfgrass industry to stimulate the search for expanded knowledge in turfgrass science and technology. It also establishes a working partnership between University scientists and turfgrass managers which is critical for achieving our ultimate goal - better turf through research. With this support, we at the University can be more effective in serving the informational needs of turfgrass personnel working in all phases of the industry.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the MGCSA and others who have supported our work for their confidence in us and their generosity.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Turgeon
Assistant Professor
and Extension
Turfgrass Specialist



Mr. Mike Bavier (right), former President of Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association presenting a check for \$1,000 to Dr. Al Turgeon (left) to support turfgrass research at the University of Illinois.



Mr. Pete Vandercook (right), former President of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, presenting a check for \$3,000 plus reel blade and bedknife grinder assemblies to Dr. Al Turgeon (left) for support of turfgrass research at the University of Illinois.



Mr. Chuck Dougherty (center), representing the O. J. Noer Foundation presenting a check for \$2,000 to Dr. Al Turgeon (left) and Mr. Kirk Hurto, Graduate Research Assistant, to support a research project at the University of Illinois entitled "The impact of thatch on herbicide persistence, mobility and efficacy".



Mr. Ben Warren (left), President of Warren's Turf Nursery, presenting a check to Dr. Dick Ford, (right) Head of the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Illinois, to support research on Fusarium blight by Ms. Kathy Hermann (center), Graduate Research Assistant.

For excellence in their respected profession and special service to the Game of Golf, the Western Golf Association is truly proud to officially commend the following golf course superintendents:

Mr. Edward Fischer, Butler National Golf Club, Oak Brook, Illinois, host to the 1975 Western Open Championship.

Mr. Ken Novotny, Stillwater Golf & Country Club, Stillwater, Oklahoma, host to the 1975 Western Junior Championship.

Mr. Dennis Truhn, Point O'Woods Golf & Country Club, Benton Harbor, Michigan, host to the 1975 Western Amateur Championship.

Their outstanding skill and dedication resulted in three golf courses superbly conditioned for championship play, and this is recognized by WGA as a key factor in the success of our three, national Championships during calendar 1975. Their cooperation in this phase of their work was in keeping with the highest traditions and best interests of the Game of Golf.

Sincerely,
Thomas A. Reynolds, Jr.
President