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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To have the privilege and honor to congratulate a fellow professional for achieving outstanding rewards I now take with great pleasure.

Robert M. Williams was presented the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America 1977 Distinguished Service Award at our recent National Conference and Show in Portland, Oregon. I attended the Opening Ceremonies when Bob received this award and believe me I have seldom been more impressed nor have there been occasions in my lifetime that I have felt as much pride and honor for a truly professional friend. The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents officially submitted Bob's name for this very high award and it was felt that no one in the history of our profession could be more worthy. His leadership, career accomplishments and professionalism have always stood out as the finest.

To keep the honor parade rolling along with all its brass and shining color, Mike Bavier followed up two days later by winning a directorship on the National Board. He showed the entire nation just what kind of mettle Mike is really made of. We in the Midwest have always been aware of this -- some others were just a little slow in recognizing it. I know he will be a great credit to our Association and do a super job as a G.C.S.A.A. Director.

Good luck Mike, and I still think you looked beautiful in your **custom fitted** tuxedo sitting up at the head table!!!

HOW'S YOUR TURF IQ?

1. What are some of the problems that result from an excessive accumulation of thatch? _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
2. Can you come up with some good points in the favor of thatch? _____, _____, _____.
3. Name three things that would increase thatch accumulation rate. _____, _____, _____.
Either cultural or environmental factor may be used.
4. The microorganisms that are responsible for the thatch decomposition will be most active at pH's near _____.
5. The accumulation of thatch is usually more rapid on coarse textured and well aerated soils. True or False? Answers to the above questions will be found on another page.