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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The M.A.G.C.S. will be in the sophomore class this year at the Annual Flower Show that will thrill and awe countless thousands of "Green Thumbs". March 26th thru April 3rd will be the length of the semester and McCormick Place will be the campus. Our allotted booth area will be but a minute speck laid out on a floor plan within one of the world's most phenomenal architectural creations of concrete and steel. The role we play is only a bit part within a cast of many hundreds. It's our own part, our opportunity to use our professional knowledge of turf, to expose our Association to Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen.

Last year as a freshman in this fabulous show I found the few days allotted for setup to be equally as inspiring as the show itself. Six-wheelers hauling in hundreds of yards of dirt, low-boys pulling into the building with dozens of huge balled trees. Semi trailer loads of sod, pallets piled high with brick and flagstone. Seeing all of this unfold and develop into what the public sees as a finished product is quite an experience. The night before the Grand Opening, everything is in order and there is an inspection by the powers to be.

The next morning the doors are opened and here they come, the "Green Thumbs". The questions that some of these people come up with in regards to their lawns vary so greatly one has a tendency to shudder at times, but throughout it all these are their problems. They are totally concerned and sincere and when you can give them a way to hopefully solve these problems our whole involvement becomes very much worthwhile. Try it sometime - "You'll Like It".

#### DAVE MEYER, SUPT. SAYS

Indian Lakes C.C. has won a Merit Award in the 1976 Environmental Improvement Awards Program. It is sponsored by Associated Landscape Contractors of America. The contractor involved was the D.R. Church Landscape Co. of Addison, III. and the Indian Lakes Grounds Crew.

Indian Lakes is building 3 tennis courts, a swimming pool and 2 new putting greens this spring.

Nordic Hills C.C. is going to construct a 1½ acre lake this spring as part of a 2-year project. The second phase is installation of an automatic irrigation system.