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Q. - With GCSAA, USGA and Noer Foundation supplying funds for scholarships and research, what is the purpose of the Musser Foundation?

A. - The Musser Foundation operates in turf research solely on the graduate level through Fellowships. In this way we develop essential data and information and we train a potential scientist and leader at the same time. We admire the scholarship and research efforts of others which are extremely useful in the overall scheme of things. Our goal is to develop leaders who will replace present-day researchers and educators as they move on or retire. It is these high-trained people who make the research grants work. So, working on different levels, each funding group fulfills its role in building the integrated structure that leads to Better Turf.

Q. - Was the Musser Foundation involved in the ATAENIUS project?

A. - Yes, to the limit of our financial ability. Our money joined that of GCSAA and Ohio golf clubs to help finance the Ph.D. Thesis problem of Gerald Wegner, Ohio State, under the supervision of Dr. Harry Niemczyk. The results were published in Golf Course Management, April 1979, and turf managers have been saved millions of dollars.

Q. - Now that ATAENIUS is finished, what is the Musser Foundation doing?

A. We continue to solicit funds to build our Fellowship (Investment) Fund. Only the income is used to support Fellowship Grants. Only recently have we committed ourselves to support three Ph.D. candidates and their projects. They are:

1. M.S. Welterlen, Penn State. Thesis subject: TURFGRASS MICRO-CLIMATE. Dr. T.L. Watschke, proj. leader.

2. Mark Westhafer, Texas A&M. Thesis subject: Physiology of WATER STRESS and DROUGHT RESISTANCE. Dr. J.B. Beard, proj. leader.

3. Randall T. Kane, Cornell University, NY. Thesis subject: ETIOLOGY (cause) and CONTROL OF FUSARIUM BLIGHT OF KY. BLUEGRASS, Dr. Richard W. Smiley, proj. leader.

Q. - Does the Musser Foundation have a publication in which research results will be recorded?

A. - No, we prefer to concentrate our available funds on the graduate students and their projects. Others have excellent publications in which the data more appropriately can be published.

Q. - How can one learn more about the Musser Foundation?

A. - Write: MITF, Box AA, College Park, MD 20740.

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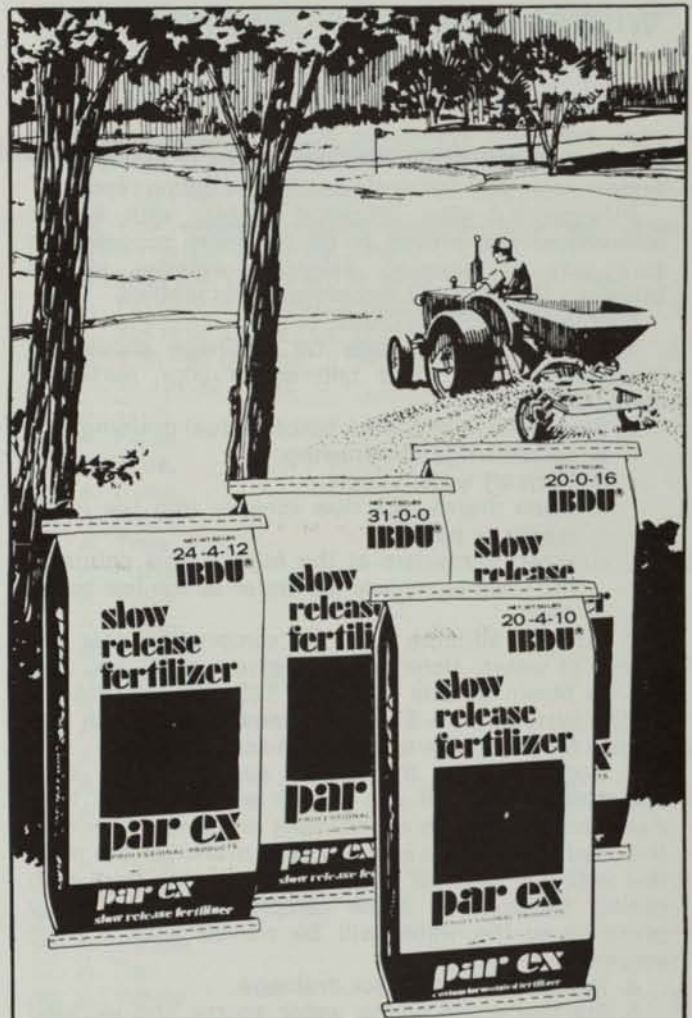
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