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PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS, Mike Bavier on being elected Vice President of the G.C.S.A.A., a great choice for a demanding job. I am proud of our members, who worked so very hard to get Mike elected. Paul Voykin, Len Berg, and Carl Hoppman, our delegates, did an outstanding job; but all our members helped by talking to their friends, class mates, and acquaintances. We all can be proud of the job that was done. A big "Thank You" is needed for the contribution of time and resources of members, who made the Midwest Hospitality Room in St. Louis one of the best.

A new Turf Program is being started at the University of Illinois with a complete new staff being hired. I think we felt betrayed when Dr. Turgeon and Dr. Street both announced their departure from the U. of I. The Turf Program at Illinois suffered for many years because of the lack of interest from the school itself and the industry on a whole. Al Turgeon arrived, and with his enthusiasm the Turf Program expanded. I felt that in a short time the Turf Program at Illinois would rival any in the country. Last November the bottom fell out with the announcement that Al Turgeon would be going to Texas A & M, and John Street was returning to Ohio State.

Many phone calls were made to Dr. George, the department head, expressing our concern for the Turf Program. We did not want to retreat, but to continue going forward. Today, February 29th, I talked with Dr. George and the news was good.

Dr. Dave Wehner from the University of Maryland has been hired to replace Dr. Al Turgeon, and will assume command some time in May. Dr. Wehner is from northern Indiana, and was a crew member for Ed Wollenberg at Gary C.C. He earned his B.S. in Chemistry from Notre Dame University, and his Masters and PhD. in Pathology from Penn State University. I feel our message was received and that the Turf Program will proceed with more support from the University administration. Now it's our turn. We as Superintendents must give support to Dr. Wehner. I don't mean just our monetary support. Let's make Dr. Wehner welcome, let's participate and put the Illinois Turf Program where it belongs, on top of the list!!

Ed. Fischer