

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ray,

Since some readers are using the **Bull Sheet** to vent their emotions, I have some personal thoughts to mull over.

President's Messages:

Wasn't it a treat this past year to find a man with some ideas, and the courage to print them? Too often these messages start "I want to thank the membership for their confidence..." and close "Thanking my executive committee for a job well done" blah, blah, blah. Each month I waited to read what Bob Breen had in his craw. Bob did a superb job with his messages. The last President with his gumption was modest Eddie Wollenberg. (I think both these fellows had ghost writers). Isn't it a shame to see national president Charlie Tadge's memos relegated to the pages behind the "Want Ads" in *Golf Course Management*?

The Fall Dinner Dance:

Does this party need more promotion? Without the faithful attendance of our commercial members the ballroom would be empty. Certainly we can double-date with another superintendent and his wife one Saturday night a year. This year's dance was small but lively, thanks to the exhibition by Penny and Mike Bavier. Marlene and I enjoyed our evening at Carriage Greens, thank you Phil Bersin.

What's Up at Illinois?

What is the problem with the turf program at Champaign? Another change, two more college "drop-outs". Now Al Turgeon and John Street, follow Mike Britton and Jack Butler to greener pastures. Is that it, the green stuff? or faculty interference? or turf projects being snubbed at the big corn-soybean school? Surely the founders of the Illinois Turf Foundation didn't intend a **new** program every five years. Examine the tenure of Bill Daniel, Joe Duich and Ralph Engle at their institutions, they must be doing something right. How would you enjoy working toward your master's or doctorate degree, only to find that your faculty advisor had just packed up for greener pastures? Should we seek another **new** man with another **new** program at Champaign, or say "the hell with it" and return our support to West Lafayette, Indiana?

To Dick Morey (Turf Grass Times):

I would like to have a dollar for every mile of Silver Lake that I **walked** this past season. Not all green-keepers are "prima donnas" operating their golf courses from the grill room. While you sit on your "duf" pecking at your typewriter, you, sir, have managed to get my Irish up.

Thanks, Ray, for the opportunity to blow off some steam.

Your friend,
Dudley Smith
Silver Lake Golf Club

Illinois Lawn Equipment Inc. in Orland Park has built a new office and warehouse two miles from the old business location. This larger building will give them the necessary required space in order to serve you better. New Location — 16450 S. 104th Ave., Orland Park, IL.

On December 7, 1979 Turf Products, Ltd. in West Chicago held their annual Christmas party. This is always a good party, where husbands and their wives join together for an evening of fun after a long summer of hard work.

The following pictures were taken at the M.A.G.C.S. clinic:



Dr. Jack Butler, Colorado St. University



Tom Burrows, Turtle Creek C.C.



Dick Delano, Kishwaukee College



Marv Gruening, Carl Grassl