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## President's Message

August 3 - .65 inches of rain; August 5 - 1.6"; August 10 - 3.55"; August 17 - 1.15"; August 22 - 1.6". The list goes on for a total of 11.85 inches of rain for the month of August, a new record for one month. I'm sure I don't have to remind anyone of this year's awful weather, but these numbers were from August 1979. Previous records were from September 1970 - 11.65" and from August 1972 - 11.10". I also don't think the Marriott Lincolnshire or Chevy Chase will soon forget the floods they had in September 1986. Of course this year's August rain totals were in the neighborhood of 20". After a foot or so though does anyone really count.

Are we to consider all these rains 100 year rains? They certainly were all publicized as such. If so and assuming the current statistics are accurate then we are most assuredly due for a very long dry spell.

At this point I'm sure everyone reading this is saying "OK, so what's your point?" I'm not sure I had a point when I began, I was just going to rely on my rights of literary license. If there is a point to be made it's that we as Golf Course Superintendents are constantly challenged by mother nature whether its floods, drought, ice, snow, lightning or some other phenomenon.

At the onset of each "crisis" most Superintendents probably react similarly. Their first inclination is to complain and moan about how unfair mother nature is and after this brief period they begin to start to figure out how best to put the pieces back together. I would like to remind everyone that one of the benefits of being a member in an association such as MAGCS is being able to attend a monthly meeting or call a fellow member and share your misery and solutions.

On a lighter note, I hope all our members were able to enjoy the festive Holiday season without over indulging too much. I also would like to thank Al Fierst and the education committee for the fine job they did in putting together this year's Midwest Clinic at the NCTE and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our National Conference in Houston.

**Mike Nass, CGCS**