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President's Message

The holiday season is one of my favorite times of the year. Spending time with friends and family is important and it seems we don't have enough time to do that during the growing season. In the off season some of us even find that occasionally 8 hour workdays **do** exist. I urge all of our members to relax over the holidays so that we may all face the New Year with a happy and healthy attitude. January and February will come and go very quickly and by March all of our planning will move into the implementation stages. I certainly hope that you all will make your New Years' resolutions soon. What will it be? Is 1991 the year to improve your organizational skills? Is regulatory compliance a priority in the upcoming year? Is employee safety and training an area you can focus on? Whatever resolution you make I am sure it will have a positive impact on your operation and ultimately make your job easier.

The MAGCS membership has honored me by nominating me for the position of Director on the Board of GCSAA. I pledge to you my continued dedication for the advancement of the golf course superintendent. It is important that we continue promoting the importance of the golf course superintendent and the role he plays in the great game of golf. GCSAA is a fine association, I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

In an effort to gain election to the Board of GCSAA there is a lot of work that must be done and most of it is behind the scenes. My thanks to Mike Bavier, Paul Voykin, Fred Opperman, Len Berg, Roger Stewart, Al Fierst, and Bob Maibusch. Collectively, these men have helped in the organization and direction of my campaign. Brochures have been developed, contacts have been made, and numerous mailings and phone calls have gone out. MAGCS voting strength is at its peak thanks to efforts of Len Berg and Tim Kelly. My most sincere thanks to all of you who have helped in the campaign. It is not too late for anyone to spread the word amongst former classmates and friends around the country. A few personal notes can make the difference in a close race.

The NCTE was held in early December in Springfield, Illinois. The quality of speakers and topics was excellent. The trade show & conference facilities were superb. Don Cross and Joel Purpur worked hard to provide a great educational program for the MAGCS portion of the NCTE. The Chicagoland Golf Course Mechanics Association had a full day workshop which drew a number of mechanics and superintendents alike. The only drawback to the NCTE was a weak attendance from the heavily populated Chicago metro golf courses. I can assure you that those who did not attend missed a super educational opportunity. Springfield was a pleasant drive as it only took 3½ hours from the north side. The Central Illinois GCSA were great hosts and were well represented. We only go downstate one year in every five. Let's show our support for the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation in the future. You won't regret it. Proceeds from the NCTE enable us to continue the high quality of research being conducted at the University of Illinois in a variety of disciplines affecting golf course turfgrass. Plan to be a part of the 1991 NCTE as it returns to Pheasant Run in St. Charles.

Have a Happy Near Year in 1991.

Bruce R. Williams CGCS
MAGCS President