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(Black Ataenius cont'd.)

overall populations. This effect can reverse during the early 1990's. Some growing seasons were warmer than others. 1987 was usually warm, therefore, the heat units accumulated caused the season to be 14 to 18 days ahead of normal. Ataenius eggs were laid in early May and then damage appeared in early June in the Chicago area.

In summary then, ataenius grubs can be a pest insect on some golf course fairways. It can be effectively monitored or scouted by one of the superintendents. If there is a sufficient number of grubs to cause damage, treatments can be applied for control. The days of treating the entire course with a preventative insecticide are over. We should be more professional than to use this outdated practice. And finally, I wish someone would have come up with a better common name for this grub pest!

Turfgrass Science Education at Purdue University

by Clark Throssell

The undergraduate education programs in Turfgrass Science at Purdue University are academically strong and growing. Currently 35 students are majoring in Turfgrass Science at Purdue. The vast majority of the students are interested in a career in the golf course industry. By combining technical information learned while earning a degree, with practical work experience gained through summer employment, the students who graduate from the Purdue University Turfgrass Science program are able to contribute to the success of golf courses and firms.

Following are brief profiles of the six students graduating in May 1991 with a degree in Turfgrass Science from Purdue. These profiles are intended to acquaint you with the quality of our students at Purdue. If you have an interest in talking with any of these students please contact me or that student. If you have an internship opportunity or an opening for a permanent position, or know of a potential turf student please contact me at the address below.

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David McComb

David McComb is a senior in Turf Science at Purdue University. He is currently finishing up his degree spring semester and will graduate early summer 1991. For the past five summers David has worked as a summer intern at golf courses in Fort Wayne; three summers at the Elks Country Club and currently at Sycamore Hills Golf Club. After the spring semester he will work full time as a Second Assistant for David Bolyard at Sycamore Hills. He also plans to work at Crooked Stick Golf Club during the week of the PGA Tournament to gain tournament experience.

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Andy Slack

Andy Slack is a senior at Purdue University majoring in Turfgrass Science. Andy comes from the small town of North Manchester, Indiana, where his family resides. Andy's turf related work experience includes a summer internship at Stonehenge Golf Club in Warsaw, Indiana, a summer internship with the golf course construction company of Laverly Contractors, Inc., of Northville, Michigan, where he was involved with all stages of installation of the irrigation system for a new 18-hole golf course, along with two years of employment in the Turf Department at Purdue. After graduation in May, Andy will be employed by Quality Golf Construction building and renovating golf courses.

Roger Hogan

Roger Hogan will graduate from Purdue University in May 1991 with a Bachelor's Degree in Turf Science. He is originally from Miamisburg, Ohio, but now lives in West Lafayette, Indiana with his wife and one year old son. He has worked two summers at the Baltimore Country Club where he gained valuable experience in fertilizer and pesticide applications, mowing greens, tees and fairways, and hand watering and syringing greens. Roger is seeking a position as second assistant or assistant golf course superintendent upon graduation. He may be contacted at 371/743-7354.

Rob Zimmerman

Rob Zimmerman is a senior in the Department of Agronomy at Purdue University. He will graduate in May 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Turf Science. Rob has been employed for the past six years at Shady Lawn Golf Club in Beecher, Illinois. He started as a grounds laborer, moved to labor foreman, took over as the irrigation technician, and currently is the assistant superintendent. While at Purdue, Rob was an active member of two honorary fraternities and worked in the turf research department. Rob is currently seeking an assistant superintendent position in the Chicagoland area and can be reached at 317/495-9715 or at 1243-3 Terry Courts, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

Scott Calvert

Scott Calvert will graduate in May with an Associate's Degree in Turf Science. He is also finishing his Bachelor's Degree in Education with an Economics concentration. Scott has eight seasons' experience working on golf courses for four superintendents. He is presently working as Assistant Superintendent at Frankfort Country Club, a modest semi-private club. In May Scott will be looking to further his career by seeking employment at an established golf course or in the golf course construction field. Scott can be reached at 317/659-1041.

Fred Wessel

Fred Wessel received an Associate Degree in Turf Science in May of 1991. During the 1991 season he will be an assistant for Steve Nichter at Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn, Indiana. He then hopes to find an assistant's job at a larger course in the Fort Wayne area before becoming a superintendent.



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