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Mike Bavier, Inverness G.C.

Bill Daniel was a real gentleman and a true professional. He will be missed by many of us that had the good fortune to know him.

If there was a conference I looked forward to attending each year, the Midwest Regional Conference at Purdue was the one on the top of the list. Bill always had the best speakers. His keynote speaker was inspirational, maybe not so much in turf but in life in general. His conference programs were very progressive and the banquet made the trip to Purdue a pleasure. The after dinner speaker was usually someone from the Lafayette, Indiana area. Bill did not need to go out of the area to secure a top notch speaker. To complete the evening the boys choir would come running through the side doors and on to the stage. Their melodies of song were a delight to listen to the rest of the evening.

These thoughts will be with me for years. My thoughts of him will be always cherished.

Don Cross, Skokie C.C. Class of '78

I first met Dr. Daniel in a class titled Ag. Lectures. It was required of all first year students in the School of Agriculture at Purdue and was simply an overview of each of the specialized options available in Agriculture. Each class was taught by a different instructor from each option. I was initially interested in Farm Management but keeping my career options open, I listened intently to all the presentations from Animal Science, Crop Science, and Entomology to Fruit Production, Genetics, and on through Veterinary Medicine. I believe there were about 30 different options.

Toward the end of the semester, Dr. Daniel made his presentation for Turf Management and thereafter my career goal was quickly established. While I watched and listened I became impressed by his ambition and knowledge, and his obvious passion for his "field", for Superintendents and other Turf Managers, and for his students. He affected a great influence on me that day and I soon learned and experienced the influence he made on the entire "Green Industry".

"Doc" was much more than the average professor whom lectures from the same notes class after class. No, he addressed the various known theory, then stimulated his students to think of other options, methods, and possibilities. He was always looking for more efficient and improved procedures to perform tasks.

He thoroughly enjoyed his students and continually challenged them. His door was always open and it wasn't uncommon to be asked to join in a phone conversation with a Superintendent or other Turf Manager seeking information about disease or weed control, fertilization, or other strategies. He took us on field trips to various sites including Muirfield Village C.C., O.M. Scott Co., Meridian Hills C.C., Elanco Chemical Co., and others, to broaden our education and see the theories in practice. Our senior year we were given the responsibility of editing and suggesting possible changes in his, and Ray Freeborg's book "Turf Managers Handbook". It was an excellent learning experience. "Doc"

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also had us perform a senior project. I remember doing my study, now 17 years ago, on regulating turf growth with various hormones. I used products such as IAA, GA, and IBA, and others like PP-333 and EL-500. Some of you may remember these designations and many of you are using these products today known as Cutless and TGR. I'd say "Doc" was a true visionary and realized the value of these products long before their "time".

Space does not permit me to continue to list the many contributions that "Doc" made to our profession but they were numerous. He was a great educator, researcher, advisor, and friend. He made a difference in my life twenty years ago, and has probably made a difference in yours. He will surely be missed.

Phil Taylor, Illinois Lawn Equipment, Inc.

Is it just human nature that causes us to think of all the things we wish we had said to someone after they are gone? If Dr. Bill Daniels were standing here in front of me right now, I would thank him for being the mentor I needed during my college days at Purdue. The man didn't necessarily know a lot about the golf business, but he sure knew about grass! As I sit here and reflect, I can visualize the man's face with his silvery, curly hair, his gentle smile, and his soft-spoken but confident demeanor. He taught us the basics of turfgrass management that would become the foundation that our careers would be built on. I can remember the pride that I felt coming out of Purdue University having been associated with Dr. Daniels and the turfgrass program that he had built. Although it has been nearly 17 years since my graduation, I am confident of the fact that many doors in this turfgrass business have been opened to me because of Bill Daniels; and for that, I and my family will be forever grateful.

To a man who was always a gentleman, with fondest memories.

Dudley Smith, Silver Lake C.C.

Dr. Bill Daniel, professor emeritus of Agronomy, Purdue University, passed away while we were at the Conference in San Francisco. My initial meeting with Dr. Bill was for a cocktail at the Nittany Lion Inn in 1955 when I inquired about graduate study at Purdue. In 1973 he installed me as president of the Midwest Turf Foundation, an honor usually reserved for boilermakers. Later he brought a bus tour of worldwide agronomists to Silver Lake for a pit stop, they stayed four hours and were late for their dinner engagement. Our most recent meeting was lunch in January at the Indianapolis Conference. Dr. Bill always read every page of the **Bull Sheet** and often phoned me to compliment an article he liked. In January he lauded the pen of Tony Rzedzki. A humble Christian man, Dr. Daniel said hello by calling you "friend". He always said thank you for "Sharing with us".

Bill Daniel was a leader to his students; but an inspiration to all of us.

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April 24 — MAGCS meeting at Mt. Prospect G.C.

May 5 — MAGCS Past Presidents Golf Outing at Geneva G.C.

May 8 — Joint Association meeting at Eagle Ridge Resort

June 19 — MAGCS meeting at River Forest G.C.

July 11 — Steeplechase G.C.

July 24 — John Deere Golf Tournament at Orchard Valley G.C.

August 5 — MAGCS Family Picnic and ball game, Kane County Cougars.

August 21 — MAGCS meeting at Hughes Creek G.C.

September 25 — MAGCS meeting at Prairie Landing G.C.

October 12 — MAGCS meeting at Sportsman G.C.

November 9 — MAGCS Clinic & Annual meeting at Medinah C.C.

November 27-29 — NCTE at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL

Happy Birthday Walter

On Friday, March 3rd, retired superintendent Walter H. Fuchs celebrated his 80th birthday in Naples, Florida. Walter and Willie had moved to Florida, after his tenure as superintendent at Evanston Golf Club to relax. It was all but that, as a flux of Chicagoans rang his door bell. Party goers included Roger Boyd, Pete Mirkes, Ted Mochel, Andy Dauksas, Carl Hopphan, Don Spier, Dudley Smith, Bruce and Barbara Sering, Cecil and Myrtle Kerr, Isabelle Murphy, and younger members of the Fuchs clan. The weekend bash featured a birthday dinner at the Elks club, a sumptuous pineapple upside-down cake ala Isabelle, sunny 80 degree weather, and three days of par golf.

Many Happy Returns, Walt!



Congratulations to Tony Rzdzki on his new position at Bristlecone Pine Golf Club in Heartland, Wisconsin. Tony starts there on May 1, 1995. Tony, we expect to have updates on the new course you are building.

MAGCS is looking for a club to host the Fall Dinner Dance. The event has been traditionally scheduled on a weekend evening in October. Please call Brian Bossert, 708/677-4112 at Byrn Mawr C.C. if you are interested or need more details.

Assistants Needed: Apply at Hidden Meadows G.C., call Michael Hubbard, 708/747-0303. Also Prairie Landing G.C., call Scott Nissley at 708/232-1650.

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Huber Ranch Sod Nursery is having an open house on Wednesday, April 12, 1995 for landscapers and on Thursday, April 13 for golf course superintendents and their assistants. Featured speakers include Dr. Clarke Throssel from Purdue University on Wednesday and Dr. Henry Wilkinson from University of Illinois on Thursday as well as many others, R.S.V.P. by April 7.

Penn Staters Cruise on Love Boat

On Friday night, February 24th a group of 230 Penn State Turfers, their spouses, and invited guests cruised the bay in San Francisco for three hours. The alumni cruise was organized by Midwest members Ed Fischer and Don Maske. The trip around Alcatraz and under the Golden Gate Bridge was highlighted by the lights of San Francisco after dark. A prime rib dinner was enjoyed on the main deck, while music and dancing were featured on the upper deck. Scott Azinger, Supt., Davenport C.C., was so enthralled he proposed marriage to his fiancée.

What will Tom Burrows, next year's entertainment chairman in Orlando, provide for an encore?



Happy 80th Birthday to Tony Meyer on April 4th.

MAGCS, GCSAA, and Golf "Birdies and Bogeys"

Birdie: To newly elected GCSAA Vice-President Bruce R. Williams, CGCS and to newly elected GCSAA Director Tommy D. Witt, CGCS.

Birdie: To the MAGCS Hospitality Room in San Francisco and the generous sponsors of the room.

Birdie: To GCSAA for presenting the finest and most comprehensive turfgrass management show on earth.

Birdie: To MAGCS Voting Delegates Rog and Bob for their efforts on behalf of Bruce and Tommy and the MAGCS membership.

Birdie: To Tim Kelly, CGCS, recipient of the National Environmental Stewardship Award for Public Golf Facilities.

Bogey: To the CDGA for the omission of a Superintendent as a panelist in their recent club Committee Chairman workshop. However, a General Manager was there ...

Bogey: To the two guys who stood up GCSAA and hundreds of Superintendents by failing to present their topics at the Friday "Innovative Superintendent" session in San Francisco.

Bogey: To this Winter and its lack of Winter weather. We'll pay for it ...

Bogey: To immature people unable to control their liquor consumption and behavior at Hospitality Rooms.

Bogey: To a congested GCSAA trade show floor on Saturday. Gauging from those in attendance, it appears that we now have a large number of Superintendents in their pre-teens. And do they ever love those ridiculous trinkets, key rings, and basketballs?!!!!

Triple Bogey: To General Managers in general ...

William Krafft

by Dudley Smith

Bill Krafft will be missing on the first tee this year. After 81 years, the victim of a heart attack on February 14th. Since the 1950's this cheerie fellow with the rose cheeks, bedecked in white shirt and tie and white shoes, has been a fixture at all Midwest monthly meetings. "Doctor" Krafft was also a member of the Michiana Superintendents and the P.G.A.

Bill and Mary previously worked at Fox Lake C.C., and at Southmoor C.C. (now called Palos C.C.), before settling in at 9 hole Valparaiso C.C. in 1958. Bill was the pro-superintendent and wife Mary hosted the clubhouse. He called Valparaiso "crabgrass heaven".

Bill was the leader of a pack of "Hoosier" greenkeepers that played golf every Monday afternoon at a different golf course. Then they would pass the bottle around and shuffle the cards. The group diminished as the older greenkeepers passed on, but Krafft still teed it up in 1994.

Many stories are attributed to Bill, my favorite is — A truckload of new trees were being delivered to Valparaiso in December. Bill and Mary were to be out of town, so he walked with his worker and staked the planting sites. A golfing member played that weekend and replaced the missing flagpole on #8 green with one of Bill's tree stakes. When the snow melted in March, alas! There was a sugar maple smack dab in the center of the green.

We will all miss this gentleman, golfer, and friend.

Joan L. Johnson

by Peter Vandercook

Joan L. Johnson, matriarch of Illinois Lawn Equipment passed away Tuesday, February 28, 1995. This ended a chain of events that began June 10th, 1994 when she suffered a brain aneurysm while working at Illinois Lawn Equipment. Thus began an ordeal that included two surgeries, three hospitals, a long-term care facility and a short stay at the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute. Her family and friends are sad at this passing, but are at the same time, happy that she is finally resting peacefully.

She served as Secretary/Treasurer of Illinois Lawn Equipment for most of its 40 years in business and also as President of Illinois Industrial Equipment, Illinois Lawn's sister company. She is survived by her husband, Robert G. Johnson and sons, Richard, Mike and Christopher, her niece, Jill Loritz, and five grandchildren.

She was born Joan L. Kirchen in 1930 on Chicago's south side around 59th and Justine. She met Bob in 1946 while roller skating and married him in 1951, fifteen days after his return from the Korean Conflict.

Joan was a consummate worker and early riser who enjoyed her job. She really liked keeping the books and took pride in their accuracy. She also meticulously paid the Illinois Lawn payables and also took pride in Illinois Lawn's credit rating. In the early days she prepared food for field days, etc., and for forty years she served as the hostess for open houses, field days, hospitality rooms and a myriad of other events.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, her flower gardens, her home; and she liked to cook and entertain.

She will be missed.

1995 MAGCS Hospitality Room San Francisco, California

by Alan T. Fierst, MAGCS Past President

The Board of Directors and the entire membership of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents gratefully acknowledges the generous support of the MAGCS hospitality room sponsors. The scope of the "Midwest Hospitality Room" at the San Francisco Marriott was without parallel and reflected the very generous response of these MAGCS commercial members. The collective support and contributions of the sponsoring individuals, companies, and corporations provided the substantial resources necessary to fund the three evenings of meeting and networking. Not only do these contributors deserve the gratitude of the MAGCS membership; they deserve your expressions of individual gratitude and patronage as well. Without the allied participation of these generous sponsors, the Midwest would be hard pressed to provide this unique environment for social and professional activities at the yearly GCSAA conference.

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And let us not forget to acknowledge the Hospitality Room Committee, and the MAGCS Board of Directors for their help in handling some of the many details that are a part of such a complex undertaking. It would be an impossible task without the able assistance and guidance of MAGCS President Joel Purpur, Don Cross, Tim Kelly, Brian Bossert, Don Ferreri, Mike Mumper, Fred Behnke, Dan Anderson, Kerry Blatteau, Larry Flament, and Kevin Czerkies. Thank you.



The above group was on the GCSAA Turfgrass Tour at the Olympic Club in San Francisco — l to r: Dave Blomquist, Kerry Blatteu, Dan Anderson, Henry Michna, John Gurke, Kevin Czerkies, Joel Purpur, and Dan Albaugh.

San Francisco Hospitality Room Pictures

by Ray Schmitz



L to r: John Huber, Harold Frederickson & Tom Healy.



Father & son: John and James Krutilla



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L to r: Art Benson, Bill Leith and Ray Schei

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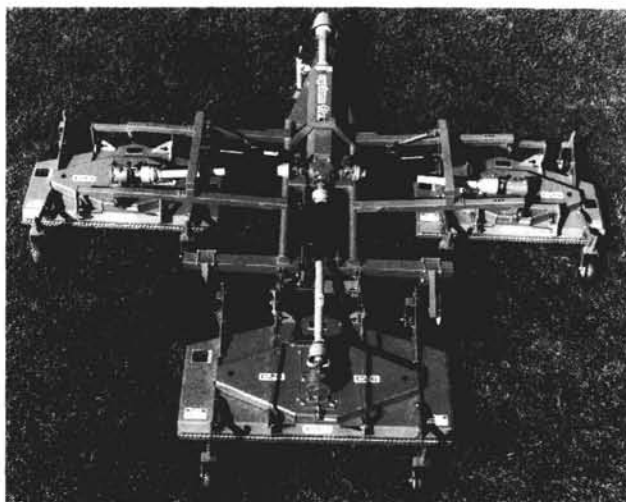
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