

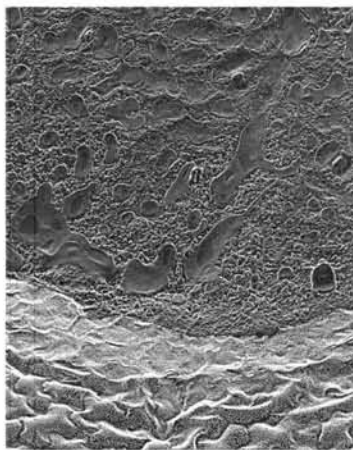


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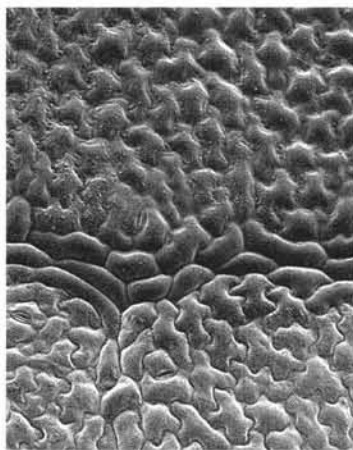
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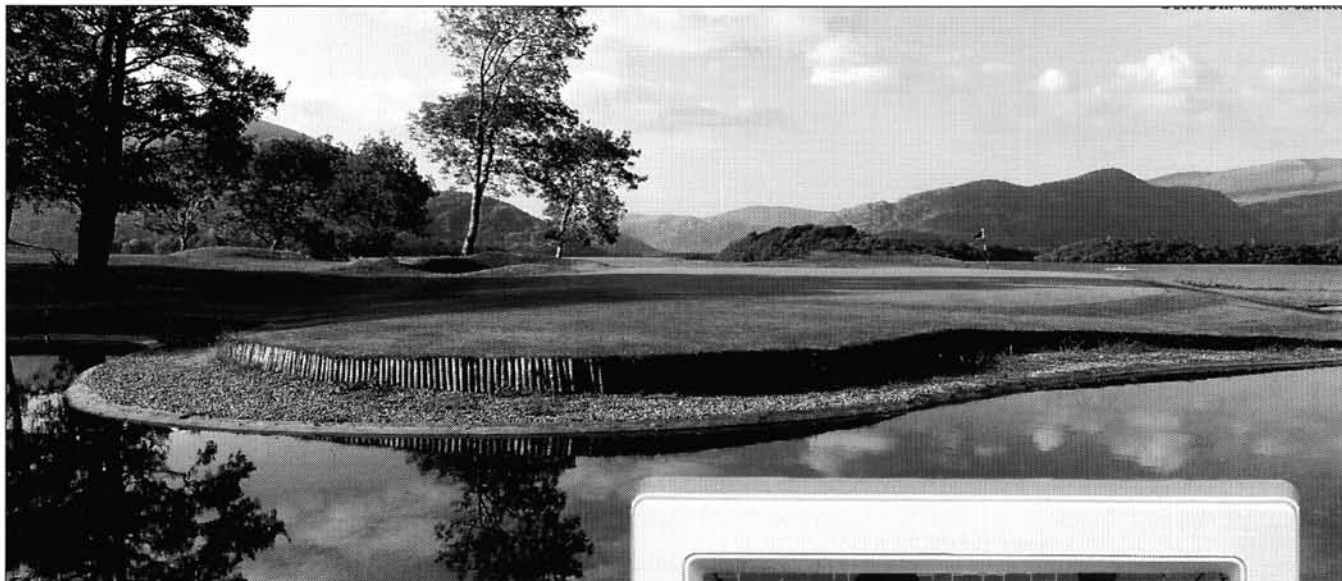
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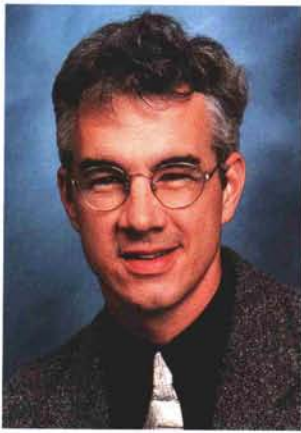
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How About An Update?

This will not be another update on a relay race. Unfortunately, until fall, running slides down the list of things to do. However, the weather of late has felt like fall! As of June 5, we're going through an unprecedented cool snap. Let's hope the moisture is handy when we need it, and one of these cool days will unexpectedly show up in the dog days of summer that surely lie ahead.

I believe that in several years when we look back, we will mark our affiliation with the Midwest Golf House as a turning point in our history. I am sure this opportunity to foster new relationships and strengthen existing ones will serve our Association well in the years ahead.

We would all agree that it's a good idea to periodically step back and assess progress. As we roll into the summer months, I'm going to quickly review some of the MAGCS's activity. We've been keeping close tabs on the Midwest Golf House that officially opened in April. The building was dedicated on June 3 and several MAGCS members were in attendance for the opening ceremonies. I believe that in several years when we look back, we will mark our affiliation with the Midwest Golf House as a turning point in our history. I am sure this opportunity to foster new relationships and strengthen existing ones will serve our Association well in the years ahead.

The 75th Anniversary Committee has been very busy putting ideas into action and you'll see a sprinkling of that as the year rolls on. We recently purchased seven of the commemorative bricks soon to decorate the garden at GCSAA headquarters in honor of their own anniversary celebration; of the Midwest bricks, one recognizes our 75th anniversary and one honors each of our past presidents who have served in the same capacity for GCSAA. The MAGCS past presidents who have presided over the GCSAA include John MacGregor, Raymond Gerber, Robert Williams, Ted Woehrl, Mike Bavier and Bruce Williams. Any chance Bob Maibusch will be next? On that note, I'm sure you have received notice of the big weekend that GCSAA has planned in September. I realize Lawrence, Kansas isn't right around the corner, but we'll all be 25 years older before they put together an event like this again. Strongly consider going to the headquarters and celebrating GCSAA's 75th anniversary with industry leaders and the GCSAA staff. If you have never been out there, I guarantee you will be impressed and it would make a great "road trip."

Of course, (no, it's *On Course*), a spectacular review of our last 75 years is being brought to you monthly through the pages of this magazine. We owe many thanks to John Gurke and his Editorial Committee for this fantastic tribute. By now, you've received your "Superintendent Family Tree" forms. Get those back in to George Minnis as soon as

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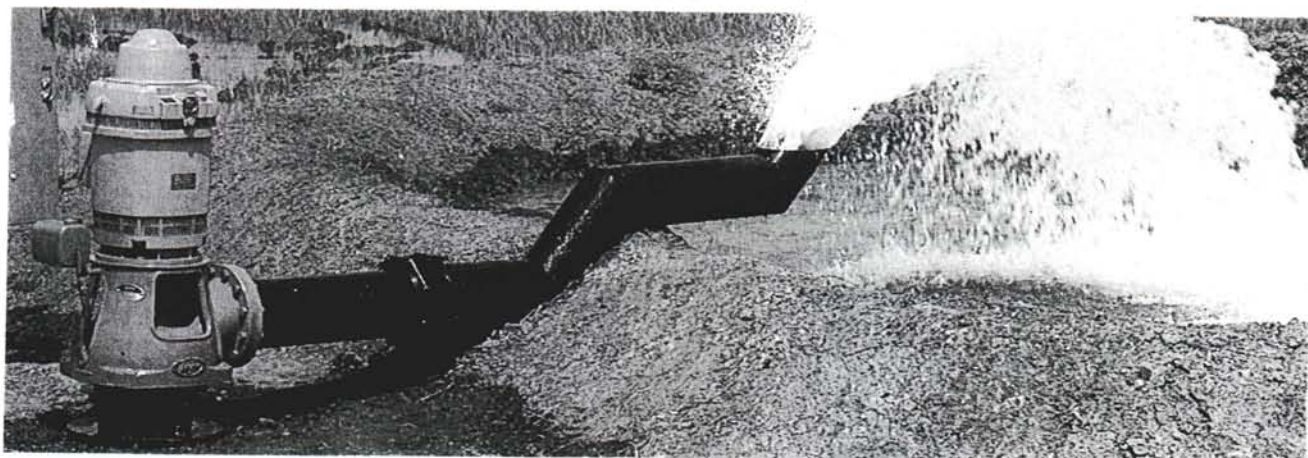
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Scholarly Pursuits

The idea of offering a scholarship to the children of MAGCS members originated around three years ago. Then-Board member Greg Thalmann was soon to have three kids in college all at the same time. Greg began to investigate the possibility of the MAGCS sponsoring a scholarship for its members' offspring. It took hard work and countless hours to develop a program, but finally the MAGCS Scholarship is a reality. In 2001, we are giving two \$1,000 scholarships to children of MAGCS members.

This year's scholarship winners are Eric Fischer, son of Ed Fischer, and Brenda Ferreri, daughter of Don Ferreri. Eric is working on his MBA at DePaul University . . . Brenda is attending the Illinois Institute of Art, where she is pursuing a degree in computer animation.

Let me start by explaining how we are funding this scholarship. In 2000, the proceeds from a betting hole were earmarked for the scholarship. In addition, the Board of Directors voted to set aside \$2,000 for the scholarship fund. This year, proceeds from at least two betting holes will support the program. We are also going to hold an MAGCS Scholarship Golf Day. My good friend Ed Braunsky has graciously offered the use of the Geneva Golf Club for this event, which will take place in October. This will be a separate event from our monthly meetings. The field will be limited and all profits will go towards the scholarship fund. I hope this will become an annual event. We are also looking into holding a silent auction this November at the Midwest Turf Clinic. The Scholarship Committee's goal for the future is to be able to award five scholarships each year.

Now that we have the money, to whom do we give it? A notice for the scholarship competition went out with the 2001 dues statement. Several announcements appeared in *On Course* and on the MAGCS Web site. This year, we received eight applications, which were forwarded to the MAGCS office. There, George Minnis assigned a number to each application so that they would remain anonymous. The application contained three categories—economic need, academics and 250-word essay—each of which was assigned a different point value. Independent judges evaluated the essays. Each applicant's points were totaled, and the two applicants with the highest point totals were declared the winners. Seeing how well this system worked, we must commend Greg on a great job developing the application and the SOP.

This year's scholarship winners are Eric Fischer, son of Ed Fischer, and Brenda Ferreri, daughter of Don Ferreri. Eric is working on his MBA at DePaul University. His goal is to one day own his own landscape business. Brenda is attending the Illinois Institute of Art, where she is pursuing a degree in computer animation. She has been on the Dean's honor list three times as well as the President's honor list.

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The CDGA Dedicates Midwest Golf House



Pictured here near the MAGCS logo, which graces Midwest Golf House's exterior, are (L to R) Don and Geri Ferreri; Pam and Brian Bossert; Bob Maibusch; Debra Strojny; Kevin DeRoo; Luke Strojny; Don Cross; John Turner; and Dr. Randy Kane. Your editor (who is also working on the CDGA's Chicago District Golfer magazine) was on hand, too, to commemorate a landmark date in the annals of MAGCS history.

On Sunday, June 3, the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) hosted more than 200 people at the dedication and grand opening of the Midwest Golf House Complex at Cog Hill. Designed to unite the CDGA and its allied associations under one roof, Midwest Golf House is the platform from which the CDGA will fulfill its charitable mission through the CDGA Foundation's "Sunshine Through Golf" programs.

Although the afternoon was overcast, even blustery, the atmosphere was warm and jovial as attendees toured the Complex. As one of the first organizations to join Midwest Golf House, the

MAGCS had a strong presence at the dedication; our contingent seemed particularly delighted with Dr. Randy Kane's greenhouse and laboratory. In the CDGA's old, cramped quarters in Oak Brook,

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