



ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

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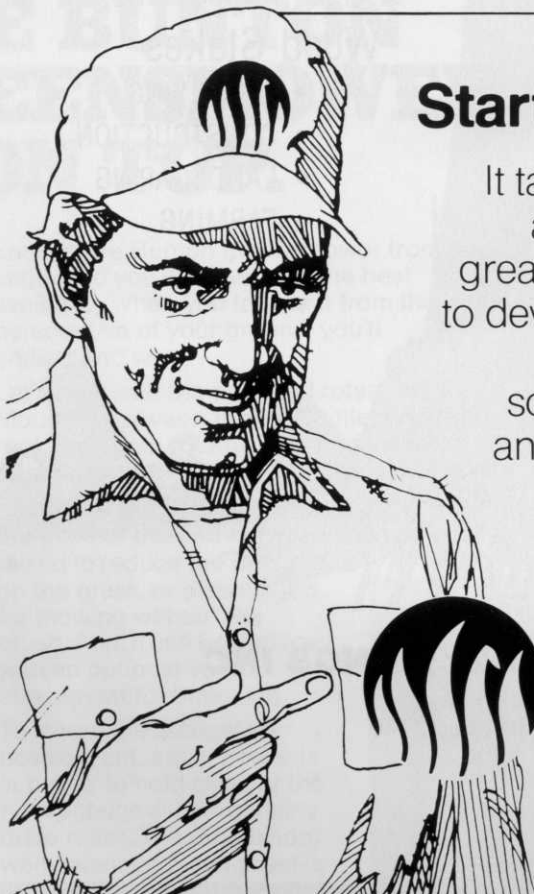
The 54th International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Atlanta this past February is now history. I think all of us who attended from Florida (and there were many) can all agree that the educational program, the seminars and the show were one of the best ever.

The Thursday nite banquet in which GCSAA honored Herb Graffis and presented Arnold Palmer with the "Old Tom Morris Award" was truly an outstanding success. It made all superintendents proud to be members of our national association. Over 30 people were on the dais from most of the allied associations in golf and I think I can truthfully say that many of these persons are looking at the golf course superintendents for the leadership role they can provide to keep the golf industry in the Americas growing in the next two decades. A \$145.00 per year dues structure was voted on in Atlanta and if staff and your Board of Directors can give the golf superintendents

the kind of programs and image that is being demanded I think most will see the need for further increases in the next four years.

As to the relocation issue, it has been decided that the membership will vote on this when all the facts and figures have been assembled as stated in the 1982 State of the Association Message. As I have always said when these items have been put together I would make a decision at that time.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is on the verge of many new and exciting ideas for the golf industry. Some ideas and methods are vastly different than those previously used. I believe for the good of the profession we must have the courage and vision to explore all of the new methods to advance our cause in the golf world. ■



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