



And That's Where Our Money Goes!

Research Foundation needs help in projecting budget

It's budget-building time for the Florida GCSA. Research projects, staff salaries, travel and expenses, membership services, surveys, endowment funds, scholarships, government relations, media relations and the list goes on. When the time comes to put pencil to paper and write in a number, people sometimes forget what the funds are needed for or what they have accomplished.

Last month all renewing members of the Florida Turfgrass Association received a booklet titled, "1997 A Year in Review." Its wealth of information including a report on the research funded by the FTGA. Since the FTGA Research Foundation is the vehicle through which the Florida GCSA awards money for research in Florida, this report essentially tells us where the association's money went in 1997. A Florida GCSA member sits as cochairman of the FTGA Awards Committee to help decide where the money will be allocated, so our interests are always well represented.

The FGCSA leadership is looking to each local chapter to project what it will be able to donate to the total operating budget to meet the financial obligations of the statewide research effort. Each chapter was given a worksheet listing all the obligations and was asked to fill amounts that they could afford to allocate to the various accounts. These worksheets will be used to prepare the budget that will be presented for adoption at the annual board meeting and election of officers in August.

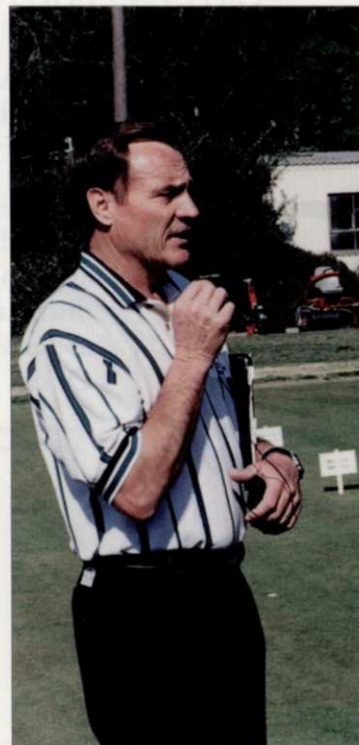
"Don't give us a worksheet to fill in; tell us what you need!" said one member. "You guys are on top of this stuff!"

It is not practical to divide the financial needs equally among the chapter, however. Larger chapters have more courses, bigger treasuries and traditionally raise more money, but each chapter can contribute and participate according to its ability. The important thing is that each chapter helps to share the costs.

The FTGA's Year in Review is a com-



Attendees at the 1998 Mini Field Day at the University of Florida got to rate the overseeding field trial plots and compare notes with Dr. Anderson and Dr. Dudeck. Photo by Joel Jackson.



Dr. Jerry Sartain explains the three-year fertility study which will compare the soil and turf tissue analysis correlation. Dr. Grady Miller will support this project using Near Infrared Reflectance Spectroscopy (NIRS - pronounced "nears"). Photo by Joel Jackson.



UF graduate student Ian Rodriguez (in cap) explains the phosphorus retention experiments he is conducting at the Envirotron. Ian, who lives in the Turfgrass Envirotron apartment is also involved in learning the NIRS technology under Dr. Grady Miller's direction. Photo by Joel Jackson.



In light of the ever shrinking inventory of effective chemical controls, Dr. Robert Dunn discusses his biological nematode control studies on the Envirogreen. He will study the efficacy of products currently being sold on the market as well as a potentially promising strain of bacteria called *Pasteuria*. Photo by Joel Jackson.



In addition to overseeing the work at the Envirotron and partnering with Dr. Sartain on the fertility study, Dr. Grady Miller will be doing a Special Evaluation of Athletic Field Surface Hardness for the Sports Turf Managers. Hey, Doc! That's a wicked-looking Stimpmeter! Photo by Joel Jackson.

prehensive report of where the research contributions went. As far as other projects or expenditures, each external vice president gets the minutes of every board meeting and should be reporting the information back to his local chapter.

Other sources of information include the *Green Sheet*, the *Florida Green* and the FTGA's *Florida Turf Digest*.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then there are a five thousand words accompanying this article to let you know some of the things IFAS has been doing lately with your research dollars. The pictures were taken at the IFAS Mini Field Day and Overseeding Trials in Gainesville this March.

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Notes from Dr. John Cisar IFAS Turf Coordinator,

- I was very pleased to hear from **Ray Carruthers** that the **Sod Growers Cooperative** will be handing over a check to **R. Nagata** at the Belle Glade Research Station for turf breeding research.
- *Florida Turf Digest* articles are having an impact. For example, **L. Datnoff** recently received a note of thanks from Zeneca for his article on fairy rings. Data from that report was used by Zeneca to pursue a 2-E registration label for their product *Heritage* for fairy ring control in Florida.
- At the April 8 meeting, the **Seven Rivers Chapter** Committee expressed an interest in **shade research with an Envirotron connection**. If you have an interest/expertise in conducting research in this area, please contact me. I'd like to set up a team who could develop a project to meet the needs of the Seven Rivers Chapter ASAP.
- **The Turf Coordinator made 12 visits** in the month of April including meetings with FGCSA chapters, individual golf courses, Envirotron Classic, USGA Regional Seminar, sports turf managers and master gardeners.