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One comment that was made to me by a highly respected superintendent and agreed to by several others, was that even though we have come a long way, we are still a very young organization.

I believe we have achieved the professional level we enjoy today because of the cool headed actions of intelligent people, but enforcement and punitive action must be made to be a viable alternative when more tasteful measures are unsuccessful.

Another comment I received involved a troublesome scenario. This man said he knew of an individual who had been out of work for three months and was contacted by a greens committee chairman interested in an interview. The committee chairman was asked if the present superintendent was aware of the intention to make a change. The committee chairman instructed this individual that they were going to make a change, the present superintendent was not aware of this situation and if he told him he would no longer be a candidate for the position. This does not sound like the optimal employment situation, but the decision to turn your back on this would be made difficult for someone who

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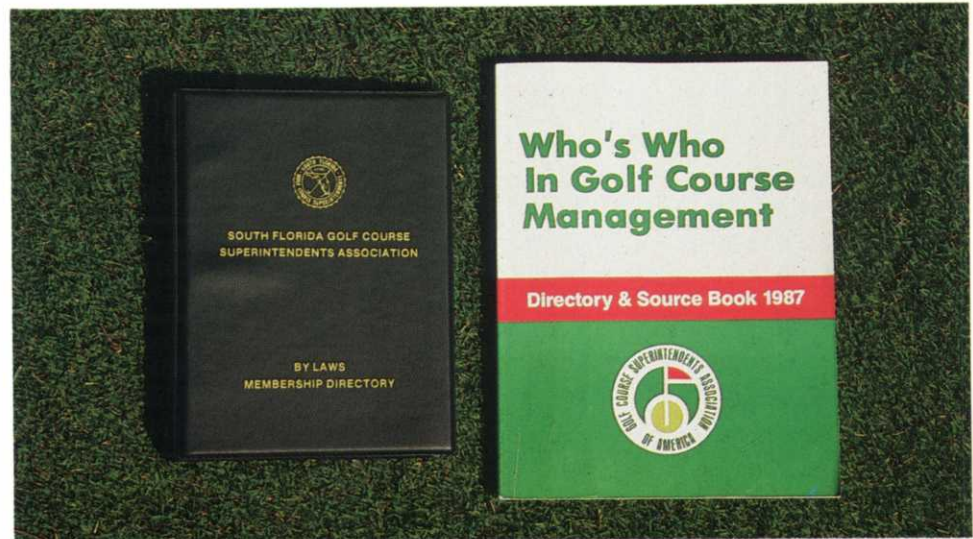
is unemployed. It would be my interpretation that a decision to pursue this position would be in direct conflict with the SFGCSA Code of Ethics although I am not sure that declining the interview would be the best choice. How can you tell if a decision is ethical? There is a statement in *The IBM Way* by Buck Rodgers I think is good here.

“You are responsible for your actions, and this responsibility will not always be an easy one. The next time you have an ethical dilemma, you might try this test. Ask yourself: if the full glare of examination by associates, friends, even family, were to focus on your decision, would you still be comfortable with it? If you think you would, it probably is the right decision.”

After looking into our codes of ethics I came to several conclusions; ethical behavior is largely a matter of opinion, many statements in our codes of ethics are too vague to facilitate enforcement and should be changed, ethics violations must be reported by all members and the possibility of enforcement must be a reality, and ethical behavior is a matter of personal morals and choice. ■



Unsafe pesticide use is unethical but this is not specifically stated in our Code of Ethics.



Printed copies of codes of ethics are available in directories and on membership applications.



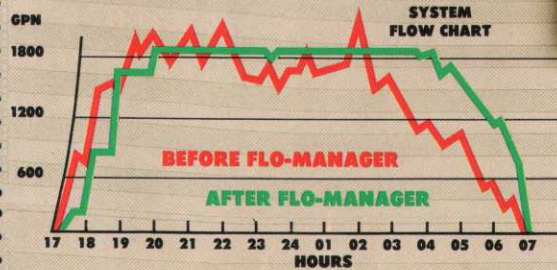
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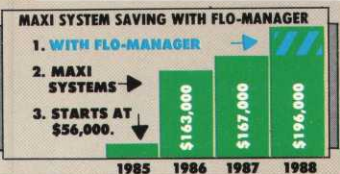
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HAVE you ever just sat down and thought about it? Is golf really getting too big for its britches? I mean after all, remember when golf was a simple sport. You know. Go out and rent a set of clubs, hit that little white ball all over the place and when you finish, think to say “that was fun.”

Now look at golf. High tech with turbos and graphite. What in the world can you do with a “turbo driver?” Is it really a buzzword or what? Maybe you guys that drive Porsches think you can hit it farther,

but I’ll bet if you were blind folded, you couldn’t tell the difference. Remember when a good ol’ hickory shaft was good enough. We won’t even discuss graphite and carbon shafts.

Hey, and what about you golf course superintendents? Remember when you were just greenskeepers and those maintenance technicians were just laborers. Now you need a license to go out and spray those fancy bug chemicals. Next I guess they’ll even want to know where you go and throw your junk away. ■

Now really, what’s all the fuss about fast greens? Maybe we’ve gone just a bit too far. We measure the height of cut in “thousands of an inch.” Can you actually tell the difference? And then there’s even talk about double cutting and triple cutting. Some guys even claim they mow their greens not only in just the morning but in the afternoon too.

Whew! Just cut the darn things and don’t worry about it. I’ll bet I can grind down the blade on my bush hog, put that sucker in low range, get that P.T.O whirling like a buzzy saw and my greens will look just as good as yours.

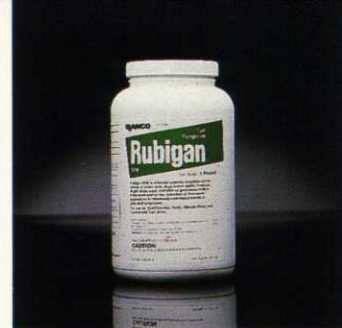
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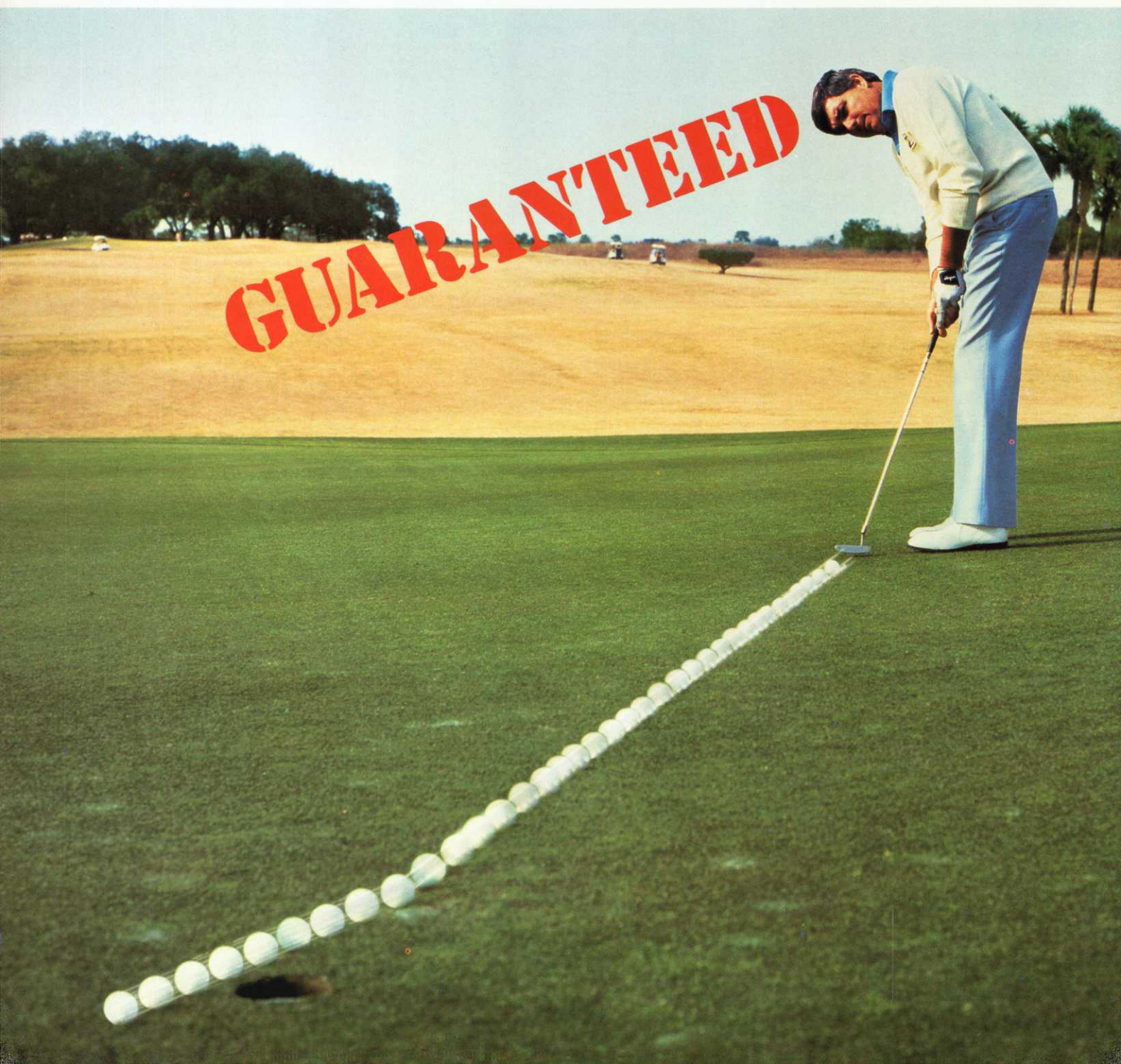
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Well of course. It's very simple why my greens have no grain. It's quite simple. Everybody knows grain grows towards the dominant southeast sun.

I personally think verti cutting is a bit over rated. The easiest way to get rid of grain, is to take a sod cutter, strip the greens and turn the sod around. This way the grain curves around from the north and yep, you've got it; NO GRAIN.



I wonder how they changed cups in the beginning? I'll bet they probably used a post hole digger. Think about it. Why bother to buy a fancy cup cutter tool when a good ol' post hole digger will do just fine. Once you get the hang of it, there's not much difference.

Plus consider the extra benefits., Now you've got a tool that can do two things. You can even dig holes for fence posts. After all, how else can you keep the goats from just grazing anywhere.



Thatch? No problem here!

I believe a good, deep, thorough verti-cutting every spring will rid you of your thatch problem for the rest of the summer.

There are a couple secrets however. Verti cut only one direction, immediately fertilize and water heavy and don't mow for about a month. After that everything will be just fine.



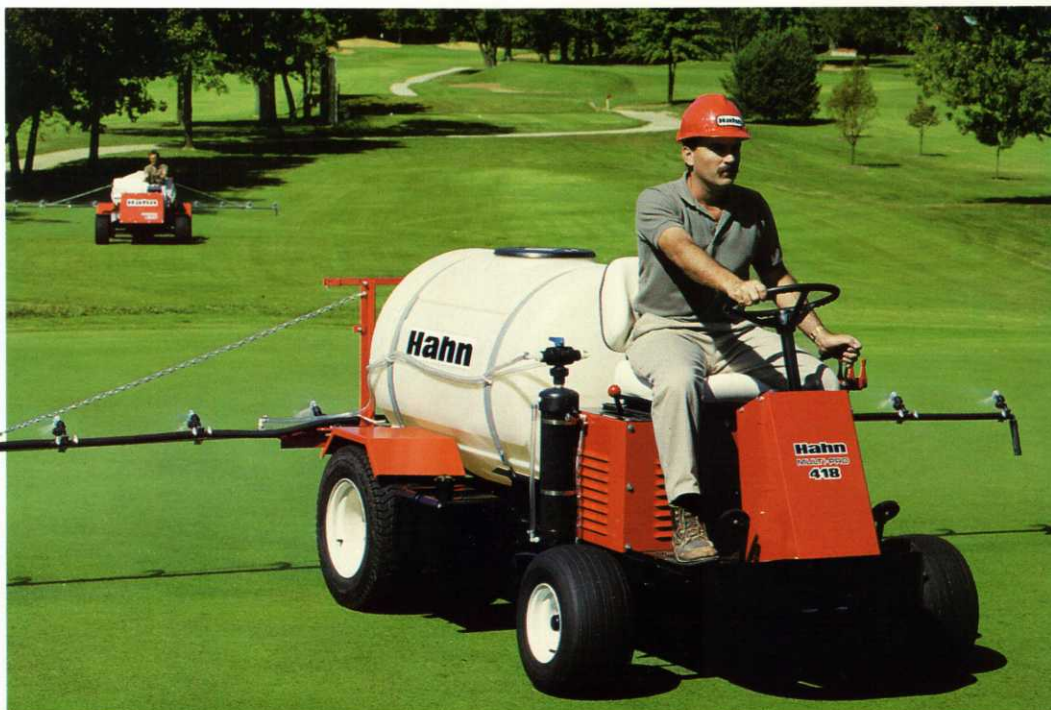
By late summer, I can get those greens down really tight. Why mess with one of those silly little walk mowers. Even one of those new fangled tri-plex greens mowers still seem to take too long. I can put a fairway mower on that green, whip a couple circles around the green and lickidy split, its done and I'm off to the next.

The only tip I can give here is; it's best to be a hydraulic unit in order to get better reel speed on the clean-up circle pass. ■



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UF Graduates First Ornamental Horticulture Student From 3-Year-Old Ft. Lauderdale Program

by DARCY MEEKER

GAINSVILLE — A Plantation Key native became the first graduate of the University of Florida's off-campus ornamental horticulture degree program recently.

Susan Sprunt, 24, graduating with honors, earned her bachelor of science degree in ornamental horticulture at the Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center, a branch of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

"It was great," said Ms. Sprunt, who has a job waiting for her at Dale Baldwin & Associates landscaping architecture firm in Tavernier. "You get incredible attention — have small classes from people doing research on their subject. Plus, most of the students are professional nurserymen, so it's like having a lot of teachers."

Over 150 people have enrolled in one or more classes since the program was launched in 1985. There are 33 students now enrolled; their average age is 36.

"The best thing about this program is the students," said Dr. Stephen Verkade, coordinator of the IFAS degree program in Ft. Lauderdale. "Many drive one or two hours to class, and most take two or three classes a week. They are a dedicated bunch."



Susan Sprunt

The students take 10 courses at IFAS research stations in Ft. Lauderdale or Homestead — Environmental Factors, Cultural Factors, Foliage and Nursery Plant Production, Entomology, Soils, Culture and Production of Aquatic Plants, Horticultural Taxonomy, Plant Propagation and a seminar course.

The rest of the courses to meet the University of Florida degree requirements are offered by Florida Atlantic and Florida International Universities.

Ms. Sprunt designed a low-maintenance, native plant landscape for Dr. Kennedy Homes, a Ft. Lauderdale housing project, for her senior project.

Her parents are Sandy Sprunt, research director for the National Audubon Society on Plantation Key, and Donna Sprunt, who owns "Florida Keys Native Tree Nursery" in Tavernier.

The next off-campus ornamental horticulture student is expected to graduate in December 1988. ■

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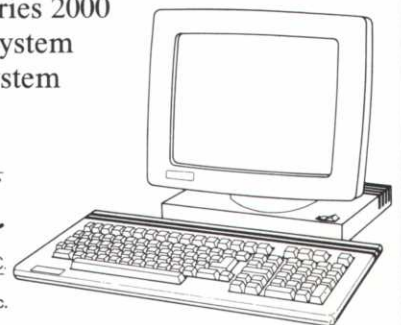
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