

Musser Foundation gives scholarships to three doctoral candidates

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Rutgers, Michigan State and Auburn university doctoral students were given the 1993 Musser International Turfgrass Foundation scholarship awards.

Karen Plumley was awarded \$5,000, Eric Miltner received \$4,000, and Grady Miller earned \$3,000.

Plumley obtained her undergraduate and master's degrees from Rutgers, where she is preparing her doctoral thesis on the ecology of a root pathogen of turf

causing summer patch disease. Her major professor is Dr. Bruce Clarke and she has a grade point average [GPA] of 3.9.

Miltner attended the University of Georgia for his master's degree and is preparing his doctoral thesis at Michigan State on environmental fate of fertilizer nitrogen applied to a Kentucky bluegrass turf.

His major professor is Dr. Bruce Branham and he has a 3.66 GPA.

Miller gained his master's de-

gree from Louisiana State University and is preparing his doctoral thesis at Auburn University in the role of potassium fertilizer in development of freezing resistance in Bermudagrass.

Dr. Ray Dickens is his major professor and Miller has a 3.6 GPA.

Each year the Musser Foundation looks for the brightest and most promising turfgrass doctoral students throughout the world to give moral and financial support.

To qualify for a grant, student must be in their last year of their doctoral program, have an accumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher, and their thesis on turfgrass research must directly benefit turfgrass science.

They must also demonstrate leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities.

Frank Dobie, president of the Foundation, said: "Professor Burton Musser was a turfgrass pioneer for four decades at Penn State University.

"The foundation that bears his name is dedicated to promoting that same kind of pioneering individual. We must seek new paradigms of thinking if we expect to solve the complex problems of today's world. Supporting this new generation of turfgrass scientists is in our own best interests."

Over the past five years, the foundation has awarded \$52,000 in scholarships.

It will expand its support of deserving candidates as its principal fund grows.

Met GCSA honoring Jim McLoughlin

DARIEN, Conn. — The Met GCSA will present its John Reid Award to former Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Executive Director James McLoughlin at its June 21 meeting at the Country Club of Darien.

Met GCSA President Tim O'Neill of the host club will present the award, which is given since 1986 for lifetime achievement and contributions to the game of golf. Past winners include Al Radko, Ken Venturi, Geoffrey Cornish, Dr. Ralph Engles of Penn State and Dr. Haruo Tashiro of Japan.

When McLoughlin formed The McLoughlin Group in 1983 after leaving the GCSAA, the Met chapter was his first consulting client. Membership soared from the 200s to the 400s and its newsletter was revamped and became a national leader.

Alluding to lawsuit problems with the national association, McLoughlin said the award is "unexpected — with the realization that my relationship with the superintendents has always been on course and that this honor is not a vindication of the recent past but rather a confirmation of the many good things that have transpired with the local and national superintendents."

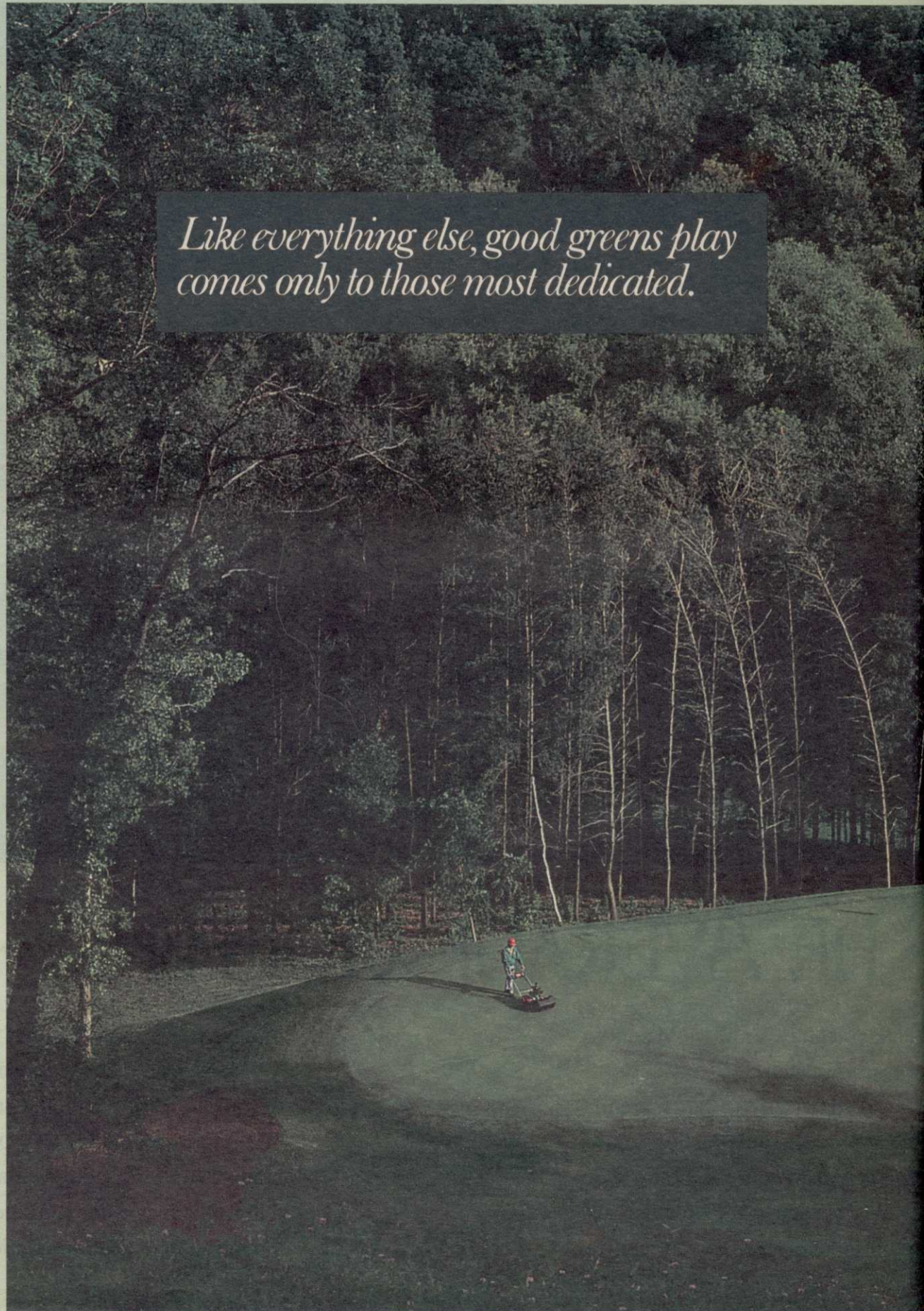
Delaware to buy open space

Approximately \$500,000 should be available next year in Delaware grant money for municipal and county land acquisitions dedicated to open space. Golf courses are considered open space.

A bond issue helped boost the annual Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust to a record \$1 million this year. The 12 projects funded ranged from \$5,000 to \$215,000.

No golf course projects were included, although the city of Milford is considering an application for next year, said Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control spokesman Dave Small.

Information is available from Christine Langill at 302-739-5285.



Like everything else, good greens play comes only to those most dedicated.