

## TOCA gives scholarships

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Turf and Ornamental Communicators Association has awarded three scholarships totaling \$2,500 to college students at its recent meeting here. Winning \$1,000 scholarships were Sally Moore of Michigan State University and Nicole McCarren of Ohio State University. Christopher Hart-wiger of North Carolina State University was given the newly established \$500 TOCA Essay Scholarship.

## Lab tests off on pH

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protocols are being followed by everyone — so testing is uniform. In addition to soil characteristics, the USGA also kept track of how long labs took to process samples, and how much they charged. Though he noted that some labs are quite large and handle all sorts of business, while others are smaller and deal only with golf courses, the charge for identical testing procedures varied from \$200 to \$650.

“So, once we get back all the results and go back to the labs with them,” said Snow, “maybe we can stimulate a little competition.”

## Tour of Duty

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### Alonzi

natural grass area. The gallery wore a path through the grass and it looked awful. So we moved the ropes this year. We also sodded an area where members had worn a path coming off the 13th tee.

“Any traffic areas we can’t help, we’ll dye. And we’ll lay down fresh wood chips in the flower beds a week before the tournament.”

### Stoddard

bunkers. We capped them with an inch or two of new sand, cleaned up the edges and gave them proper lips.”

**MADE-FOR-TV PREPARATIONS:** Despite his inexperience playing to the cameras, Stoddards insisted he and his crew made no extraordinary preparations.

“Nothing special,” he said. “We’ve just tried to pay attention to detail: trim work, grooming. Little things like that.”

No special striping?  
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# Great expectations for Kansas’ new research funding method

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of raising large sums of money.”

“It’s an easy way for all golfers to participate in making the game better by doing their part to support research,” he added.

There are a number of avenues to raise these moneys, he said, adding: “We’ve talked about soliciting donations club-by-club; or the Arizona method [assessing golfers 10 cents per round for research]; simple voluntary donations at clubs; or tacking on a fee at tournament activities.”

Early indications of Kansas’ success

will come soon.

The last of three mailings alerting clubs and superintendents of the fund-raising program went out with the GIN Handicap billing in early May. “I believe by mid-June we will have a feel for the participation,” Stuntz said.

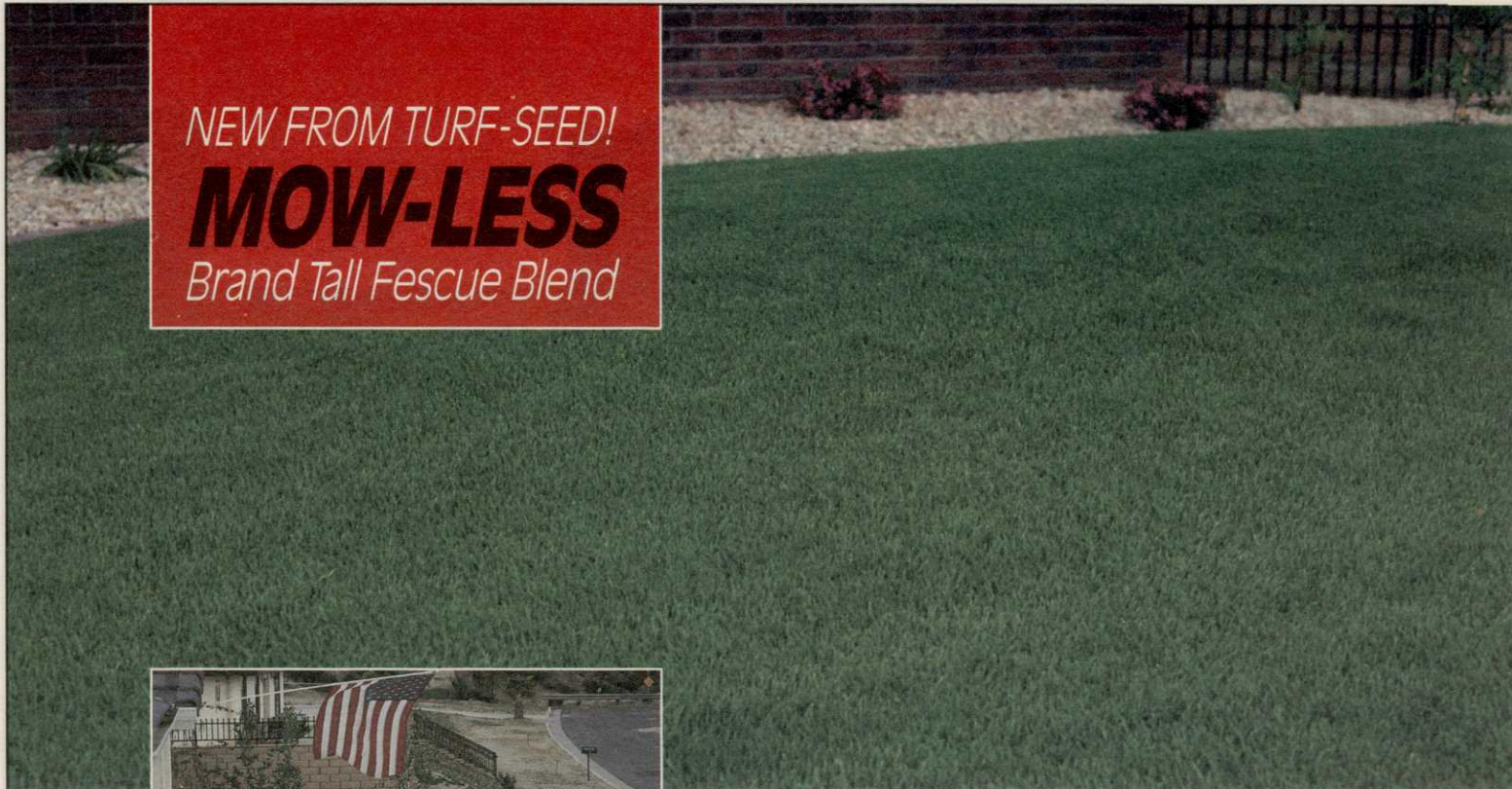
“If we can develop a high percentage of response, perhaps the KGA the following year, would be willing to make it [\$2] mandatory... The whole idea behind this is that the cost gets passed on to the golfer—the guy who gets the benefit from the research.

“If you tell them exactly where the money is going, I believe a lot of people would support it.”

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The major obstacles to the Kansas process, Stuntz found, were:

- There is no access to individual GIN users. (“And that’s the same in every state”).
- And, when the bill goes out, “who’s going to be aware of it and who’s going to make the decision? Maybe the wrong person is getting the mailing. We have no way of knowing. So the superintendents’ support is crucial.”



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