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DYE GETS HONORARY DOCTORATE

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND. — Purdue University will award an honorary doctoral degree in landscape architecture to golf course architect Pete Dye during



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commencement exercises May 16. A World War II veteran and former insurance salesman, Dye began his course design career with his wife Alice in the late-1950s. He has

been recognized as one of the premier architects of modern times, receiving the Donald Ross Award from the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 1995 and Golf World magazine's Architect of the Year award in 1994. He recently lent his expertise to the design and construction of the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex's Kampen Golf Course at Purdue (see story, page 1).

JOHNSTON, ZOELLER COLLABORATE

EDINBURGH, Ind., — Clyde Johnston is carving out Timbergate Golf Course, his third design collaboration in the Hoosier State and fifth with consultant and PGA Tour pro Fuzzy Zoeller. Timbergate is a municipal facility being developed by this town 25 miles south of Indianapolis. The town fathers approached Johnston after having viewed his joint effort with Zoeller on Covered Bridge Golf Club, located in the Tour star's hometown of Sellersburg, Ind.

MALAYSIA GETS FIRST PUBLIC COURSE

KUALA LUMPUR, M— Add to Malaysia's 150 golf courses the country's first public track and full-time golf academy. Scheduled to open in May, the course will be operated and managed by ASK Golf Management Sdn Bhd, the new company formed by A.S. Khamis, a veteran of the Malaysian golf industry. The course had not been named at press time.

HURDZAN TEACHING AT HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Golf course architect Michael Hurdzan will teach a two-day course on "Environmental Impacts of Golf Courses" at Harvard Graduate School of Design here, July 18-19. Material will cover the past, present and future of the environmental movement as related to the evolution of golf courses, how environmentalists and golf course planners and developers can collaborate, and the detailed golf course planning process. People may contact Harvard at 617-496-8728.

Rulewich ends Jones era, launches solo signature

By MARK LESLIE

OMERS, N.Y. — And the last shall be first...

The openings of Anglebrook Golf Club here on May 15 and of Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, N.J., on July 1 mark the convergence of two life paths for Roger Rulewich: the end of three decades as a lead architect with the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr. and the beginning of another relationship with the team with whom he worked under the Jones tent.

Rulewich, who opened his own company in December 1995 after 34 years with Jones, is pleased with his last design under the Jones moniker: Anglebrook Golf Club. At the same time, he eyes the opening of his first Rulewich solo layout, Ballyowen Golf Club, with a look of glee.

"I'm working with the same people and with much of the same ideas, except nobody is looking over my shoulder. That's a nice feeling," Rulewich said. "As a group, we have seven shareholders and all of us worked for Mr. Jones. Nothing much has changed in many ways. But I feel more freedom and it's a great feeling."

Ballyowen Golf Club, which will give National Golf Development Co. its fourth of a projected 10 golf courses, is, in fact, the culmination of a dream of The Golf Group and The Rulewich Group, the two components of the old Jones company. The Golf Group is the

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The 7th hole at Anglebrook Golf Club in Somers, N.Y., above, is a 397-yard par-4. It is the last course designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. with lead architect Roger Rulewich. Below is the par-3 6th hole at Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, N.J., the first design by The Rulewich Group.



Beidel back to back in Pa. openers

By MARK LESLIE

MOUNTJOY, Pa. — Back-to-back home runs usually happen in baseball, but course architect Ed Beidel Jr. believes he has two in golf. The Beidel-designed Groff's Farm Golf Club here will be unveiled in a grand opening on May 27, followed the next day by the grand opening of Beidel's Turtle Creek Golf Course in Limerick.

Two 18-hole public golf courses opening a day apart — both laid out in a links style and both stressing strategy and variety — might be an oddity for a fellow headquartered four states away, in Mount Pleasant, S.C. But Beidel is no stranger to Pennsylvania, having worked for X.G. Hassenplug for 16 years before starting

his own firm in late 1992.

The Mount Joy project is developed on the 133-acre Lancaster County farm of the Groff family — Abram and Betty Groff and their son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Cindy. Betty Groff is renowned for her country recipe books and restaurant that sits in a building that now serves as the clubhouse.

Groff's Farm Golf Club had a "soft opening" March 1.

"There are some great offsite views of adjacent farmlands, and those farms are immaculate," Beidel said.

The par-71 track plays from 4,900 to 6,400 yards from four sets of tees.

"It is a shorter course, but it will chal-

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Only the longer hitters at Turtle Creek Golf Course will try to go for the 8th hole's 5,500-square-foot green in two. On this 538-yard par-5, a potential birdie or par can quickly become a bogey or double bogey if the player fails to execute the required shot. Ed Beidel Jr. designed the 18-hole public course in Limerick, Pa.

Bell tells architects they are the 'dream makers' of the game

By MARK LESLIE

LOS ANGELES — When Judy Bell was a little tyke just learning the game of golf, she designed "a golf course," building a short layout in her backyard using tin cans for cups. Today, she is president of the United States Golf Association,

with a list of credentials long enough to earn the Donald Ross Award from people who design real golf courses for a living: the



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American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA).

Accepting the award during the organization's annual conference here in late April, Bell said: "I think members of the ASGCA are the dream makers when it comes to the game. If we ever have a golf center, your station will be the journey into the imagination."

Speaking at the banquet at the Riviera Club, Bell added: "Other sports are perhaps quicker and more reactive. And although they

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