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Says Convention Remarks Were Misinterpreted

Joseph Troll, assistant professor of the Turf Management school at the University of Massachusetts, points out that there were some misinterpretations of his speech at the GCSA convention in the March issue of *Golfdom* (page 118).

The article said that it is not the purpose of the two-year school to turn out a finished product who is capable of handling a supt's job upon receiving his certificate, but to prepare the student to take over in two or three years.

Troll, however, says he made this statement: "The two-year program is arranged and taught in such a manner that the student who has completed his work will be well qualified to accept a position as an assistant or, in many cases, as a supt. of a park, cemetery or course, or to establish a turf business in his community. We do not claim to turn out experienced supts., but we do graduate people who will be well qualified as supts. after a period of seasoning in the field."

On page 120 the *Golfdom* article said: "... the student ordinarily has either a caddie or course laborer background." Troll, however, said: "The student often has a few years of experience in some phase of golf course work, either as a caddie or course laborer and even as a supt., before enrollment."

Navajos in Golf Business

Backed by revenue from oil and uranium rights, the Navajo tribal council has retained an Albuquerque consultant firm to investigate the tourism potential in the desert region. Phoenix, Ariz., supts., Art Snyder of Paradise Valley CC and his brother, Jack, of Moon Valley CC, have been hired to build a course north of Window Rock, N.M., for the council. The course will be at a 7000-foot elevation, in the Ponderosa Pine forests. Nearby is a million-dollar Navajo sawmill. Not so many moons ago, it was all pottery, blankets and colorful rain dances. Now, plans call for millions to be spent before 1975.