

Waiting Is the Hardest Part

MORAN NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF YALE GC – FINALLY

By Anthony Pioppi

Mike Moran will celebrate his 20th anniversary at Yale University GC in style. He was finally named superintendent of the course after serving in an interim role for nearly two years.

They say good things come to those who wait. Moran waited, waited and waited to be appointed superintendent. He was named the official superintendent of the course in December. It was also a nice 50th birthday present for the superintendent, who turned the half-century mark the same month.

Moran was chosen out of a group of five finalists that were culled from a national search by a committee made up

of Yale alum, members of the school's athletic department and people involved with the course, said Thomas Beckett, Yale's director of athletics.

According to Beckett, part of the reason Moran was chosen for the job was "his knowledge of the Yale GC and his passion for what the golf course is all about."

Moran takes over at a time of positive change at the acclaimed Seth Raynor design, which opened in 1926. It is finally receiving attention from the school after years of neglect. Architect Roger Rulewich is in the midst of a bunker renovation scheduled to be completed by fall, including the reinstatement of a number of bunkers filled in over the years. Plans are underway to improve drainage on at least three holes.

As part of union regulations of which he is a member, Moran will no

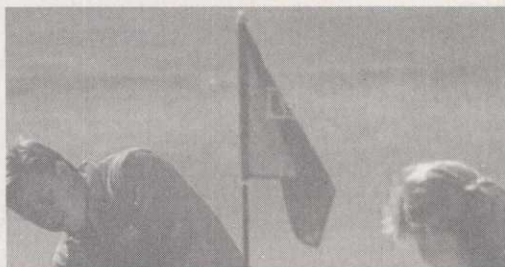
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longer be able to perform jobs of the rank and file — including operating machinery — unless in a teaching or testing capacity.

"I'm going to miss the labor stuff a little bit, but now I'll have time to train and improve the professionalism of the golf course," Moran said.

The golf course has nine budgeted positions, four or which are for 12 months and five for nine months. During the summer, help from the school's dining halls augment the crew. The void left by Moran's elevation will also be filled.



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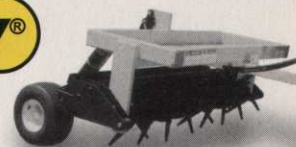
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