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## ROBERTS WINS!

WGCSA President William Roberts was overwhelmingly elected to the GCSAA's Board of Directors during its' Annual Meeting at the 57th International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Francisco. Bill was selected from among 7 candidates to 1 of the 3 Directors' positions available. It is interesting to note that his vote total was second highest among the seven candidates. His election during Monday's Annual Meeting capped a week, and more likely a year, of hard work and campaigning by himself and others. It also topped an excellent week of representation by Wisconsin turfgrass industry members.

The weeklong conference started on Monday, January 27, with 9 of the 28 GCSAA Educational Seminars offered. Six of these 28 were new and being presented

for the first time this year. Dr. John Harkin, Professor in the University of Wisconsin — Madison Soils Department and Director of the Natural Resources — Environmental Toxicology School, addressed the Seminar Luncheon on Thursday. Among topics covered by Dr. Harkin was the use of Temik, an agricultural pesticide. He presented some outstanding data for supporting its continued use in certain situations.

Friday morning marked the official start of the conference with the opening session. Remarks and presentations were heard from GCSAA President Eugene Baston. Included during this time was acknowledgement to the editors of award winning chapter newsletters. The GRASSROOTS Editor,

Monroe Miller, was acknowledged at this time for the "Best Over-all Newsletter" by a category C chapter (more than 70 members). Plaques and certificates, however, were awarded at a newsletter seminar on Thursday to honor those editors.

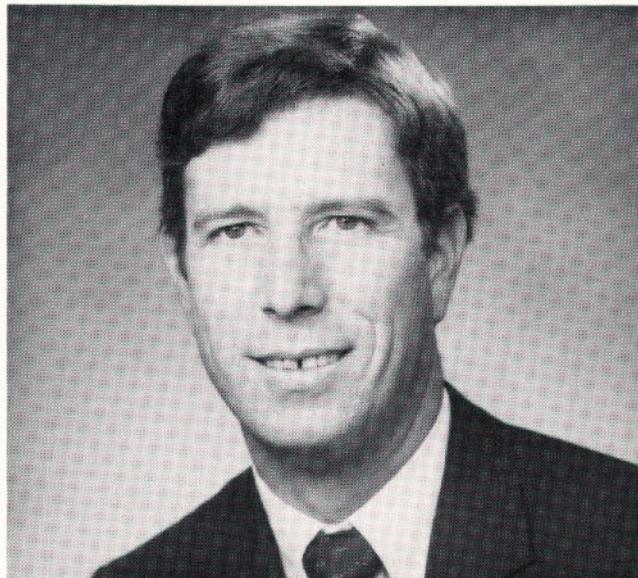
The keynote speaker for the session was retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager. He was an appropriate speaker because of the tragic Space Shuttle accident the week before. His talk was centered mainly on his life and background in aviation and aerospace, but he did mention the shuttle accident and was confident solutions would be found and the shuttle program would go on.

Also on Monday morning and after the opening session, the O.J. Noer Research Foundation held its Annual Membership Meeting. Danny Quast

was on hand to present Foundation President Tony Grasso with a check of the profits and proceeds from the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium. An obviously delighted President Grasso thanked the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium organizers and the Wisconsin Superintendents for their continued support of the Foundation.

Friday afternoon was the start of the GCSAA's educational seminars. Approximately 100 superintendents, researchers and many other professionals in the industry gave short, informative talks on topics ranging from personal financing to research data. These sessions continued on Saturday and Sunday, giving the attendee's an opportunity to

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listen to any number of them. Included in this select group was Wisconsin's own Bill Roberts, speaking on staff management, and Monroe Miller, speaking on how to use your Land Grant College. It is always nice to see some familiar faces at the podium.

Saturday morning began with the ever-growing trade show, now one of the 200 biggest in the country. Where else but the GCSAA Trade Show do you have the opportunity to see and compare most of the products and equipment related to turf maintenance, as well as being able to convey ideas with sales representatives. This year, more than 300 exhibitors displayed their products over the 260,000 square feet of the Moscone Convention Center. It was truly a rare opportunity to meet with multiple representatives at one time.

Once again, the USGA Green Section put on its own educational seminar. Topics for their Monday morning conference ranged from the Best Turf Tips of 1985, to Critical Looks at Contemporary Golf Course Architecture. Their wide ranging topics always offer good "food for thought" and the panel discussions give a free exchange of differing view-



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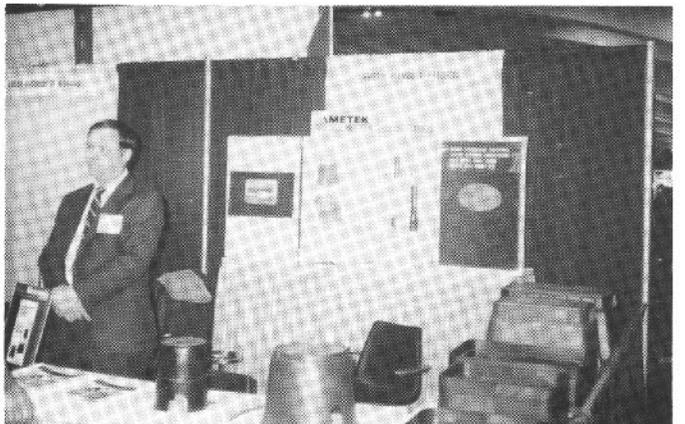
Jacobsen,



Ransomes,



Briggs and Stratton, and



Ametek were some of Wisconsin's Industries that were present on the GCSAA show floor.

points. James Latham, Great Lakes Regional Director from Brown Deere, Wisconsin, gave an outstanding talk on this past summer's redesign project at Ozaukee Country Club, under the direction of Superintendent Wayne Otto.

One of the highlights of the USGA's program, a panel discussion on Contemporary Architecture, was to include Golf Professional, Ben Crenshaw. However, Mr. Crenshaw made the final cut at the rain delayed AT&T Pro-Am tournament in Monterey and was unable to attend. The discussion went on without him and was still as good as ever, showing the quality of the USGA's speakers.

Monday afternoon was the GCSAA's Annual Meeting. It turned out to be quite successful for Wisconsin because of the election of Bill Roberts to the Board. Since Wisconsin votes as a group via a delegate, for those who didn't attend the meeting it was probably the first chance to explore the beautiful sights of San Francisco and the Bay area. Needless to say, there were plenty of them to take in.

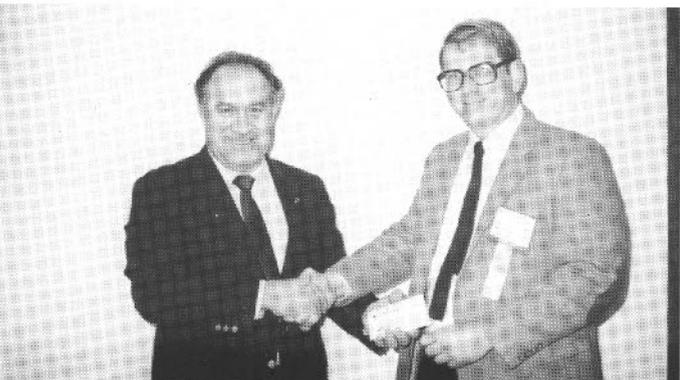
Monday evening signaled the end of the weeklong conference and activities with the GCSAA's Annual Banquet and Show. Election results were officially announced, as well as other presentations for a year



**Monroe Miller went to San Francisco as the alternate speaker; good thing — one of the scheduled speakers didn't arrive so Miller addressed the conference on the subject "Using Your Land Grant College Resources."**



**Bill Roberts was a speaker on the educational program.**



**WGCSA Director Danny Quast presents check to Noer Foundation President Tony Grasso. The sum represented profits realized from the Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium.**

of hard work and dedication by GCSAA staff and Board members. It was certainly a small way of showing gratification to those who put in hard work and time for the good of the Association. LPGA charter member, Patty Berg, was then presented the Old Tom Morris award for being instrumental in forming the LPGA and being its' first president, among other things, and for her lifelong dedication to golf. The GCSAA made a fine choice in her for the award. The Old Tom Morris award was presented to Ms. Berg by television and golf world star, Dinah Shore.

The evening ended with the soft, harmonious music of The Lettermen. The Lettermen have 50 albums to their credit, 9 of which are gold, and they proved they deserve each of them.

The Wisconsin Superintendents should have come home from San Francisco with a good feeling about themselves and their group. The large amount of our involvement proved we are leaders in our national organization and in the turfgrass industry as well. Let's continue this upbeat involvement in the future.

*By Mike Semler*



**Dr. John Harkin, UW—Madison professor, was the featured speaker of the Seminar Banquet.**



**John Kurtoola worked as a bartender in the WGCSA hospitality room.**



Dr. John Harkin.



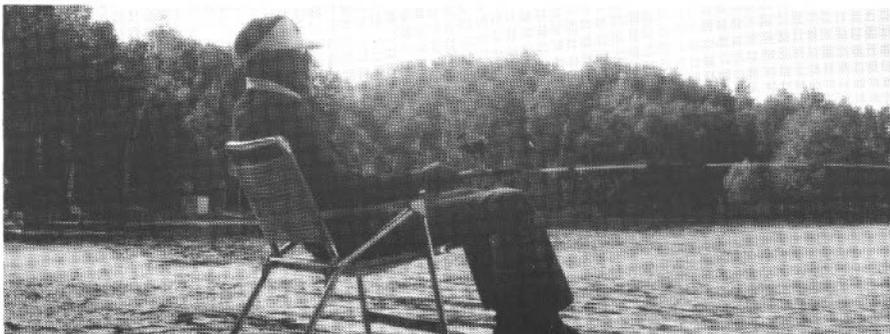
The two principals in the election victory — campaign manager Rod Johnson and candidate Bill Roberts.



Dan Quast and Wayne Otto congratulate new GCSAA Director Bill Roberts.



Bill and Pat Roberts had dinner at the Monday Banquet at the head table.



Bill Roberts enjoys a break from his new duties!

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Don Stein, Kellogg, Inc. President, presents WTA President Tom Harrison a \$1,000 gift to be used for turfgrass research in Wisconsin. Thanks, Don!