

alma mater. Hopefully everyone working in Wisconsin has adopted our land grant college as their own..

So, how is our land grant college doing these days? I like to think that things are going better. It would be hard to believe that they could have gone much worse. It has been a rough five or so years - state budget deficits, no raises for UW faculty and staff, a decline in the spirit of a great school, a drop in staff morale and program underfunding, just to name a few. There were dramatic increases in the number of tenured professors leaving the Madison campus, subjects of "raids" from other institutions. There is no doubt in my mind that the idiotic merger foisted on the state by P. J. Lucey (he should be hung for it) has taken its toll on our land grant college.

But I think the greatness remains, in spite of difficult times and circumstances. Many UW-Madison departments rank in the top 10 nationally. Ten UW-Madison faculty, former faculty members or students have won Nobel Prizes. It has awarded more doctoral degrees than any other American

university. It is ranked third among all U.S. colleges and universities and first among public institutions in total funding for research and development (behind only John Hopkins and M.I.T.). In fact, the UW-Madison had \$208.4 million total R & D expenditures this year, up \$24 million from the previous year.

Our land grant college has the fourth largest single campus in America, behind only the U. of Minnesota, Ohio State and the U. of Texas. The UW-Madison was ranked 7th nationally in undergraduate programs by the Gourman Report and 9th in graduate programs. The "Selective Guide to Colleges" gives the UW-Madison the highest rank among Big 10 schools in overall programs for students.

And the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has impressive facts to share; the highest number of faculty in the National Academy of Science - 14 active faculty and 14 emeritus faculty. The CALS at Wisconsin graduates more M.S. and Ph.D. students than any other institution, and has the highest ratio of research funding to faculty -

about \$100,000 per position.

We all owe Mr. Morrill a lot. I think he would be proud of the network of land grant colleges his legislation created. We should be particularly proud of our land grant college in Wisconsin. But we must be ever vigilant as we see the shrinking of federal research monies. Moral support and understanding of CALS administrators will be helpful as they continue to downsize the college in coming months. A continuation of our support for research to help replace dwindling federal dollars is definitely a key. Letters to legislators when budget time comes around can only be positive. And finally, a keen sense of pride in what an awesome resource we have at our land grant college will help all of us understand that we must be on guard to protect against any decline in the greatness of a truly great institution. Remember, it belongs to all of us.



## LOVE TO RECEIVE GCSAA 'DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD' IN PHOENIX!

Dr. Jim Love, retired faculty member from the Department of Soil Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been selected as a 1986 recipient of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented to Jim at the opening session of the Association's annual conference in Phoenix in January.

Professor Love spent 35 years in the UW Soil Science Department and for the last 25 years he developed and managed the Turfgrass Management Program for the University. He retired in July 1986. The hallmark of his tenure at the University was a devotion to teaching and counselling undergraduate students, a dedication seldom seen in an institution noted for its formidable research capabilities. The UW does not offer a two year associate degree program and all of Jim's students received B.S. degrees. Notable is the fact that a vast majority of his turfgrass graduates are still in the business of maintaining fine turf.

The GCSAA Distinguished Service

Award is presented to individuals "who have demonstrated dedication and outstanding service to Golf Course Superintendents and the profession". The list of past recipients includes only the best who have served our profession. The first honor was extended to Colonel John Morley, the founder of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America (later the GCSAA) and its president from 1926 to 1932. The award has recognized the business' best research investigators, USGA Green Section staff, golf leaders, Golf Course Superintendents and industry innovators. Dr. Fred Grau and Colonel John Morley each received the honor twice. The award has been given 51 times in the Association's 60 year history.

Only one other individual who lived and worked in Wisconsin has been extended this recognition. That man was O.J. Noer, and he is also the only person who received the Distinguished Service Award three times - 1952, 1959 and 1960. As all WGCSA members know, O.J. was a Stoughton native who

received his education from the University of Wisconsin in the same department where Jim Love was a staff member for so many years. It was, in fact, O.J. who guided Dr. Love's career into turfgrass management in the 1959 - 1960 period. And at O.J.'s request, Jim Love received the first research grant from the O.J. Noer Research Foundation.

We extend our congratulations to Dr. Love. He represents the best that Wisconsin has to offer and the WGCSA is proud to have sponsored his nomination. He rightfully joins a very special and select group that has given so much for the welfare, benefit and prosperity of our profession.

