



WE'LL MISS YOU, JIM

By Michael Lee

Over a period of many years, a common and well established chain has linked numerous Wisconsin golf course superintendents. Through many years of hard work and dedication James R. Love, professor of soil science at the UW—Madison, has served to hardened and extend the links of the chain. For those who know him, it is easy to judge that Dr. Love is a man who exhibits a strong character, excellence in teaching and dedication to helping students.

Dr. Love is a man of principles, a man who believes in working hard at what ever you do. He strongly values strict discipline and fairness. With this, he uniquely blends compassion and friendliness. Dr. Love always makes an effort to know anyone he meets. He is very modest, certainly not the type of professor who holds a halo over his head. Most will agree Dr. Love is also a realistic person. In his office, taped to his filing cabinet reads the following:

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Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men without talent. A genius will not; Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education alone will not; The world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

It is fortunate that a person with so much character, also teaches. Dr. Love has been teaching the same course for over thirty years. Yet, he never lectures like a redundant, well-worn record. Instead, he has finely tuned his lectures. He has the ability to describe every point, concept or theory several different ways. Dr. Love has the capacity to take a potentially boring subject and turn it into an interesting and useful fifty minute lecture. Dr. Love works hard at teaching. He covers three lectures a week plus lab and discussion sections. As hard

as Dr. Love works, he expects his students to work twice as hard. For those students who are intimidated by the enormous work load he imposes, it is ironic that this man's last name is Love. For the other students, it is not ironic. They see him as a man who loves to teach. Dr. Love does not limit himself to excellent teaching.

Dr. Love's devotion to helping students outside of class is not only unbelievable, it is matchless. What other professor has the ability to find employment for nearly all of his advisees over the past 25 years? What other professor has the ability to find scholarships for nearly all of his students? What other professor would drive out on his personal time to where one of his students works to academically advise him? In class, Dr. Love's personalization is no different. He has the uncanny ability to remember just how well each of his students is doing in class. Receiving a low grade on an exam is your ticket to a very personal and lengthy conference. On the other hand, at times when his students want to hear it the

most he says, "You know, they have never correlated grade point with success in life."

Dr. Love exhibits a pronounced character, professionalism in teaching, and personalization with students. Long after Dr. Love has retired, his chains of students will continue to deeply appreciate the education and personal devotion he has given each of them.

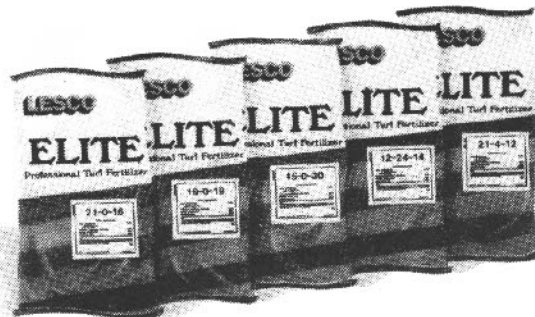
Editor's Note: The above remarks were presented at Jim Love's retirement banquet on May 18, 1986 by Michael Lee. Michael is a senior at the University of Wisconsin—Madison majoring in Soil Science with a specialization in Turf and Grounds Management. His work experience started in 1980 at Blackhawk Country Club and lasted until 1985 when he worked at Cherokee Country Club. He is currently working as a Field Technician for Dr. Gayle Worf of the Plant Pathology Department at the UW—Madison.

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