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your programs and you will avoid some of the problems that we had.

My first attempt at a transfer gave us an error message on the screen of the target computer. Thoughts of a wasted day ran through my head as I feared a problem had developed in my computer. Then I tried to transfer file by file and that worked just fine. Periodically during the day we had file transfer errors that drove me crazy, but we eventually got the system to work the way

I wanted it to. I designed an opening screen menu and some modest batch files to keep things as simple as possible for the operator. I think I may have caught their interest.

All in all, it was a very interesting day. As much as I have bad-mouthed the IBM PS/2 in this column and casual conversation, I gained a measure of respect for that machine and I think Monroe and Pat had a lot better time than they thought they were going to have. Familiarity helps to eliminate some of

the fear. Anyway, we crammed as much information into six hours as any of us could handle. Now, I'll give them a few days to absorb the material we covered before I teach them some more.

The next article will cover the computer seminar that is going to be held during the GCSAA convention at Anaheim. It will be a gathering of many of the computer literate superintendents and suppliers in our industry and I am really looking forward to it.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE HAS A BIRTHDAY!

By Dr. Robert C. Newman

The University of Wisconsin got under way in 1849. Another 40 years passed before an official Horticulture Department came into being. The Horticulture Department was created 100 years ago in 1889 with the appointment of Emmett S. Goff as horticulture professor. The department was one of the original four College of Agriculture departments and was housed in King Hall from its inception until 1911. Much of the early work in horticulture was related to fruit production.

Professor Franz Aust joined the department in 1915 and had teaching and extension responsibilities in the area of landscape architecture. Records indicate that Professor Aust did limited research on lawns and windbreaks.

Professor Aust was on the program of the first midwest greenkeepers short course held by a midwest state university. The five-day short course was held in Madison in February, 1930 with 59 greenkeepers from Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin in attendance. Professor Aust discussed care of trees and landscape problems — perhaps not directly turf related but certainly golf orientated.

Professor William Longenecker joined the Horticulture Department in 1924 as teacher of landscape architecture and among other responsibilities identified landscape plants including turf weeds. Professor Longenecker and later Professor Joseph Elfner taught a Horticulture course titled "Lawns." The course covered both lawn construction and lawn grass management.

Professor George Ziegler joined the department in 1947 as an extension landscape architect. In the 1950's Professor Ziegler wrote an eight-page extension circular titled "Home Lawns."

In 1964 the Landscape Architecture Department was established as a separate department and emphasis since that time has been associated much more with landscape design than plant management.

Professor Malcolm Dana worked on turf weed control in the Horticulture Department from about 1954 to 1964. Professor Robert Newman assumed responsibility for turf weed research and Extension from 1964 to the present time.

Faculty of the Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology and Soils sponsored statewide, two-day turfgrass conferences from 1961 to 1965. Conferences were held in Madison on the campus. Since 1965 the departments of Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology and Soils have held turf conferences in three or four locations around the state every year. Attendance exceeded 500 in the four-conference series in 1988.

Robert Newman started to teach Horticulture 261, Lawn Management,

in 1964. The two-credit course is taught in the fall semester with emphasis on grass and weed identification. Turf management was taught from 1964 to 1986 in the regular College of Agricultural and Life Sciences five-week short course. The short course was changed to a one-week session in January in 1987 to accommodate employed turf management clientele.

Other turf related activities within the Horticulture department include turfgrass and turf weed identification, turf weed control research, turf growth regulator research, turf cultivar demonstrations and answering a multitude of turf questions for turf professionals and homeowners.

The most recent turf publications by Robert Newman are Lawn Establishment, UWEX publication A3434 and Lawn Maintenance and Problems, UWEX publication A3435.

*Editor's Note: The Department of Horticulture's rich and varied history is beautifully recorded in a booklet form. It was written by Emeritus Professor M.N. Dana. This article by Professor Newman is a supplement to that history. Call the Departmental Office on the Madison campus for details on how to obtain a copy.*

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