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region where golf is almost never played (seriously) at the end of the year, we'd be in a perfect position to accept the five-day holiday at the end of the year. I wonder what our colleagues in Florida and other southern states would do about five days of double time pay?

It is a safe bet that this calendar idea won't get much farther than the New York Times article. That may be best.

The Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service keeps track of some fascinating things, many of interest to us. The graph below shows the snow and frost depths for the past twenty years at midwinter. Both appear somewhat "nor-

Snow and frost depths

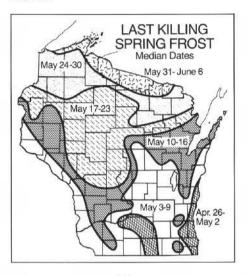
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Snow Frost William Average: 1951-88

Ground Sevel o

mal" for the 1990/1991 winter, a relief to nearly everyone. I've observed that golf course superintendents pretty much like normal weather.

For agriculturalists like us, the growing season traditionally begins after the last killing frost in the spring. From the Wisconsin State Climatologist Office comes the following graphic which shows when that median date for all of Wisconsin is. I'd love to map out, over a period of time, the correlation between the last killing frost and opening day. It would appear that opening day precedes the last frost by about a month.



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John Turner, sales representative for NOR-AM Chemical Company, presented Robert Schmidt a \$1,000.00 scholarship at the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Winter Conference held in Oconomowoc on January 8, 1991. Schmidt, a senior in turfgrass management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was recognized for his leadership and academic achievement. The annual scholarship assists turfgrass students in meeting their educational needs.



Bob Schmidt (L) accepts NOR-AM Scholarship from John Turner.