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The cover for our final issue of The Grass Roots for 2003 features Dr. Robert Newman. This year will be remembered as the one when the Newman Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship was initiated, through the generosity of the Newman Family and the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association. It is a fitting way to honor Dr. Newman's career on the University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty.

*"The snow had begun in the gloaming,  
An busily all the night  
Had been heaping field and highway  
With a silence deep and white.  
Every pine and fir and hemlock  
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,  
And the poorest twig on the elm tree  
Was ridged in deep with pearl."*

- THE FIRST SNOWFALL  
James Russell Lowell  
(1819-1891)

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