

## HARRISON IS ALL SMILES!

Tom Harrison was smiling for good reason at the 1986 WGCSA business meeting — Bill Roberts presented WTA President Harrison with a check for \$5,000 from the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association. The sum was the largest single donation ever made to the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association.



## NOER PORTRAIT PRESENTED

Gene Haas, Executive Director of the Wisconsin State Golf Association, accepted a framed picture of O.J. Noer from the WGCSA. Noer was the first non-player elected to the Wisconsin Golf Hall of Fame. His selection was made last year. Haas accepted the portrait on behalf of the Hall of Fame Committee.



## JONES TO DESIGN UW—MADISON GOLF COURSE

Robert Trent Jones, Jr. has been selected by the UW Golf Course Planning Committee to design the UW—Madison golf course. Jones, architect of the SENTRYWORLD golf course in Stevens Point that is managed by WGCSA President Bill Roberts, has designed more than 100 golf courses in the U.S. and 15 other countries. He also designed the Madeline Island Golf Links at LaPointe, Wisconsin.

Dr. Bob Newman, Honorary member of the WGCSA, is a member of the 12-member planning committee, says the committee hopes planning goes well enough to begin seeding the course in the fall of 1987, although spring 1988 is more realistic. The

UW Foundation owns the 585 acres where the course will be built. The land is between Madison and Verona, and is located on the southern end of a glacial moraine. Nearly \$3 million have been donated for the construction of the golf course.

The charge given Jones by the University was simple: "We want the best collegiate golf course in the nation." Bruce Charlton, chief designer of the Jones firm, has put forth a practice facility that is the brainchild of Peter Kostis of the Golf Digest teaching schools. The idea is to provide a large practice green that is contoured like putting greens on the course itself, as well as a flat portion to help a player with practicing a true putting stroke. The 33 acre proposed practice area could allow players to use all clubs in their bags, to hit into prevailing winds as well as practicing with wind at their back. Charlton said, "We presented it to

the golf course committee at the university as a potential thing we think could put the university in the forefront of teaching golf in the country, if not the world."

Another note: the WTA Turf Research Station subcommittee met with staff in the Madison campus Chancellor's office and the research farm will receive consideration as an integral part of the golf course project.

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