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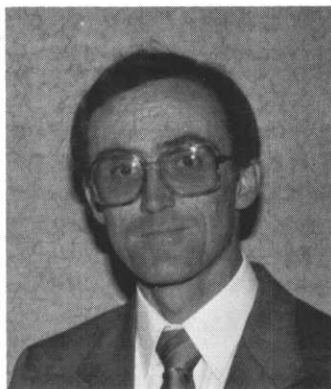
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DALE CALDWELL

Suddenly you stand up, turn around and it's summer. Summer came up on us fast in Minnesota this year, if you didn't realize it. By most observations, the season is anywhere from two to three weeks ahead of normal. This shouldn't really surprise us in Minnesota because as a wise old sage told me recently, "there is no such thing as normal". Normal is merely the averages of the extremes. If you want normal, the extremes, one way or the other, are more normal than normal. Ponder that while your're watering your dying *Poa annua* in June this year.

Here's a brief synopsis on what happened with the Turf Extension Specialist position some of us worked so hard to obtain (particularly Keith Scott) in the past few months. The legislative session ended in mid-May. The House of Representatives funded our proposal for exactly half of what we requested. The Senate didn't do anything for us. Consequently, the proposal ended up in a Conference Committee consisting of five members of each body. It is virtually assured that a special session will be called by the Governor. The general trend has been to see who can cut the budget requests the most. Those of us who have worked closely on this project are less than optimistic as to the future of this position at this point. Maybe in two more years!!

Have a good season. Hope to see you at the Green Industry Expo '85 June 19 and/or the picnic on June 30.

