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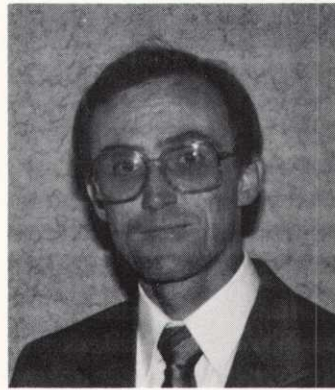
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DALE CALDWELL

This past winter I had the opportunity to visit with the staff and tour the campus of the University of Minnesota Technical College at Waseca. The Department of Horticulture at this facility is making a sincere commitment to the turf industry. They have an excellent program in turf and they are continuing to improve that program. Until two years ago when I had a student from Waseca for a summer of OJT, I wasn't even aware the program existed. I came away from that meeting positively impressed with the program, the staff and the facility.

Some discussion at the last board of directors meeting centered upon the practice of M.G.C.S. members bringing guests who are not M.G.C.S. members to monthly golf outings and meetings. The general purpose of these meetings and outings is not to provide free golf at another course for yourself and your guest or guests. We have one scheduled guest event - that being the guest-member scramble in September of each year and that is the only exception to the no guest rule.

Another somewhat related incident concerns itself with M.G.C.S. members coming to play golf and not participating in the meeting and/or staying for dinner or lunch. The host clubs provide us with the use of their facilities and golf course with the understanding that we will support them by staying for dinner and provide some bar business. When they have to block a portion of tee times for us and receive no benefit, it isn't right. In other words, when they allow 100 plus golfers to utilize their facilities and serve only 60 dinners, it reflects rather poorly on us. Enough said! Let's not let it happen in the future.