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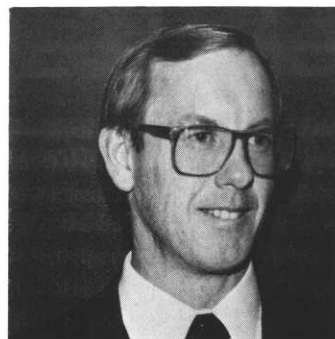
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FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S
DESK
DOUG MAHAL

Season '87 is nearly history now. As one superintendent I know prefers to put it, "here come those Cala-Clor skies!" Most Minnesota golf courses stay open several days after the plows go on the county highway trucks. That's a real tribute to our hearty-souled Minnesota golfers. Eventually, it's one final flurry of outdoor activity and then the entire grounds staff experiences a welcome program change.

As stated many times, education is the prime purpose of MGCSA's existence. Our premier educational opportunity is coming right up December 2-4 at the Radisson St. Paul Hotel. Chairmen Jim Nicol, Rick Fredericksen and Fred Anderson have insured a top notch educational program for our annual conference. You won't want to miss the Friday evening banquet and "casino night" scheduled to close the festivities. The decor throughout the Radisson has had a facelift so I expect our accommodations to be even better than last year. Details and all registration materials will be in the mail soon. Do make early plans to attend.

Many thanks to superintendents Rick Smith and Tom Natzel for their hospitality during our October and November meetings at LeSueur Country Club and Burl Country Club. Fall can get pretty cool but not to the point which makes golf impossible. Your golf courses were great, guys. Good job!

This will be my last article as MGCSA president. Though the term is not quite over, I do think it's an appropriate time to say how impressed I am with the current board I've had the chance to work with. There is no task or committee assignment which does not require considerable time commitments so I must thank and congratulate each board member for his often unnoticed dedication to MGCSA.