

New B.S. Degree in Golf Facilities, Turf Systems Management Offered This Fall at U of M/Crookston

Beginning with the approaching fall semester, the University of Minnesota/Crookston will offer a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Golf Facilities and Turf Systems Management.

This degree will provide students with skills and experiences to build and maintain attractive and functional turfgrass environments. Extensive coursework in plant science, horticulture and turf management helps students to develop technical skills. Complementary courses in recreation management and human relations will provide back-

ground for managing employees and customers.

UMC is said to be "high tech" driven. Each student and faculty member is issued a state-of-the-art IBM laptop computer. Students and faculty communicate, teach and learn via the World Wide Web and an internal network system.

Superior computer skills are developed through coursework and daily exposure to the latest technology. UMC claims that its graduates are in demand because they have the computer skills necessary to excel in management positions.

The school also says that its students receive personal attention in classes with a low student-to-instructor ratio. Students in the new program also can develop technical skills through hands-on experience in labs and internships. The curriculum has been developed with specific industry demands in mind.

Extensive surveys were sent to members of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association prior to the set-up of the program.

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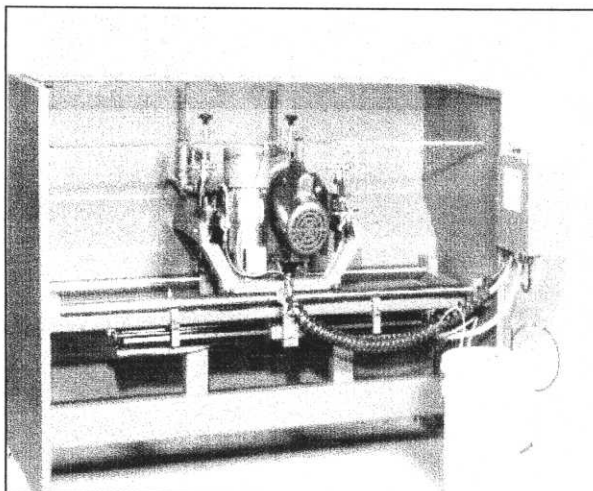
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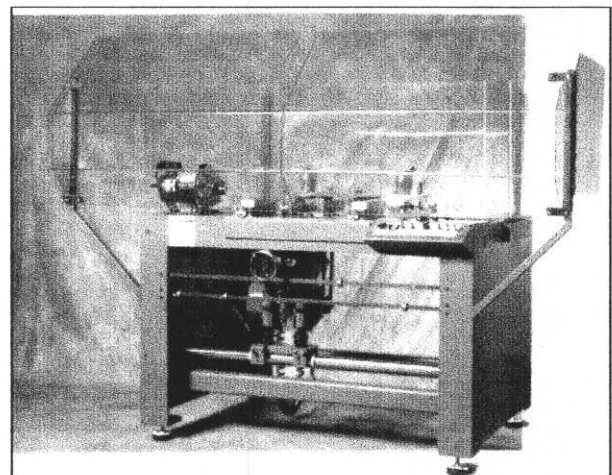
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