

This is essentially what I have found to be my four years at Woodmont. As I leave, for the last time (I have said that before) I take a lot of good memories with me, as well as the knowledge that all the work has helped put me through college. And if nothing else comes of my hours of hard labor I am secure in the knowledge that I can finally back a car into a parking space.

### THE NEW MARYLAND TURFGRASS COUNCIL

Angelo Cammarota has provided us with this up to date progress report of the newly formed Maryland Turfgrass Council.

April 20th was the first initial meeting. Many interested members of the turfgrass industry were invited to attend a meeting to consider the formation of a Maryland Turfgrass Council. A steering committee was appointed to draft a set of by-laws and establish an organizing board of directors. The members were: Lou Block, Paul J. Barefoot, Clifford Case, Angelo Cammarota, Dr. Jack R. Hall, J. S. Newsom, Parker Shirling, W. F. Kirwin, Richard Moffett, and R. A. Traband.

May 4th marked the first official meeting of the Maryland Turfgrass Council. The group reviewed various sets of by-laws, selected the name of Maryland Turfgrass Council, discussed the purpose and objectives of the Council, and drafted a set of by-laws. The Council was formed for the promotion of quality turfgrass in the state and recognition of the professional people in turf production and management.

June 1st, the second meeting of the Council, officers and directors were appointed and a complete set of by-laws approved by the Council.

#### OFFICERS:

President	Angelo Cammarota Mid-Atlantic GCSA
Vice Pres.	W. F. Kirwin Landscape Architect
Secretary	Dr. J. R. Hall Turf Specialist, Univ. of Md.
Treasurer	J. S. Newsom Bolgiano Turf Supplies

#### DIRECTORS:

Parker Shirling	Princeton Turf Farm Sod Producer
Clifford Case	Cornell Chemical Co. Ag. Chemical Sales
Richard Moffett	Maintenance Supervisor State Highway Dept.
Paul J. Barefoot	U. S. Soldiers Home Prof. Grounds Mgr.
R. A. Traband	Extention Agent Hartford County, Md.
Lou Block	Home Builders Assn. Maryland

July 6th was the date of the third meeting. Membership classes were established and annual dues determined.

Classes of Membership:	Individuals	\$ 5.00
	Organizations	25.00
	Industrial	25.00
	Complimentary	no fee
	Honorary	no fee

The standing committees of the Council were determined at this meeting and the directors appointed by the President during the following August 17 meeting.

COMMITTEES	DIRECTORS
Programs & Educational	R. A. Traband
Technical Advisory	Dr. J. R. Hall
Nominating Committee	Board of Directors
Membership Committee	Richard Moffett
Legislative Committee	Clifford Case
Publicity Committe	W. F. Kirwin
Finance Committee	J. S. Newsom

Also discussed at the August meeting was the solicitation of members and a publication of a pamphlet to describe the purpose and objectives of the Turfgrass Council. Their greatest need is financial support from contributions and dues from membership income. Everyone interested in the state of Maryland is urged to become a member of the Council. Big participation brings big success — join early and help get the organization rolling.

#### Membership Forms Maybe Obtained From:

Maryland Turfgrass Council  
c/o Dr. Jack Hall  
P. O. Box 214  
College Park, Maryland 20740

### HOW TO BUTCHER A TREE

Before you begin to butcher a tree you need the following equipment: A pair of tree climbing spikes. The spikes on these are about 3" long and really help you climb. If you have not used them much, you can really impress your customers how dangerous tree butchering is with blood coming down your legs from gaffing yourself with the spikes. Spikes are also ideal for scarring a tree. This shows your customer how high you had to climb up into the tree.

Next, you need a machete so you can cut off the suckers. These are the little branches that grow off the main branches of the tree. The machete works well in cutting these off and also does a good job of scarring the tree so the customer can see how many suckers you have cut off. It also works well in cutting up your leg while you are climbing; again to show the customer how dangerous the job is.

The next thing you need is a combination pruner and pole saw at least 25' long. This makes it easy to use. The pruner on one side works well in pruning while the saw on the other side is scarring the tree at the same time and vice versa when you are using the saw. If the combination pruner and pole saw is 25' long or longer you may break a few second-story windows and if you're lucky, the owners may pay you to repair them.

Now a word about the real art of butchering. Always make a cut from the top only. This will cause the branch to rip off bark on the bottom of the branch and down the tree as it falls. You can paint this wound with a water base paint. The tree will look good, but it will not prevent disease or stop insects in any way. If you are lucky the tree will die and you'll get a removal job.