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- 4. Reliability. An efficient person is reliable. Reliability is a most important ingredient for anyone who (continued on page 8)



DAVID J. WEHNER

# New Assistant Professor

David J. Wehner joined the staff at the University of Maryland, Department of Agronomy, on December 22, 1977 as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Wehner's duties will be in the areas of turfgrass research and teaching.

Dr. Wehner is a native of Merrillville, Indiana and received his B.S. in Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame in 1972. Following graduation, he accepted a research assistantship in turf management at Penn State University. His M.S. thesis dealt with varietal identification of Kentucky bluegrass. He continued at Penn State and completed his Ph.D. program in 1977. For his Ph.D., Dr. Wehner studied heat tolerance in Kentucky bluegrass and perennial ryegrass.

Dr. Wehner is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, Sigma Xi, the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society of America.