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The annual Baltimore Turf Conference was, at first, held during the month of January in the 1960's at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, in downtown Baltimore, and became the annual meeting place for the then 3-day seminars, attended by, not only Maryland Turf Professionals, but Pennsylvania's, and Virginia's alike.

In 1969, Angie took a brief Superintendent's position back in New Jersey to manage the turf operations at Sonny Jim GC in Marlton, NJ, and in a little more than a year, he left Sonny Jim, and returned to Maryland, and briefly took a sales position with Cornell Chemical & Equipment Co. in Woodlawn Maryland, until a Superintendent's position opened at Indian Springs CC in Glenmont, Maryland, outside of Silver Spring. Some 20 months later found Angelo in brief employment at Westwood CC in Vienna, Va, then finally accepting a position at Columbia Association's Hobbitts Glen CC, & sister course, Allview GC, along Rt. 108 in Columbia, Maryland, where he finished out his career. Angie often joked that his father persevered at one Golf Club for 26 years, while he preferred to work for 26 different courses, "because after a few years, you're just a fixture, and are replaceable."

Angie was an individual who truly held that his vocation was also his avocation; he was a mentor and friend to many younger turf professionals; and referred to them as his Step Sons. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that just a few of those gentlemen are Bill Emerson, Mike Larsen, and Chip McDonald. He was also known by all the academians, and the movers & shakers from Massachusetts to South Carolina, and was a frequent speaker at many turf conferences up and down the east coast. He was known for his quick wit, and loved to tell jokes whenever he was in the company of his associates. At Superintendent's monthly meetings, you could tell at which table Angie was sitting; there'd be raucous laughter as he held court there. However, when it came down to serious business, he'd be a staunch, and vocal proponent for any measure promoting the future of the position of Golf Course Superintendents. In the last years of his life, due to the ravages of Diabetes and Glaucoma, Angie had lost his eyesight, and in his last public appearance, addressing his view of the future of Turfgrass Professionals, (and as only he could so adequately say), "I may have lost my eyesight, but I have not lost my vision." for the turfgrass professional. It is my fervent hope that this next generation of young turf professionals can and will enjoy the same fond memories of past generations of those who placed their blood, sweat, and tears on the pages of history in the development of our turfgrass industry and culture.

### GCSAA News

MAAGCS student member, Richard Gillispie (University of Maryland) won a \$500.00 Merit Scholarship through the GCSAA. Congratulations, Richard.



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## MAAGCS 2007/2008 SCHEDULE

**December 5, Annual Meeting and Elections**  
**Manor Country Club**

**January 31, 2008, Orlando Reception**  
**Crowne Plaza Resort**

**March 20, 2008, Education Seminar**  
**University of Maryland**