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On behalf of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and Michigan State University, I want to thank you for attending the 65th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference in January. This conference was a huge success setting a new record for attendance. This is due to your interest in Life Long Education and because of the outstanding program that was presented. The MTF Conference Planning Committee co-chaired by Tom Gray and Doug Johanningsmeier are to be commended for another great job.

This booklet represents the proceedings of the conference, and is very, very late. It was extremely difficult in getting summaries of ALL talks presented during the conference together for this. This conference is one of the few who still publish proceedings, but the reaction we get from you has made the board keep this as a priority. We are looking to improve this so it is out sooner. We have one of the best education conferences in the nation and this is an important part of it, because we know you can not make all of the sessions and get all that is said during them, and it is important to have these to review now and in future years.

Speaking of review, I would remind you that M.S.U. Library through the Turfgrass Information File (T.G.I.F.) Has published a table of contents for proceedings going back over 10 years to help you in finding specific topics easily.

This conference continues to show how by working in partnership with M.S.U. we all grow and benefit. In 1994, the Foundation donated \$90,000 for various research projects at the University, and has approved \$107,000 for 1995. This money was raised through donations, fund raising events, and membership dues to the foundation. One major contributor is the Golf Association of Michigan through their member club donation program. Without research, we have no way of making our jobs easier or solving problem that arise. We thank you all for your support.

Again, thank you for your attendance and we look forward to seeing you at next year's expanded conference on January 15-18, 1996.