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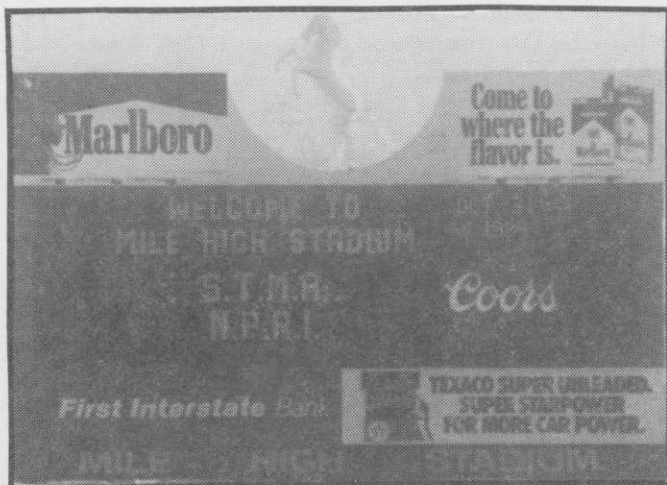
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DENVER HAPPENINGS

The STMA annual meeting which was held at the Regency Hotel in Denver featured one of the best educational programs ever according to those in attendance. Credit for this Blue Ribbon program must go to our Vice President Mike Schiller who served as program chairman. We are in the process of compiling a proceedings featuring all the talks that were presented. Once all the speeches are received from the speakers, they will be bound and made available in booklet form to STMA members.



Welcoming participants to the 1984 STMA annual meeting was the billboard sign outside Mile High Stadium.

Elected to serve as President for the 1985 year was David Frey, Cleveland Stadium. Serving with him on the Executive Committee are Mike Schiller, Northbrook, Illinois Parks, vice president; Melissa Merritt, Penn Valley Community College, secretary; Steve Wightman, Denver Mile High Stadium, treasurer. Serving on the Board of Directors are Don Marshall, Anaheim Stadium; George Toma, Kansas City Royals & Chiefs; and Roy Zehren, National Athletic Turf, Inc., Mequon, Wis. Also on the board are three past presidents of STMA: Dr. W. H. Daniel,

Purdue University, Harry Gill, Milwaukee County Stadium; and Dick Ericson, Metro Stadium, Minnesota. Selected to serve as Executive Secretary is Dr. Kent W. Kurtz, Professor of Turfgrass, Cal Poly Pomona University, California.



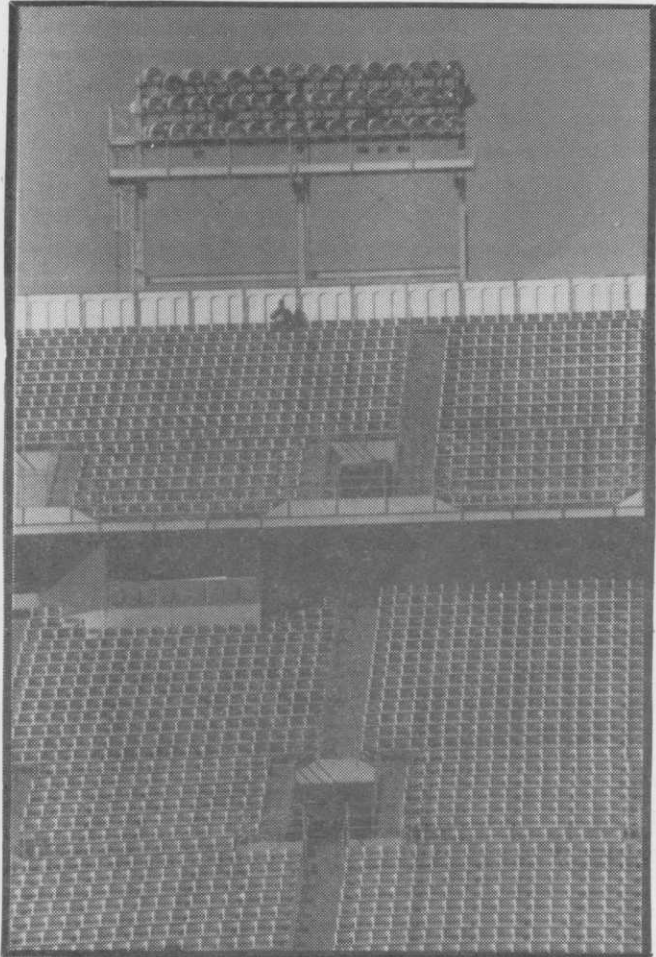
Taking a tour of Mile High Stadium in Denver were Harry Gill (left), Bill Daniel, Kent Kurtz and Mike Schiller.

In addition to the serious times, STMA conferees enjoyed some humorous moments. During the tour of Mile High Stadium all eyes were drawn to the uppermost section of the seats where a robust figure dressed in a Chicago Cubs hat and jacket was seated. It was no other than Mike "Bob Uecker" Schiller viewing the action from his "front row" seat.

What was Don Marshall trying to prove by riding the elevator up and down to the 14th floor? How many times did you make the trip, Don? Is this how Anaheim Stadium employees kill time during a working day?

Our new STMA Secretary Melissa Merritt was last seen chasing around making copies and running a multitude of errands thus earning the title "Gofer".

And how about Dr. "Naithsmith" basketball Kurtz. In trying to illustrate how soils drain properly, he discussed the proper and improper structure of soils. He said "If one filled a gym half full of basketballs, then dumped marbles on top, the marbles would sink to the bottom. This would be compared to silt or clay (marbles) plugging up the large gravel aggregates. Proper soil drainage systems must be well thought out before installation."



Just for fun Mike Schiller climbed high up in Mile High Stadium to claim his "front row" seat.

The Denver STMA meetings were delightful, educational, and established a warm, caring and closeness among all in attendance. We are on our way to a new beginning.

STMA EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY AT GCSA TRADE SHOW

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is providing STMA a complementary booth at their 56th International Golf Course

Conference and Show (February 10-12) in the Washington D.C. Convention Center. We appreciate this opportunity to promote STMA.

Executive Secretary Kent Kurtz will be attending the conference but needs assistance manning the booth and needs pictures or posters to dress up the display. If you can help or send material for the booth please contact Kent at 714-598-4167 or evenings 714-984-4677.

Hopefully Tony Burnett can provide STMA members attending the conference a tour of J.F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington, D.C.

STMA MEMBERS PREPARE BOWL AND PLAYOFF GAMES

Hats off to our members who have made the Association proud with their excellent field preparations for the big games. And all of these games were played on natural grass. Congratulations gentlemen, STMA has finally arrived.

Barney Barron

NFL Playoff - San Francisco

Don Marshall

Freedom Bowl, NFL Playoff - Anaheim

Steve Wightman

NFL Playoff - Denver

Tony Burnett

NFL Playoff - Washington D.C.

George Toma

Super Bowl - Palo Alto

Dale Sandin

NFL Playoff - Miami

David Jacobs, Kent Kurtz

Rose Bowl - Pasadena

GEORGE TOMA AND DONALD MARSHALL TO SPEAK AT CAL POLY'S 2ND ANNUAL SPORTSTURF INSTITUTE MARCH 19, 1985

The 2nd annual Sportsturf Institute at Cal Poly Pomona Tuesday, March 19, 1985 includes a seminar series featuring two of the nation's premier sportsturf managers, George Toma (Kansas City Royals baseball club, Kansas City Chiefs Football team and the NFL Superbowl's special advisor) and Donald Marshall from Anaheim Stadium (Los Angeles Rams, California Angels, and Freedom Bowl).

This year's conference includes a