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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 Committe 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 humerous 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 multidude of errands thus earning the title "Gofer".