

The turn out suggests there is a great need to hold regional conferences throughout the U.S. to assist members and non-members and updating their skills and knowledge.

In March of 1986 there will be a



A group of former students attend the Midwest Regional Conference to honor Dr. Bill Daniel on his retirement. Dr. Daniel (holding picture) was presented numerous awards including a Scottish caricature of himself. John Souter (man in kilt) is a sports turf consultant from Scotland.

Dr. William Daniel Honored At Midwest Turfgrass Foundation Conference

The Midwest Regional Turfgrass Foundation Conference at Purdue University was held March 4-6, 1985. The conference program was studied with former Purdue turfgrass graduates who are making outstanding contributions to the turfgrass industry throughout the United States.

The former students dinner and the banquet the following evening, paid tribute to Dr. William H. Daniel for his 35 years of service

regional meeting for STMA membership in Valley Forge, Penn. We will be joined by ALCA, PGMS, The American Sod Growers Association and others for a conference and trade show. More details will be provided in a future newsletter.

to the turfgrass industry. He retired from the University in March.

Daniel was the first president of STMA and now serves as a director of the association. He is noted for many research and applied contributions to our industry and most significant the invention and development of the PAT system.

STMA members Mike Schiller, Dr. Kent Kurtz, M. Kercher, Dan Weisenberger, and Roy Zehren attended the conference.



Gathering at the Midwest Regional Conference were Dr. John King (left), Dr. Fred Grau, Dr. Kent Kurtz, Bruce Shank, Mike Schiller, and Phil Hargarten.

Sports Field Injuries Serious Problem For Football Players

Nowhere in sports do injuries play a larger role in either the athlete's performance or the success of the game than in football. In professional football, players who are drafted are about equal in ability but an injury to a player which reduces his ability only 2 or 3 percent will probably end his career. Offensive football players sustain more injuries than defensive and special team players combined.

Knee injuries are almost three times more common than all other injuries put together. In fact knee injuries account for 69 to 86 percent of the serious injuries in the National Football League. It has been conjectured that the shoe, the playing surface and the interrelationship between the two may well play a significant role in the production—prevention of these injuries.

Injuries have been found to be 1.6 times higher on artificial surfaces compared with natural grass covers. In a survey taken among players in the NFL, 83.8 percent preferred to play on natural grass fields, 14.5 percent preferred synthetics and 1.7 percent had no preference.

Recently the progressive Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council pledged \$36,000 to Penn State University to research sports turf related injuries and their interrelationship to field surfaces and conditions.

Injuries at all levels of competition from the elementary schools to the professional stadiums need our immediate attention. STMA has pledged to get involved and recently joined with other allied organizations as an affiliate of the Musser Foundation in a cooperative war on injuries to make fields safer for our athletes, young and old.

There's a difference between good sound reasons and reasons that sound good!