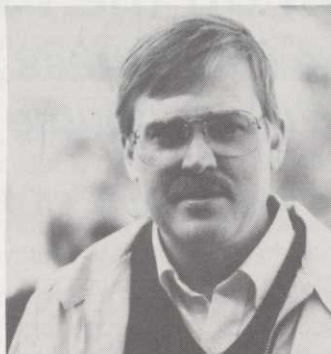


New Board Members



Constance Borg, event coordinator at the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California, assumes the duties of secretary for STMA.



Sam Monson, facility supervisor for the Minnesota Vikings, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, takes over the reigns of 1st vice president.

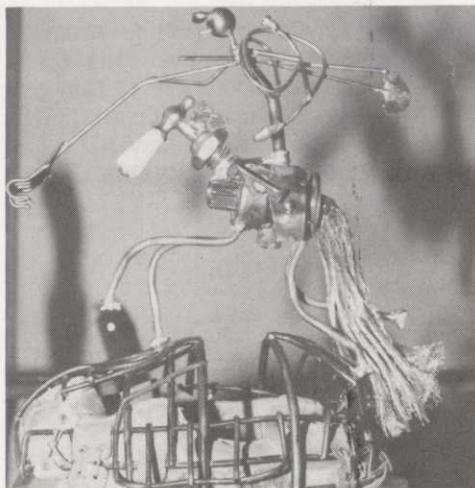


William Wrobel, director of communication for AIMCOR (Applied Industrial Materials Corporation), becomes the new 2nd vice president.

The Lawn Ranger Award



Dr. Kent W. Kurtz, professor of ornamental horticulture at Cal Poly, Pomona, and Executive Secretary of STMA, accepting the Lawn Ranger Award from last year's recipient Tony Burnett, chief groundskeeper at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington, D.C.



The Lawn Ranger Award is a travelling trophy which is unique in design; it consists of a figure representing the sports turf manager riding the horse of politics, wielding the "weapons" of a waterhose and rake and sitting atop the grill of a baseball catcher's mask.

Groundsman Awards



Shown from left to right are ; Wayne Nash of Wales, recipient of the Junior Groundsman of the Year Award, Dr. Kent Kurtz, Harry Gill, and John Warner, England, recipient of the Master Groundsman of the Year Award.

News and People

John Warner (London, England) and Wayne Nash (Wales), as a result of the most stringent competition in the United Kingdom, received from the London-based Institute of Groundsmanship the honor of groundsman of the year! Congratulations to these two colleagues from across the Atlantic.

Richard Gonzales, field supervisor at the Rose Bowl, is recovering from surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

President Steve Wightman and Dr. Bill Daniel represented STMA and natural grass at a meeting in Toronto, Canada where they made a strong pitch for Toronto to install natural grass in the proposed retractable dome stadium. The outcome is not final but the effort was sincerely appreciated.

Dr. Kurtz spoke in March to the National Football League Players Association Convention held in Los Angeles. Kurtz's topic was, "Making Turf Safer: Natural Grass Playing Surfaces and the Future."

James Long, STMA director from Holy Cross College, was recently influential in swaying the decision away from a synthetic turf practice field in favor of a sand-based, natural grass surface.