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# President's Message

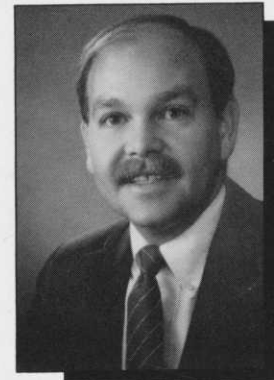
by Greg Petry

President

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts and feelings upon returning from our 6th Annual Conference in Bradenton, FL. First of all, I'd like to thank Mike Hurd and the staff at Pirate City for hosting this conference. It was a real treat for me to realize that we have reached the point where we can put on a high quality program at a high quality facility.

We really did have something for everyone - from the Seminar on Wheels, which once again proved to be a great success, to the golf outing, and the various educational sessions. Dr. James Beard's talk at the opening session made me realize that we all need to be prepared educationally to keep up with the technological advances available to us. We must be ready to implement these technological advancements into our own operations today. The age of technology is not going to be coming to the sports turf industry in 5-10 years - it's here!

Everything was very well attended and I'm sure that everyone walked away from these programs with at least one good idea to use



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back home. I know I did.

Last but not least, the Annual Banquet is always a high point of the Conference. This year was no exception, with keynote speaker, Senior Major League Umpire, Larry Barnett, providing his amusing perspective on baseball.

The awards presentations are another high point not to be overlooked. Congratulations to Dr. Henry Indyk on being awarded the prestigious Harry C. Gill Award, and to everyone else who came up a winner!

All in all, I think that everyone left with a good feeling about this Conference, and I hope to see you all in Anaheim, California in 1996.

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