

## From the Editor

I've received some comments about last month's "editorial" regarding research funding. I want to talk about where research comes from and how we are going to get it to you.

As you can appreciate, today's research costs a lot of money. Both GCSAA and USGA work hard to raise



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money for research. Other sources are state funds (public) and money raised by local turfgrass associations. As I understand, state support has been on the decline.

I know first hand, how the travel money for all of the Texas A&M Extension Specialists has been reduced year after year. I'm sure all of you know how much extension has meant to this profession.

The TurfGrass TRENDS mission is to find good research papers and get the information to you. Research has no value unless its find-

ings reach those who need the information most.

There are basically two types of university research - basic and applied. Basic research projects are undertaken because of their basic or scientific nature. They lend themselves to publication in one of the referred journals, including those of The Agronomy Society, the Entomological Society and the Weed Science Society. I am reviewing these journals and selecting articles that meet your needs.

The other type of research is applied. Results from applied research are rarely found in the journals. Most university turf programs publish their applied research results in reports with very limited circulation. We receive these as well and are selecting articles to reprint in TurfGrass TRENDS. Starting in January 1998, we'll publish a much wider variety of research findings that you've seen in the past.

Let me hear from you.

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