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The white amur controversy goes on. Florida has placed a temporary moratorium on further stocking of the fish in state waters, according to the Aquatic Plant Management Society. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and several Florida state and county agencies have initiated a long-term study in Lake Conway in Orlando. The cooperative study between Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission and Department of Natural Resources did not resolve the issue of effect of the white amur on the native fish populations. Several lakes in the state of Florida that have weed problems were stocked with white amur before the stocking moratorium was agreed upon. These lakes are being monitored by various agencies. Weed control results appear too variable in these lakes.

Warren Shaw has been named staff scientist for Weed Science on the National Program Staff of the Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. He replaces William Ennis, Jr., who retired. Shaw was formerly the NPS staff scientist for plant physiology and growth regulators from 1972 through last year. He is a past president of the Weed Science Society of America.

Bell Helicopter Co. is now Bell Helicopter Textron. The company is based in Fort Worth, Texas. Bell president James F. Atkins said the name change comes as part of a new corporate-wide identification program of Textron, Inc. for all its divisions. The new identification program is intended to maintain the valuable equities and public recognition of its divisions as well as to identify them visually and verbally with the Textron parent company.

The ever-increasing intrusion of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency may be unconstitutional, according to a Florida golf course superintendent. Dan Hall, superintendent at the Countryside Country Club in Clearwater, spoke at the recent Florida State Golf Association Fall Management Seminar and said: "Gentlemen, we are talking about money. The superintendent is liable, the club is liable as a whole, and club officers and directors are liable if these laws are not kept." He said he feels some of the powers granted to the EPA in recent years are unconstitutional but urged that club managers and superintendents make themselves thoroughly aware of EPA requirements to avoid fines and expensive litigation in the future.

PVC pipe price increases are tied to federal rules, not demand, manufacturers have charged. Precision Polymers, Inc. a national plastic pipe and fittings maker based in Mountainside, N. J., said it is increasing prices of all its polyvinyl chloride pipe and fittings 10 percent last month, and probably by an additional six to eight percent this month. Other companies also have raised prices. Marvin Rosenblum, president of the company, said the major factor in the need for increased prices is the sharply rising cost of vinyl chloride, the major ingredient in PVC pipe. He attributed this to federal standards and to the anticipation of further federal standards. In addition to other restrictions, the federal Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a standard for manufacturers that would require a 90 percent cut in air emissions of vinyl chloride. The agency itself estimated this would cost manufacturers \$198 million plus another \$70 million each year to maintain the required emission of the cancer-linked chemical.