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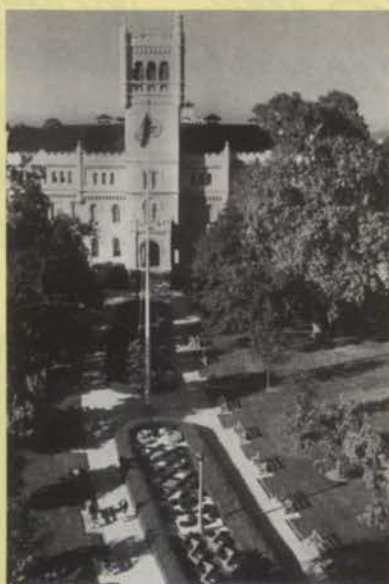
Joseph Paul Barefoot, our runner-up for Landscape Manager of the Year, is chief of grounds maintenance and landscaping for the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for the maintenance of 320 acres, including a new nine-hole golf course.

He also directs both interior and exterior pest control, road and walkway maintenance, transportation around the grounds and vehicle and equipment maintenance.

The 260 acres of landscaped area are divided into two levels of maintenance: 150 acres intensely maintained, 110 nominally maintained.

Barefoot's annual budget is \$1.3 million, but periodic budget cut-backs are not uncommon.

For the past five years, Barefoot has conducted a continuing program of landscape improvements in the domiciliary and health care areas. Generally, \$25-30,000 is spent for landscape materials.



The Knot Garden at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home.

"We've created many new perennial beds and replaced vast amounts of overgrown shrub-

bery," he says. His crews plant 30,000 perennials each year, and follow a replacement program of replanting three trees for each one that is removed.

"A five-acre plant nursery is maintained where we move damaged materials into for recovery purposes," says Barefoot. "The 50,000 square feet of greenhouses are leased to the Smithsonian Institution, where they grow bedding and display plants and maintain collections for research purposes."

Barefoot earned his bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Penn State. He has done master's work at Penn State, Delaware State and Wisconsin State at River Falls.

Active in grounds management for 25 years, Barefoot was national president of the Professional Grounds Management Society in 1972-73. He has also served as vice president and president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

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