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PEOPLE

Solomon, Wetsel, Riordan honored by various groups

The Irrigation Association named **Dr. Kenneth H. Solomon** its 1990 Man of the Year. Solomon, the 31st recipient of this award, is director of the Center for Irrigation Technology in Fresno, Calif.

The IA also honored **Frank W. ("Pat") Murphy**, founder of the Murphy Manufacturer Co. in Mt. Carmel, Ind., with its Industry Achievement Award.

Bob Wetsel has been named Seedsman of the Year by the Atlantic Seedsmen's Association. Wetsel is senior vice president of Wetsel Seed Co., Harrisonburg, Va. He served as the group's president in 1982.

Seed Research of Oregon has selected the University of Nebraska's **Dr. Terry Riordan** winner of its "Excellence in Research" award. Riordan won for developing new cultivars of buffalograss, St. Augustinegrass and Kentucky bluegrass. The turf-type buffalograsses were developed for environmental reasons.

PGMS officers

New officers of the Professional Grounds Management Society are: **Thomas L. Smith** of Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, president; **John Abernethy Jr.** of the City of Lenoir, N.C., first vice president; **John Michalko** of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, second vice president; **Robert F. Rubel** of Rubel's Landscape Services in Fort Worth, Texas, treasurer. Regional directors most recently elected are **Earl Wilson**, **Charles Wilson** and **Teddi Davis**.

Other awards

Elin D. Miller has been made 1990 Honorary Member of the Western Agricultural Chemicals Associ-

ation (WACA). She recently resigned as WACA executive director, a position she held for 4½ years. At the same time, WACA chose **A.M. "Bo" Bolin** as 1990 Outstanding Member. Bolin is Western district sales manager for Dow-Elanco.

Cuyamaca College's **Dr. Brad Monroe** received the Edwin J. Hunter Conservation Award. The instructor and landscape designer in El Cajon, Calif., introduced the first horticulture program at the school and wrote the course curriculum.

Other movements

Michael G. Pruett has been promoted to vice president of Environmental Care of Livermore, Calif. He had been a branch manager. Pruett has been with Environmental since 1976, when he graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in park administration.

New president of the Mississippi Turfgrass Association is **Max Maxwell** of The Country Club of Jackson. Maxwell was the organization's Outstanding Turf Professional in 1987.

Dr. Tim Bowyer has been nominated to serve on the Golf and Landscape Operations Industry Advisory Committee for Lake City (Fla.) Community College. Dr. Bowyer is president of Southern Turf Nurseries.

Professor of ornamental horticulture and landscape design **Dr. Donald B. Williams** of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville was named 1990 Outstanding Undergraduate Educator by the American Society of Hort Science.

Lex Dalton, former president and general manager of The Daltons of Indiana has joined Lawn Rangers of Warsaw, Ind. He'll direct marketing and right-of-way maintenance. **LM**