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Walker allows the noxious weed yarrow (some varieties are known as Queen Anne's Lace) to grow free in the traps, creating an ornamental look.

A member of a religious singing group, summer helper Asmus will graduate in the spring, 1987 with an associate degree of applied science in turfgrass management.

Fellow crew member Chase Clements Jr. has a well-known name in the Toledo area. His father, Chase Clements Sr., is a columnist for the local Toledo Blade newspaper. Chase Jr. is also an aspiring writer.

A long career

Walker, in his sixth year, is preparing for his first major tournament. That's something special for a man who began raking bunkers at Inverness when he was 14.

When former superintendent Wilbert Waters retired in 1980, his understudy Walker came back to Dorr Street (Inverness' location in southwest Toledo) to fulfill his dream.

"I'm really proud of this course," says the 35-year-old. "Being the superintendent here is something I've always wanted to do."

Walker, with an agronomy degree from Ohio State University, has also worked at Muirfield Village Golf Club (Dublin, Ohio), Kettenring Country Club (Defiance, Ohio), and Highland Meadows (Sylvania, Ohio).

Inverness, 1986 style

When Inverness hosted its first U.S. Open in 1920, contestants were housed at five downtown hotels and paid rates ranging from \$1.50 to \$5 per night. They'll pay a little more this year.

And the course they'll play has also changed substantially.

In 1979, four new holes were added to relieve congestion and

accommodate today's galleries. Numbers 3 (par 3, 185 yards), 5 (par 4, 401 yards), 6 (par 3, 220 yards), and 8 (par 5, 528 yards) were added for the 1979 U.S. Open.

The battle still rages between traditionalists and progressives about the additions. However, the PGA press kit notes: "...as the new holes mature and the memory of those eliminated fades, the furor has somewhat subsided. Most of

'Something like the PGA pulls (the crew) together. They realize it's a once in a lifetime event and they get to participate in it.'

—Tom Walker

Inverness is still pure Donald Ross (the original architect)."

The course measures 6,982 yards with a par of 71.

There's no arguing over the fact that Inverness is well-respected and highly-rated in the golf world. *Golf Digest* ranked Inverness 55th among the nation's top 100 golf courses in 1985.

Back to normal

Walker and crew admit there's something special about preparing for a major golf tournament. But when the last hot dog wrapper is vacuumed after the PGA, Inverness will return to serenity with its 220 members at center stage.

That's fine for Walker, who knows success begins and ends with your members. "Our members care about this course as much as we do," says Walker, who prefers to stay behind the scenes.

Walker believes he and the crew are doing their jobs when they don't hear from the members. "Few know where my building is but if we have to shut the course down on a wet day, I'll be in the men's grill going from table to table explaining to them what we're doing," says Walker.

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JOBTALK

Emergency access roads can be attractive; porous pavement is cost-effective solution

The \$80 million Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Laguna Niguel, Calif., and the Trammel Crow Company's 14.6-acre business park (Clauset Centre in Costa Mesa, Calif.) needed something more aesthetically pleasing than concrete when it came to installing emergency access roads. So Sullivan Concrete Textures of Costa Mesa was selected to install Grasscrete for the resort's poolside and the business park's subterranean parking structure rooftop.

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The Ritz-Carlton Hotel installed Grasscrete in two courtyards. The hotel frequently uses the area for barbeques which poses a fire threat.

'Because of an Orange County

stipulation, we had to have fire truck access," explains Kevin O'Keefe, the Ritz-Carlton's director of landscaping. "Grasscrete was the only option we had in lieu of concrete or asphalt." O'Keefe says the bluegrass/fescue

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