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tightly surrounding the green.

Sixteen is a birdie hole, a 569yard par five, that typically plays downwind.

Number 17, the course's shortest par four (354 yards), requires a perfect tee shot for an approach to a shallow, hard-to-hold green.

The finishing hole, a 434-yard par four, is a severe right dog-leg, where an idyllic tee shot is required to reach the plateau green.

The smallish greens average just 4,800 square feet. Southern Hills is no picnic for both pros and 900 members, who average 30,000 rounds yearly on the 175 acres.

#### **Public relations**

Randquist, on a tour of the course, knows most faces he passes. That's intentional. "I eat lunch with them every day, which I feel is a real positive public relations move," he says.

His monthly meetings with the greens committee run smoothly, he says, provided he's done his homework.

"I give a report that highlights the major things we did, the projects we're working on," he says. "I give a future report where I break things down into 30-day, 60-day, and 90day projects. As long as I give reports 'I love the work, I love the game of golf... I guess my only regret is the fact that I don't get to play enough. (But) being a player and involved in the maintenance end, I see things that I didn't see before. It makes it hard for me to concentrate.'

## -Randquist

and stay organized, the meetings go smoothly."

As long as the club thrives, Randquist is in an enviable position. He has carte blanche over purchase of equipment and supplies, hiring and firing, and employees' wages.

He has a crew of 14 with two assistant superintendents: John Babe and Scott Mendenhall. Jim Lucius is the club pro.

#### **Quiet efficiency**

The 1982 PGA official program offers this description of Randquist: "quiet efficiency."

It's an apt account of the reserved Oklahoman with the gentle eyes and mild disposition.

He knows the game, he knows every inch of Southern Hills, he knows his capabilities.

His programs work well but you'd never see him pat himself on the back. The members, who hired him in December of 1979, do plenty of that.

He reseeded all greens in September, 1984, with Penncross bentgrass and little fanfare. He's nurtured those greens through the intense heat of an Oklahoma summer.

He has the course playable 12 months a year despite the unpredictability of an Oklahoma winter.

Southern Hills continues as one of the country's top courses under his superintendency. Not bad for a guy with a degree in metallurgical engineering. **WT&T** 

## A super's view on golf: then, now, tomorrow

Bob Randquist, superintendent at Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla., has 16 years experience on golf courses. In that time, he has developed ideas on many topics. Here's a nutshell report:

Wages: "My feeling about my crew is that I want to pay them enough to keep the ones I want to keep."

**Chemicals and supplies:** "We buy in January and February to take advantage of the discounts. With the financial position of our club, we're fortunate to be able to do that."

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the forefront with its research. The meetings are a great chance to meet people, share and exchange ideas, find out the latest thing on the market."

Agronomy degrees for superintendents: "It's more important that people in the business have a degree in something. It shows they've handled the work. But not



Bob Ranquist, Southern Hills club superintendent.

having a turf degree has never hampered me."

His job: "It would be real difficult to leave here. One of things that attracted me was the fact that since Southern Hills was built (1935, with Perry Maxwell as architect), it's only had five superintendents and the one before me was here only two years. That shows stability."

Enjoy most about job: "No question—being outside."

**Enjoy least about job:** "The variability of golfers. We try to walk that line where we make the majority of the players happy."

Biggest challenge: "Getting maximum production from em-

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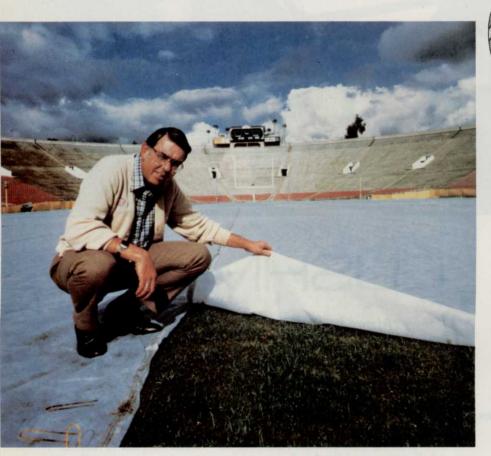
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## EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES

Improved drainage and timely renovations allow The Rose Bowl to head into its 64th season with its best face forward.

by Kent Kurtz, Ph.D.







William L. Leishman didn't realize on that warm August afternoon in 1900 that someday his dream would be

enjoyed by 75 million people annually. Not on that day when, as president of the Tournament of Roses Association, he hiked the dusty Pasadena hills and looked down on the Arroyo Seco.

He saw a city dump. Also, he saw a rocky area that might be a good place for a football stadium.

Now 85 years later, Leishman's son Lathrop and two grandsons are members of that same Tournament of Roses Association.

Lathrop accompanied his father by train to New Haven, Conn., to visit the famed Yale Bowl where the Rose Bowl dream took shape. The elder Leishman, impressed, said: "This is the kind of stadium we should have in Pasadena," his son remembers.

William Leishman's dream became reality in 1922. He, architect Myron Hunt and builder William Taylor gave the people of Pasadena a football stadium in the Arroyo Seco. Not a bad seat in the house. That trio was determined to bring the game to the spectator.

That's one reason the Rose Bowl hosted the 1984 Olympic soccer finals and showcased that sport to the largest U.S. audiences ever. The playing surface impressed the World Soccer Federation which gave it a 98 rating (100 being the highest).

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## Dr. Kent Kurtz on the Rose Bowl surface.

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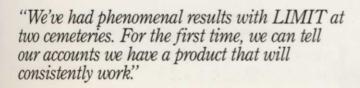
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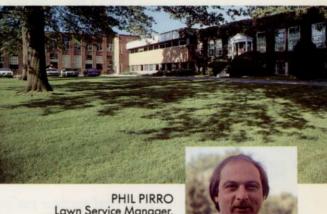
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A police helicopter dries the field last New Year's.

#### Setting up the field for an auto race.

grass field, and home of the UCLA Bruins and the New Year's clash between the best of the Big 10 and PAC 10. The so-called "Granddaddy" of bowl games.

#### The 1985 Rose Bowl game

Preparation for the Jan. 1, 1985 Rose Bowl game. Hectic. Full of surprises. Complications arose as winter storms dropped cold rains on Pasadena.

Renovation began with vertical mowing, aerifying, removing plugs, and sweeping. Perennial ryegrass seed, pre-germinated in 55-gallon containers, covered the field. Brushes carefully dragged about 110 tons of sand over the playing surface.

But 50-degree temperatures hampered germination and growth of the ryegrass seedlings.

The staff grew anxious as January 1 approached. It considered a polyethylene greenhouse over the field and using gas hearters to warm the germinating seed. Instead, someone suggested the new polyester fieldcovers. They soon covered the playing field.

Soil thermometers, checked daily, indicated temperatures under the covers averaged 62-65 degrees compared to 48-51 on the uncovered sideline area. This warmth pushed growth of the perennial ryegrass. Fertilization and mowing followed within two weeks.

Intermittent rains kept the field wet though. Calcium nitrate fertilizer could not be applied to the moist grass. The painting of the end zones and the center of the field would be difficult too. Help came from the Pasadena Police Department which voluntered the use of a helicopter to dry the grass.

Game day and everything came up roses. Credit the covers which provided a warm environment for the seed, and the sand topdressing for dry, firm playing surface for secure footing. But even after the success of the Rose Bowl game, basic problems remained. The biggest was drainage which for 63 years depended on a 24-inch crown in the center, turtle-backed to the sidelines. Soil clogged the few catch basins along the sidelines. An engineer and a soils specialist joined the field improvement effort. They collected water infiltration and percolation data.

Improvements for 1985

In the summer of 1985 test holes and soil samples showed that two feet beneath the turf surface lay the original Arroyo Seco gravel and sandy soil, good drainage material. However, the Rose Bowl topsoil contained a mixture of clay, silt, non-decomposed sludge and manure. Sod rooted in clay, installed prior to the 1984 Olympics, topped everything.

To provide drainage through these layers, workmen using backhoes dug one-by-two-foot trenches, spaced about 15 apart, the length of the field. The trenches were backfilled with medium grade sand. To help drainage further, workmen flushed the old catch basins with high pressure fire hoses and built four new basins.

With drainage in place, the Rose Bowl was ready for a motocross.

#### The renovation

Even though polyethylene and soil covered areas where motocross competitors battled, UCLA's first football game three weeks later demanded a complete field rebuilding.

Workmen removed the sod and all soil and debris. Roto-tillers churned the field to a depth of six inches before it was rough graded. Care was taken to roto-till lengthwise to maintain the drainage sand slits. Some humus, however, was added to these slits to ensure even turf color throughout the field. Next came installation of a 24inch crown and final grading.

It took two days to lay Santa Ana bermudagrass sod. Frequent irrigation knitted the sod to the surface. This particular sod had been contract-grown for the Rose Bowl by Pacific Sod, Camarillo, Calif. A special black turfgrass colorant sprayed over the stolon surface accelerated growth. The colorant absorbed heat. Company officials believe it resulted in a 25-to-30 percent faster spread of the bermudagrass.

Improved drainage and the wellthought-out field conversion provided the Bruins with a first class facility in 1985.

The challenge now? January 1, 1986.

#### The staff

All requests for events at the Rose Bowl must be directed to Constance Borg, Rose Bowl event coordinator. The Pasadena Board of Directors (city council) then must give its go ahead.

If the Board approves the event request, a contract (covering all phases of the activity from field maintenance to security) is drawn up and reviewed by acting Rose Bowl director Donald Hunt.

Rose Bowl field supervisor Richard Gonzales works directly under Hunt and oversees daily maintenance functions. Gonzales' staff performs the mowing, fertilizing, watering, aerifying, top-dressing, and other field preparations.

For large events—the Rose Bowl game, for example—a second turfgrass supervisor may be required. Pasadena's golf supervisor George Adge and his staff help with special field preparation, spraying or major renovation projects.

Coordination of maintenance schedules, advisement on agronomic practices, and evaluation of new materials and products are handled by Dr. Kent Kurtz, Rose Bowl agronomist and turfgrass professor at Cal Poly Pomona University, who works directly with Hunt.

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