

installed the lighting system, and even a two-inch nail drag used in the infield will bring some rocks to the surface," he explains. "Since that's one condition we can't change, we've just made rock removal a part of our maintenance program."

### Community Support

How does Trivett get all this done and fit in his full load of teaching, coaching and athletic director duties? "I told the Booster Club and community supporters that Bronce and I would do the field planning and work. They had to do everything else. The community took it to heart."

"The Booster Club even runs the concession stands for all activities, not just the school-related ones. All proceeds are channeled back into the athletic department," he explains. "They pay for the equipment and uniforms, make up the major portion of our operating budget, and even made it possible to build the concession and press box building."

Trivett's family is his personal booster club. His wife Karen is a physical education teacher and head basketball coach at one of the county high schools. His son Cory, who will be a high school senior, participates in both track and basketball, and his future plans include teaching PE and coaching. Trivett says, "I couldn't do any of this without their cooperation with the hectic schedule and their enthusiasm for what we've been able to accomplish."

How far has M.S. Deal Stadium come since 1986? The Chicago White Sox single-A team, the Hickory Crawdads, had chosen the field as a backup site for play if their own stadium had not been completed by the start of the season.

"There's no need to have a middle class facility for a middle school," notes Trivett. "If you have the dream and the commitment, you'll find the necessary knowledge and support waiting for you." □

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# HAPPENINGS

## West Coast Turf Expands Operations

West Coast Turf of Palm Desert, CA, recently acquired the assets of Warren's Turf of Winchester, CA. Warren's Turf was established in 1938 by Ben Warren and was instrumental in the early development of sod farms and sod harvesting equipment. The 200 acres in Winchester feature three types of hybrid bermuda, as well as St. Augustine and tall fescue. This acquisition continues the company's expansion, which has included the 1994 purchase of Foster Turf Products and the opening of a facility in Las Vegas, NV.

## PGMS Offers Corporate Membership

A new company-membership level was recently inaugurated by the Professional Grounds Maintenance Society. Until now, membership was restricted to individual groundskeeping professionals. Company membership dues are \$350 per year, which includes up to four full individual PGMS memberships; first opportunity for sponsoring a PGMS Conference, publications or other program elements; a free half-page advertisement per year in the *PGMS Forum*; and a listing as a company member in the PGMS Membership Directory.

The 1995 edition of the directory, *Who's Who in Grounds Management*, is now available. The 80-page book is free to members and \$38 to nonmembers. (Maryland residents add \$1.90 sales tax.) To order, write to: PGMS, 120 Cockeysville Rd., Suite 104, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. Payment must be included with order. Visa and MasterCard accepted. For more information, call (410) 584-9754. Fax: (410) 574-9756.

## Rain Bird Announces Personnel Changes

Kevin Gordon was recently promoted by Rain Bird Sales Inc. of Tucson, AZ, to product manager. He will relocate to the company's facility in San Diego, CA, from Denver, CO, where he was previously the district sales manager for the Rocky Mountain states. Gordon

is a member of the Montana Association of Nurserymen, Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado and the American Society of Landscape Architects. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Illinois University and an MBA from the University of Colorado.

Rain Bird Sprinkler Manufacturing Co. is headquartered in Glendora, CA.

## Seed Company Named Official Supplier

Seed Research of Oregon, Inc., in Corvallis reached an agreement with SMA Services Corp., a subsidiary of the Stadium Managers Association, to become its official seed supplier. The list of SMA stadiums includes such big names as Yankee Stadium, New York; Mile High Stadium, Denver, CO; R.F.K. Stadium, Washington, DC; Soldier Field and Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL; and Candlestick Park, San Francisco, CA.

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