FROM THE PUBLISHER new season is underway and I'm excited. What excites new season is univerway and the excited, virial excited more and more me as I look around is that there is more and more interest in the sports turf market. Even though golf courses have had recognition for some time, even more accourses have had recognition for some time, even more ac-knowledgment is coming forward. Suppliers are beginning to realize that there is a definite line between the golf course Superintendent, parks and recreation personnel, sports com-I have felt from the onset that articles should be written plex managers and the landscape contractor. with the superintendent and the sports turf manager in mind. That is the reason for starting sports TURF magazine in the first place it takes a little while for the pickel to drop first place. I guess it takes a little while for the nickel to drop. TITST place, I guess It takes a little while for the nickel to drop. I am delighted to see the whole area of sports turf receivg more and more recognition, and rightfully so. By the way, if you didn't attend the golf course show in rightfully and even some new chements are opportunity to review all the latest in equipment. By the way, if you didn't attend the golf course show in Phoenix, AZ, recently, you missed an opportunity to review all the latest in equipment, irrigation, and even some new chemical applications. It was the largest show ever held by the Golf Course Superintendent ical applications. an opportunity to review all the latest in equipment, irrigation, and even some new chemical applications. It was the largest show ever held by the Golf Course than 300 exical applications. It was the largest show ever held by the more than 300 examples application of America. More than 12,000 turf managers viewed the more than 12,000 turf managers. ing more and more recognition, and rightfully so. ical applications. 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Golf courses and spoil levery state of the union should have the advantage of the union should have the union Irrigation systems actually enable sports turt managers to save water. They are the tool which controls water application, eliminating waste while protecting the most important parts of our landscapes from drought. ant parts of our landscapes from drought. If we are to be the masters of our own destinies sensitive areas. More importantly we are to be the masters of our own to these sensitive areas. If we are to be the masters of our own destinies and not be highly regulated by outside sources, we need to pay more attention to these sensitive areas. More importantly, the sources, we need to pay more attention to these sensitive areas. More are handling the must be able to show the bureaucrats and the nublic at large how we are sources, we need to pay more attention to these sensitive areas. 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Associations can be a great podium for better public relations. Let's use them. Spread the word of the part we are playing to control the environ be a great podium for better public relations. Let's use them. March. 1987