INDUSTRY HAPPENINGS

UMass Sponsors Lawn Care Seminar, Show

The University of Massachusetts Extension and the Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals (MALCP) will host a seminar for lawn care operators and associated grounds management professionals on February 26 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. For the first time ever, the seminar will be accompanied by a miniturf show featuring suppliers of lawn care products.

The seminar is designed to provide lawn care professionals with an opportunity to access new-product information, gain information on IPM, and provide applicators with information regarding personal, customer and environmental protection. Five CEUs for pesticide recertification within Massachusetts are available. Recertification credits have been applied for other New England states and New York. For more information, contact Karen Connelly, executive director, MALCP, at (508) 287-0127 or Mary Owen, turf specialist, UMass Extension, (508) 892-0382.

New GIE Board to Meet

The 1996 Green Industry Expo officers and directors will take over their respective duties at the GIE board meeting on March 2. The slate of officers was announced last November during the sixth annual GIE in Fort Worth, TX. The board will meet in Nashville, TN. The officers, serving a one-year term, are: President Lou Wierichs Jr., CTP, of Pro-X Systems in Appleton, WI, representing PLCAA; Vice President Jeff Bourne of Howard County Parks & Recreation Service in Columbia, MD, representing PGMS; Secretary/Treasurer Dale Elkins

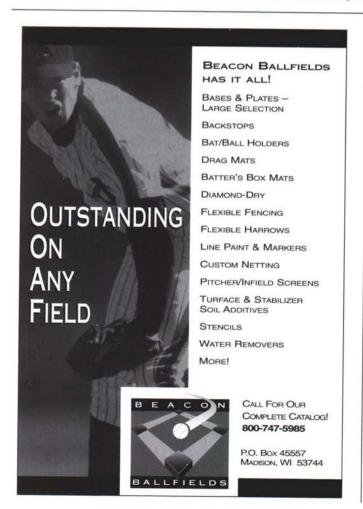
of ISS Landscape Management Services in Orlando, FL, representing ALCA.

Directors inducted to serve threeyear terms are: George Gaumer of Davey Tree Expert Co. in Kent, OH, representing PGMS; Dale Elkins of ISS Landscape Management Services in Orlando, FL, representing ALCA; and Sam Farison of Farison Lawn Care Inc. in Louisville, KY, representing PLCAA. Other voting board members include Gary Trinetti (PGMS), Mike Dietrich (PLCAA), and Rick Doesburg and David Luse, both representing ALCA.

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