

# 1984 GREEN SECTION EDUCATION CONFERENCE

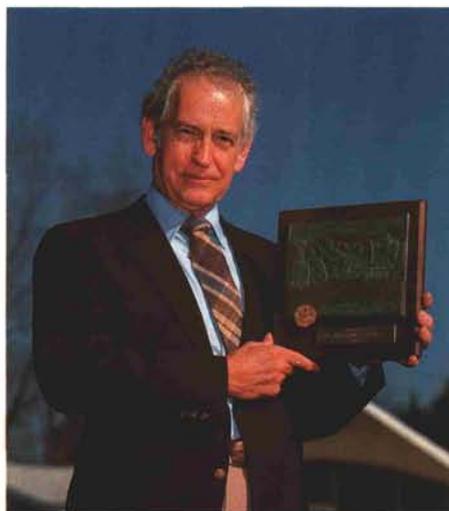
## Dr. William H. Daniel, USGA Green Section 1984 Award Recipient

**D**R. WILLIAM H. DANIEL, Professor of Agronomy at Purdue University, received the 1984 USGA Green Section Award for service to golf through work with turfgrass.

“My career as a worker in turfgrass science has covered 34 exciting years, and I am honored to be the recipient of the Green Section’s 1984 Award and to join the distinguished group of those who have received it before me.”

Dr. Daniel received the Award from James R. Hand, President of the USGA, and George M. Bard, of Rolling Meadows, Illinois, Chairman of the Green Section Award Committee. The presentation was made on February 2, 1984, before 1,800 people attending the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Annual Banquet Dinner, at the MGM Grand Hotel, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Green Section’s Educational Conference was conducted earlier in the day and also attracted a record number of over 800 superintendents and club officials. For the fourth consecutive year, the Green Section Program was held in conjunction with and at the invitation of the GCSAA’s International Turfgrass Conference and Show.

Dr. Daniel has been responsible for the development or improvement of many agronomic practices, programs and products. His investigations into the use of calcium arsonate for the control of *Poa annua*, the use of electric soil warming devices, development of pre-emergent crabgrass controls, introduction of soil conditioners for porous rootzones, the introduction of Sodco bluegrass, Evansville bentgrass, and Midwest zoysiagrass are but a few of his



*Dr. William H. Daniel*

*George M. Bard, Green Section Committee Chairman, opens the 1984 Education Program for the USGA Green Section, Las Vegas, Nevada.*



contributions. He gained worldwide fame as the inventor of Prescription Athletic Turf (PAT) systems, which are widely used today on university and professional football and baseball fields.

Many believe, however, that he made his greatest contribution to turfgrass management as an educator. His agronomy courses at Purdue and his supervision of graduate students are legend. He has assisted more than 200 students to find employment in the turf management field. Equally important has been his long-time service as executive secretary of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation and the coordinator of the annual Midwest Regional Turf Conference. He has even found time to write the book *Turf Management Handbook* and many extension leaflets on lawn care.

Born in Sparkman, Arkansas, Dr. Daniel earned a bachelor of arts degree from Ouchita College, in 1941. In 1947 he was awarded a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from the University of Arkansas. He then enrolled at Michigan State University and, by 1950, received both his master’s and doctoral degrees in soil science. He began his turfgrass management career in 1950 as an assistant professor at Purdue University. Over the years he has been recognized by many organizations for his contributions and service to science. He has been a member of the USGA Green Section Committee since 1954.

In presenting the Green Section Award, the USGA wishes to identify, celebrate, and hold up for emulation individuals who exemplify outstanding dedication to golf through their work with turfgrass. Dr. Daniel greatly honors the Award.