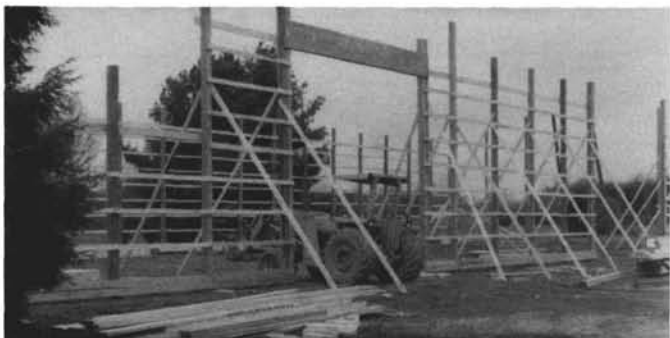


U. of I. Field Day Provides Opportunity to View New Research and Maintenance Facility

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After a wait that was plagued by funding and weather-related delays, construction began recently in Urbana on the new research and maintenance facility at the University of Illinois' Landscape Horticulture Research Center. When completed, the new facility will feature a laboratory/classroom; employee areas that include office, rest room, and break facilities; equipment maintenance and welding shops; and storage areas for equipment and supplies. The new structure measures 56 feet by 168 feet and provides more than twice the space of the previous building that was destroyed in a 1991 fire. The building shell is scheduled for completion by the end of May and parts of the building may be habitable by later summer.

The 1993 University of Illinois Turfgrass, Nursery, Landscape, and Trial Garden Field Day has been scheduled for 18 August 1993. Field Day activities will include viewing ongoing field research and demonstrations in the morning, along with afternoon workshops and classes. This is an opportunity to visit the Landscape Horticulture Research Center and see the new research and maintenance facility. Watch the mail for Field Day registration announcements.



Construction has begun on the new research and maintenance facility at the Landscape Horticulture Research Center at the University of Illinois in Urbana. The new structure is being built on the site of the previous structure that was destroyed in a 1991 fire.

MSU and PSU Compete in First Cutter Cup Challenge

Michigan State University and Penn State University Turf Clubs competed in the first Cutter Cup Challenge at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Each turf club selected a foursome to play in the tournament through a qualifying tournament at their respective university course.

The players representing MSU were Jim Bluck, Jeff Hippensteel, Scott Ford, and Robert Sample; and for PSU were Steve Josimovich, Chris Modeer, Jeff Smohla, and Tom Troutman. The host superintendent was Mark Kuhns.

Penn State won the match-play event 2½ to 1½. The trophy awarded was an engraved cutter. Next year's Challenge will be played at Pointe O'Woods in Benton Harbor, Michigan, hosted by Steve Glossinger.

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