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Congress appropriated \$2.6 million for the first leg of construction.

The \$8.9 million, which is what the university requested, would serve to complete the funding for the project, along with about \$10 million promised by the private sector.

Hardly a day goes by these days that I don't think about how nice it would be to have a few days off. It's been, literally, months since the last day I didn't go over to the golf course. I've been dreaming about one of those mini-vacations.

Turns out a professor of industrial engineering at the University of Miami thinks that short vacations are better for harder workers like golf course superintendents.

David J. Sumanth believes in short refreshers. "These high-momentum workers, from anecdotal evidence, need short weekend vacations or they lose the momentum if they stay out for long periods of time."

"With a short three- or four-day vacation, you can pretty much bounce back."

These short vacations—long weekends—sound like they are tailor-made for the busy superintendent. I think I'll try to plan one myself!

Congratulations to Dr. Neal Jorgenson. He's been named by Chancellor Donna Shalala as the acting dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Neal has been an associate dean for eight years and has proven abilities as an administrator.

He replaces Dr. Leo Walsh as dean and will remain in that position until a new dean is chosen.

Neal grew up on a dairy farm near Luck, Wisconsin. He received a B.S. degree from River Falls, a M.S. and a Ph.D. from Madison. His academic background is in biochemistry and dairy science.

You will enjoy getting to know Dr. Jorgenson. Maybe we'll be able to get him to the WTA Field Day.

Court Overturns Casey Decision

On Friday, June 21, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that local units of government may go beyond federal law in regulating pesticide use.

The decision has far-reaching potential implications for golf course superintendents all across America.

The ruling overturned a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling against the Washburn County town of Casey.

The court ruled unanimously, a vote that stunned F/RoW/T Coalition Executive Director Russell Weisensel.

The Supreme Court's decision said that local regulation of pesticides wasn't pre-empted by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act of 1972.

Justice Byron White, writing for the court, said that while the 1972 law is a comprehensive effort to control pesticides, it doesn't ban states—and by extension cities and towns—from doing more. FIFRA gives the federal government power over the registration and labeling of pesticides.

"But," White said, "It certainly does not equate those requirements with a general approval to apply pesticides throughout the nation without regard to regional and local factors like climate, population, geography and water supply."

More details of this major court decision will be presented in the next issue of *THE GRASS ROOTS*.

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The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association 1991 FIELD DAY will be held on Tuesday, August 27th

For a variety of reasons, the event will be sited at the UW-Madison "West Madison Experiment Station", located near the NOER Facility. Details on Registration, Programming and Directions will be forthcoming from Tom Harrison and Tom Schwab.

PLAN TO ATTEND!