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"From the mid-60's on, the turfgrass program evolved among the various departments," Walsh pointed out. Today, it is an interdisciplinary program among the soils, agronomy, horticulture, plant pathology and entomology departments.

"Jim Love was probably the principal person who devoted the time and effort to make the program more visible, to bring the program together in a way in which it attracted substantial numbers of very good students," Walsh said.

"He had a tremendous record in terms of getting these students placed in absolutely top notch golf courses around the country. Once you start achieving success—getting good students, having those students well trained and having them get good jobs—the program builds through word of mouth."

The O.J. Noer Center for Turfgrass Research is another example of how the turfgrass program has matured. Walsh gives credit to faculty members, industry representatives and former turfgrass students. "They worked hard to put this together, and they got the job done," he said.

"It's going to benefit the industry for many decades. I can't see our society not having a substantial need for quality recreational opportunities. Turfgrass is going to be a part of that."

The University of Wisconsin Golf Course also will benefit the turfgrass program. "It's something that we have some control over," Walsh pointed out. "Whenever we wanted to give students experience or do some research work, we always had to go out and beg for help from the people who were managing golf courses.

"While they were all very cooperative and certainly helped us out to the

extent that they could, it's not like having your own facility where you can control all of the variables."

Leo Walsh may be stepping down as dean of CALS, but he's not retiring; he's returning to the soil science department. "I'm going to be doing some water quality and conservation Extension programming, especially as it relates to plant nutrients that are in the environment," he explained.

"I hope to use my technical background and experience in soils, and the contacts I've made as dean, to try to coordinate and bring together some of these programs in a more effective way. I'll also be working part time for the Cooperative States Research Service of the USDA, helping to coordinate water quality and conservation programs across the North Central Region," Walsh concluded.

Reinders Conference A Huge Success

By Randy Smith

Reinders Turf and Irrigation Conference, Equipment Show and Service Clinic was held this past March 13 and 14. Approximately 1500 registrants, 24 guest speakers and 35 exhibitors participated in the 10th biennial "Mini National" held at the Waukesha County Expo Center. Some of these notables attending all 10 Conferences include Dr. Joe Vargus—Michigan State University, Dr. Bob Newman—University of Wisconsin, Don Maske—Nor-Am, and of course "Mr. and Mrs. Donut" Pam and Rick Lieburg—Hol 'N One Donut Co.

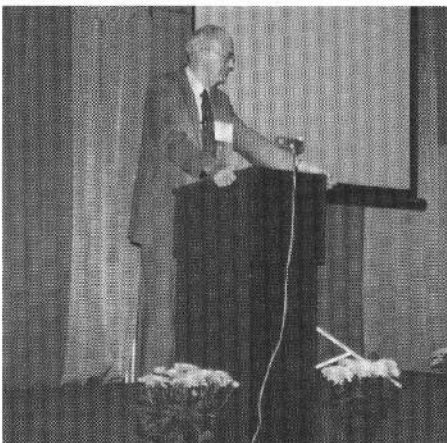
The equipment and supply exhibits filled the floor and balconies with a

wide variety of items. Among those was the new Hydro-Jet aerifier by Toro that may have been viewed for the first time by those not attending the GCSAA Conference and Show. There was a huge Olathe "clipper" that eats logs

and pallets, and a large Hahn topdresser on display outside of the Arena. The OSMAC by Motorola was also a popular booth.

Also highlighting this event were two days of customer-oriented engine and equipment service clinics, irrigation workshops, and timely educational seminars. Refreshments, door prizes and a lot of good shop talk made this a successful event.

By the way, if you are into planning your busy schedules well in advance, please note that the 11th Reinders Conference and Show will be Wednesday and Thursday, the 17th and 18th of March 1993.



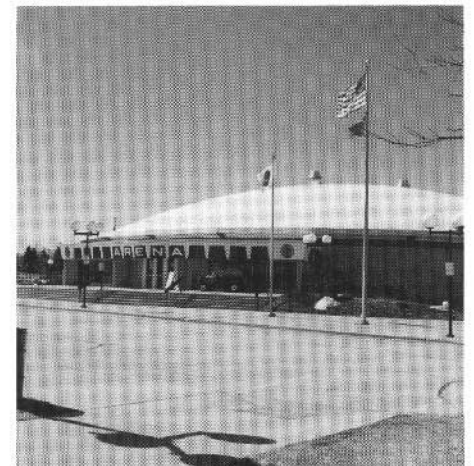
Plant Pathologist and Associate Dean Gayle Worf summarizes "Turf diseases and what have we learned?"



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New equipment draws a crowd



The Waukesha County Expo Center-site of the 10th Reinders Conference and Show