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Sports Turf Institute - 5th Annual Cal Poly University Pomona March 22, 1988

The 5th Annual Sports Turf Institute at Cal Poly University in Pomona, California will be held Tuesday, March 22, 1988 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A line up of exciting and educational topics will be presented during the morning session. Topics include:

1. The Sports Turf Boom: Fact or Fiction
2. Grasses on the Horizon: Sports Turf
3. Proper Construction Saves \$\$ Later
4. Ways to Germinate Seed Faster
5. Irrigation for Sports Turf
6. The PAT System for Parks
7. Research Update: Sports Turf

The second activity of the day will be the on-site field demonstrations which are geared toward teaching the fundamentals of special athletic field techniques. The batting order will include:

1. Baseball Field Maintenance
 - A) Skinned Infield Preparation
 - B) Tips on Care of the Infield Grass, Home Plate Areas and the Pitching Mound
2. The Cambridge Drainage System
3. Coring and Sand Topdressing
4. Field Renovation Techniques
5. Backlapping Procedures for Reel Mowers

A trade show featuring 60 or more of the leading companies that market or sell equipment, products or supplies for athletic fields will be held from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Special door prizes and other gifts will be drawn at the conclusion of the day's activities.

For more information about the Institute, trade show, accommodations, etc., please call Mary Giles at the STMA office 714-981-9199.

STMA Educational Sessions — Houston

The educational sessions presented in Houston were of exceptional quality and the speakers included the leading sports turf educators, scientists and practitioners in the world. Attendance was disappointing but the knowledge and information that was expounded and disseminated would be helpful and useful to each and everyone who is a sports turf manager. The following is a brief synopsis of the educational presentations from the Houston conference:

1. A Synopsis of Sports Turf Related Organizations and What Makes Them Tick
 - A. Dr. Peter Hayes, Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, England, discussed the historical aspects and the management of the STRI. He talked about the four functions, namely (1) advisory work, (2) consultancy work (3) research work, and (4) education. In summary, the Sports Turf Research Institute is the only body in the UK which is an independent research and extension organization. This is STRI's main strength - in that it is independ-

- ent of trade bias and there is a two-way flow of information from extension agronomists in the field to research workers on the trial grounds.
- B. The Institute of Groundsmanship is headquartered in London, England and featured three prominent speakers:
 1. Christine Smith, who is a feature writer on their magazine, **The Groundsman**, and a member of the press and public relations team, discussed the aims of the IOG:
 - a. to give opportunities for training

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