In 1977, research expenditures were $14,500.00. Research projects supported were as follows:

- Thatch — Texas A&M University
- Nitrogen effect on Phosphorus, Potassium & Magnesium Uptake — University of Florida
- Chemical Soil Testing — Pennsylvania State University
- Turfgrass Rooting — Rutgers University
- Herbicide-Disease Relationships — Iowa State University
- Herbicide-Thatch Relationships — University of Illinois
- Poa annua Management Relationships — Washington State University

Through 1977, the O. J. Noer Research Foundation has contributed $133,000.00 toward advanced research in the turfgrass field. Information gained from these studies has been of use throughout the industry. Advanced degrees gained through this research help assure a supply of highly qualified research and extension personnel for the turfgrass industry.

**Some Noer Foundation Firsts**

- 1st to establish a Memorial Turfgrass Library.
- 1st to gain industry support for turfgrass research on a continuing basis.
- 1st to establish an investment fund from donations so research could be supported on a continuing basis.
- 1st to publish extra Master theses for research workers

A total of 14 projects, conducted in 6 universities, have produced 8 advanced degrees in turfgrass-related fields.

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