

# Large Turfgrass Collection Open to the Public

DEDICATION OF THE JAMES B. BEARD LIBRARY COLLECTION, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**O**n July 16, 2003, friends, colleagues, and family members of James B. Beard gathered at Michigan State University's Turfgrass Information Center for the dedication of the James B. Beard Turfgrass Library Collection.

Dr. Beard served at Michigan State University (MSU) from 1961-1975, and at Texas A&M University from 1975-1992. After his retirement from Texas A&M, he became President and Chief Scientist of the International Sports Turf Institute.

Beard's classic *Turfgrass: Science and Culture*, published in 1973 and still in print, continues as the landmark publication regarding turfgrass science. His *Turf Management for Golf Courses*, first released in 1982 and revised in 2002,

remains the best-selling reference work in the field.

Dr. Beard is a world-renowned turfgrass scientist. He authored 257 scientific papers, 382 articles, and five books. The Beard turfgrass collection is acknowledged to be the finest personal collection of turf-related material in existence. It includes international coverage of the turfgrass research and management literature contained in more than 30,000 books, periodicals and technical reports. The Beard Collection serves as a non-circulating reference collection within the Turfgrass Information Center in the Main Library. The Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) will provide article-level access to all items within the collection. TGIF, an online database indexing and abstracting the

literature of turfgrass, is jointly sponsored by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and MSU Libraries. MSU maintains, produces and hosts the TGIF.

This generous donation is but the latest effort by Harriet and Dr. James B. Beard in support of the Center's work and objectives, including the Turfgrass Information Center Endowment Campaign. The arrival of the Beard Collection makes MSU the strongest public repository of turfgrass literature in the world. MSU Vice President Fred Poston stated, "Turfgrass research is one of Michigan State University's designated areas of excellence and the Beard Collection is a vital asset for turf researchers worldwide." The Turfgrass Information Centre is online at <http://www.lib.msu.edu/tgif/>. ♦



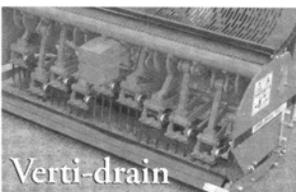
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A capable sports field manager can grow grass, maintain the skinned areas of baseball fields and perform other on-the-field tasks. But sports field managers increasingly must also provide:

- Thorough record-keeping and documentation of field conditions, chemical and maintenance operations and any corrections made to address problems;
- Proper training and documentation of such for all employees working at the facility;
- Proper storage, handling and application of chemicals;
- Proper maintenance and operation of equipment;
- Regular inspection and repair of fencing, bleachers, restroom facilities, etc.; and
- Proper posting of permanent and temporary signs indicating precautions that the public should take for safety purposes.

Excerpt from *Wanted: Eager Young Turf Pros*, Goatley, Mike and Jeff Krans with additional reporting by Jim Guyette, *Athletic Turf*, April 1999 reprinted in *Sports Turf Topics* 1999-2000, Sports Turf Managers Association.