

TIC Renovation Complete

The Turfgrass Information Center has undergone another transformation. This one has been the most substantial than all to date with the exception of new construction within the Beard Collection area. There are now offices for all the regular staff as well as a student workstation area that is designed for database construction effectiveness. A photo spread of the progress from before through the construction to shortly after is inside this issue of *The Sward*. We are still unpacking and reorganizing but TIC and TGIF record construction are up and running as of March 10, 2008.

Our thanks especially to the Libraries' Facilities and Systems offices for their effective efforts to help transform TIC!

Theses and Dissertations from Purdue University

Special thanks to Ms. Jennifer Biehl and Dr. Cale Bigelow of Purdue University for their donation of [Masters Theses and doctoral Dissertations to TIC](#). These physical materials were, until now, missing from TIC's collection and now have complete records within TGIF. Additionally, Ms. Biehl and Dr. Bigelow have taken steps to contact the authors to gain copyright permission for TIC. When copyright permission is granted, the theses and dissertations will be digitized and made available online in a full-text format.

We hope that this initiative will be repeated at other academic institutions. We would be pleased to cooperate in this way to insure that **your** institution's graduate research is fully represented within TGIF. Let us know if you are prepared to take this on: tgif@msu.edu. To grant copyright permission for your own thesis or dissertation, please complete the form at <http://tic.msu.edu/copyrightpermissions.html>

Non-English 'About TIC' Webpages

In addition to the already available Spanish, French, and German language webpages which briefly describe TIC and TGIF, we are now pleased to announce the availability of a [Chinese language page](#) to do the same, as well as a [Chinese 'TGIF Database Description' page](#) linked from there. Special thanks to Wu Di, a student from the MSU-China

Turfgrass Education Program working in TIC during Fall term, and Wen-ying Lu, a MSU Librarian, for their collaborative effort in producing these pages.



Renovation of the Turfgrass Information Center took place during MSU's Spring Break in order to minimize disruption of on-site access and service. These photos illustrate the massive undertaking that was accomplished in short order with the generous help of many MSU Libraries staff.



TIC Staff are now in a common area with comfortable amenities that facilitate communication and workflow.



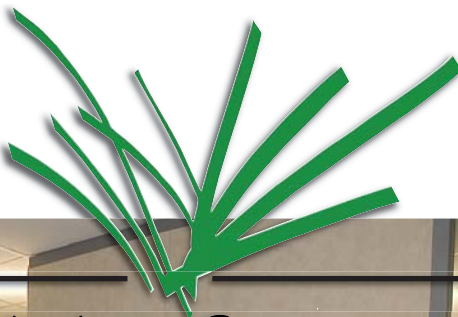
Renovation Scenes



Staff Workspaces



TIC Public Area



Turfgrass
Information Center



The newly renovated Turfgrass Information Center has a welcoming entrance and service desk to assist guests with their turf-related inquiries. The area is comfortable and inviting—a great place to explore turf-related topics for research, study, and scholarship.



Student Workspaces

Student workspaces have been streamlined and organized by task to improve materials processing.

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Getting Started with TGIF Guide

This guide is the first in a new series of guides and tutorials that will be created over the next year on how to use TGIF. *Getting Started with TGIF* (http://tic.msu.edu/Getting_Started_TGIF.pdf) is a two page handout that provides a quick overview of the basic search, guided search, where to find more information on power searching, and the ways you can connect to TGIF depending on your institutional, organizational, or corporate access or your own personal access. Please feel free to copy the guide, use it in your classes or in other ways you find useful.

Journal Archives Online

Recently Launched

- *Proceedings of the GCSAA Conference*

Now Under Construction

- *The National Greenkeeper*
- *On Course / The Bull Sheet* — Cooperatively with the [Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents \(MAGCS\)](#)

Forthcoming

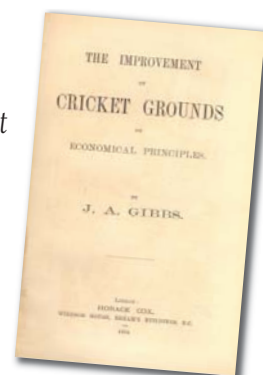
- *SportsTurf* — Cooperatively with the [Sports Turf Managers Association \(STMA\)](#)

We welcome and seek additional digitization candidates and cooperators. What content would you like to see? Call [Pete Cookingham](#) to discuss your ideas!

Noer Collection Acquisitions—2007

The [O.J. Noer Memorial Collection](#) continues to grow steadily, built both by donations and purchases.

The oldest acquisition for 2007, J.A. Gibbs' *The Improvement of Cricket Grounds on Economic Principles*, from 1895, is very rare, and apparently was the first published work ever written on cricket pitch construction and maintenance. We are very pleased to have acquired it. See TGIF record R=110280.



Our continuing thanks to the [Noer Foundation](#) for the ongoing engagement for over 40 years now, and their continuing commitment to the [TIC Endowment Campaign](#).

TIC Annual Report 2007

The first formal annual report of the Turfgrass Information Center is now available. The report is called [TIC Annual Report 2007](#) and is linked from the TIC Public Website (<http://tic.msu.edu>).

The Box Score

Number of TGIF Records: **130,000+**

Number of digitized golf course design plans currently in the [ASGCA Architects Gallery](#): **148**