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quantitative research. It cuts across departments and disciplines," said Dr. Ronny Duncan, a professor who specializes in plant breeding and stress physiology at the Experiment Station here.

"The EPA [Environmental Protection Administration] is clamping down, and we're gearing up to have some solid research data to back up [the findings]," Duncan said.

"We will have all the computerization and monitoring equipment that will satisfy EPA requirements."

Construction of the course will culminate about a year and a half of planning. The proposal was approved by UGeorgia's Board of Regents in mid-March.

"The 165-acre property contains "a complete package" for gauging impact and helping develop "environmentally sound golf courses of the future," Duncan added.

It borders wetlands, while forest, wildlife environments and natural grass are all on the site.

The facility will have 21 holes, he said, so that, on any day, 18 can be played while research is done on the other three.

The research will be conducted mainly by the Experimental Station's nine-person team. It includes plant breeders, pathologists, entomologists, a stress physiologist, two Extension Service employees, and a wildlife expert — people involved in cosmetic as well as basic research.

"We would like to be able to have final approval on the lease by June or July," Kanemasu said, "then, 18 months later, be out there cutting the ribbon on the golf course."

The university reportedly wants a turn-key development to have private concerns bankroll the project.

Clemson University in South Carolina hopes to build a similar facility which will serve as an "outdoor classroom" for faculty and students involved in the sciences as well as hotel management, recreation services, and physical therapy.

Kanemasu said that, on several occasions, university researchers have seen an entire year of research at area golf courses lost when a maintenance crew member unwittingly sprayed a test plot.

"That's discouraging," he said, and it is just one impetus for building the course.

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