

TURF NEWS

ROUNDUP

USGA grants \$151,000 for research at FGCSA green at Fort Lauderdale

If you build it, they will come.

The USGA Research Committee last month legitimized the two-year effort of the FGCSA to build a research green at the University of Florida's Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center by awarding two research grants worth \$151,000 for work at the facility.

Drs. John Cisar and George Snyder will get \$135,000 for a three-year study of mobility and persistence of pesticide and Dr. Monica Elliott received \$16,000 to study the organism that causes bermudagrass decline.

The projects were two of 18 approved by the USGA panel for its special \$2.8 million environmental research program. The committee considered 25 pro-

posals in the final screening at Innisbrook Resort in Tarpon Springs early in December.

The committee also approved another \$758,000 in grants under the USGA's regular research program. No Florida projects were under consideration for regular funding.

"The fact that a USGA-spec green was available for pure research played a role in the committee's decision," said John Foy, Green Section Regional Director for Florida. "So did the fact that Florida has more golf courses than any other state.

"But basically, they were just solid research proposals that met the criteria for the special environmental research program."

The USGA had solicited project proposals in three areas: golf course benefits, alternative pest management, and pesticide and nutrient fate. The Cisar/Snyder and Elliott proposals were the only Florida projects to make the list of 25 finalists.

The largest grants of \$500,000 each went to two joint ventures, each involving three universities.

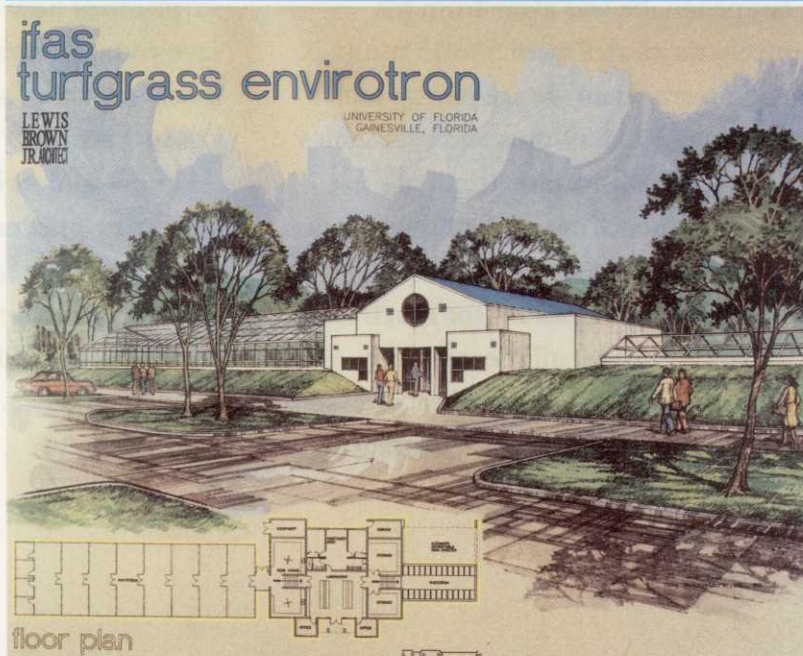
Penn State, Cornell University and the University

CORRECTIONS

Zaun Equipment, Inc., was omitted from the list of Diamond Sponsors of the Crowfoot Classic on Page 5 in the Fall 1990 issue.

The FGCSA's half-acre research green at the Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center cost \$80,000. A zero was omitted from the value in the President's Message in the Fall 1990 issue.

The Florida Green regrets both typographical errors.



Legislature shortens Envirotron campaign

When the Florida Legislature moved up the starting date of its annual session from April to March, "They cut 30 days off my fund-raising campaign for the Envirotron," said Bob Yount, executive director of the Florida Turfgrass Association. The FTGA must raise its half of the \$700,000 before the Legislature meets.