

## Georgia alumni welcome development for rec, fellowship

**S**TATHAM, Ga. — The University of Georgia and Dr. Stan Coley have enjoyed a scholarly and, indeed, familial relationship over the last 40 years. Coley has earned three advanced degrees from the school, and in turn prided the school with his groundbreaking research in embryology. In November, however, the two celebrate a groundbreaking of a different sort with the formal announcement of The Georgia Club, a 1,000-acre mixed-use development here featuring two golf courses designed by Denis Griffiths.

The Georgia Club is the combined vision of Coley and the University of Georgia National Alumni Association. Coley and his partners, Donal Geaney and Derek Quinlan, are developing the property with the purpose of bringing forth a special enclave dedicated to providing association members with a world-class resort and private club amenities.

The groundbreaking celebrated the first amenity at The Georgia Club, an 18-hole championship golf course.

The highlight came when The Georgia Club gave a check to the UGA National Alumni Association for \$1 million. The funding represents The Georgia Club's long-term commitment to the association and its programs.

"This is truly a milestone day for our association and its members," said the alumni association's executive director, Dave Muia. "Certainly, we're grateful for The Georgia Club's generosity to the National Alumni Association, but we

equally appreciate and fully applaud the efforts of Dr. Coley and his partners in bringing this landmark development to fruition. It will be an enormous asset to our membership."

"The Georgia Club is committed to financially support the National Alumni Association's efforts," Coley said. "Today, we also dedicate our talents for the

purpose of expanding the avenues through which alumni members can stay connected to the University of Georgia. We will do so in a setting of recreation, fellowship, and reflection, to enhance the value of their collegiate experience."

The master plan for The Georgia Club calls for the two 18-hole golf courses, a gated member's club, a swim and tennis

club, guest cottages, fitness center, tailgating fields, a 250-room hotel, plus a variety of single-family homes and villa residences. There are also plans for a 66-acre business park set along the University Parkway corridor.

The first of the two courses is under construction and is scheduled to formally open in the spring of 2001. It will offer membership to UGA National Alumni Association members. It will also accept limited outside play. The second course planned for the spring of 2002 is expected to be a private facility for exclusive use of club members.

## Colligan designing two in Texas

**ARLINGTON, Texas** — John C. Colligan has started construction on two area golf courses — Squaw Valley North, in Glen Rose, and Mansfield National Golf Club, just off SH 360 in Mansfield.

Squaw Valley North will become the second 18-hole undertaking for Somervell County, complementing the existing golf course on which Colligan was project architect.

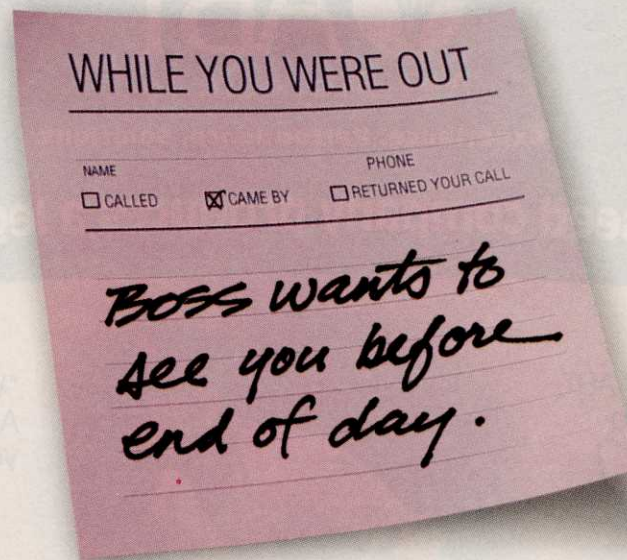
Both courses are scheduled to open in the fall of 2000.

## Arrowleaf 'dead'

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done and Bob Cupp was hired to design the new course on the development, which was renamed Arrowleaf. However seven years and a reported \$15 million later, with no end in sight in the ongoing conflicts with the DOE, Merrill Chairman Charlie Wright opted to abandon the project. Ironically, 14 miles away at Bear Creek Golf Course in Winthrop, the owners' plans to add nine holes to the existing nine were thwarted by the DOE's sloth in acting on water permits. For five years, Bear Creek's paperwork was shelved from year to year, with the owners having to pay the agency annually to renew the permit applications. Bear Creek had had enough and cancelled its expansion plans.

In his office, Merrill Project Manager Terry O'Reilly summed his feelings up as he gathered up now-defunct golf course plans. "We had the vision and the plan, but the Department of Ecology just didn't have the will." ▶



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