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STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SHOWCASE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AT MAY 8-9 SYMPOSIUM: GOVERNOR ZELL MILLER TO ADDRESS GROUP

Governor Zell Miller and Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Joe Tanner will headline the first "systemwide" environmental research symposium at the University of Georgia May 8-9.

This year's University System Symposium will showcase environmental research under way at public colleges and universities throughout Georgia.

Using the theme "Designing Tomorrow's Sustainable Environment Today," the conference also features a Saturday forum on the state's major environmental issues, including water quality and waste management.

"The theme implies that it is no longer viable to talk

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, May 8

1:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker, DNR Commissioner Joe Tanner

2:45 p.m. University System Environmental Research Showcase

Saturday, May 9

9:45 a.m. Georgia's Environmental Issues Forum

12:00 p.m. Luncheon Speaker, Governor Zell Miller

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about the natural environment and our economic livelihood as separate entities," said Dr. Ron Pulliam, director of the University of Georgia's Institute of Ecology and conference co-chair.

"The human landscapes where we earn our living -- whether it be a farm or an industrial park -- are now faced with the issue of environmental quality," he said. "And the way we use or abuse the environment today will limit what we can do in the future."

The annual symposium was initiated in 1991 by the

chancellor's Research Advisory Committee, composed of six vice presidents for research within the University System. Last year's symposium on health issues was hosted by the Medical College of Georgia.

Pre-registration will be open to the public through May 1 at a cost of \$45. Late registrations will be taken May 8 at the UGA Center for Continuing Education. The cost to attend only Saturday's events will be \$20.

Student registration is \$30, but for those needing

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assistance, money is available to defray the cost. For more information about the conference or to register, call Janice Sand at the UGA Institute of Ecology, (404) 542-2968.

About 80 researchers from across the state will present scholarly papers on topics ranging from national resource management to pollution prevention and global change.

"The symposium showcases the research ongoing in the University

System and enhances communication among researchers in the state," said Dr. John Nemeth, program chairman and director of Georgia Tech Research Institute's Environmental Science and Technology Laboratory. "Faculty and students are able to build on the resources they have by working with colleagues in related research areas."

The conference also strengthens some of the environmental research cooperatives already operating

at the universities, such as Governor Miller's Georgia Research Alliance, the organizers said.

"A symposium like this fosters the cooperation between all disciplines and attitudes," said Dr. Eileen O'Brien, a geography professor at Georgia State University. "By definition, environment contains every scientific discipline. No one science can successfully address an environmental issue and solve it."

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