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Tourney-bound

FSU's women golfers get ready for their van trip to Furman University. Standing, left to right, are Coleen Walker, Debbie Warford, Linda Lupica, Sasrah O'Neal, Patti Belcher and Fran Kocsis. Kneeling are Verlyn Giles and Nancy Quarcelino, the head coach and assistant, respectively.

FSU's golfers had a friend

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There's a big banking outfit in New York which tells its prospective customers, "You've got a friend." A small construction company in Kentucky could borrow the line for the Florida State women's golf team.

Elite Homes of Madisonville, and specifically a woman named Margaret Quarcelino, who owns the firm, have done a very nice thing for the golfers. To cover most of the expenses of the golf team's trip to Austin, Tex., earlier this month for the Betsy Rawls tournament, Elite Homes put up \$1600 of its very own money.

"We couldn't have gone without it," said Nancy Quarcelino, the team's assistant coach who just happens to be Margaret's daughter. "My mother wanted to do something for

the team, and I told her that (the donation) would be just great."

NANCY EXPLAINED that the money came out of the firm's advertising fund, prompting some wise-guy to ask if the team had to wear shirts that said "Elite Homes" on the back.

"It was nothing like that," she said. "The golf team doesn't do any advertising for them. The money was for the girls because they needed it. I guess my mother wants to do something because I'm here. She likes to get involved."

Nancy did her undergraduate work and played golf at Western Kentucky ("I was not very good.") before she came here last fall to get her master's degree in physical education and help coach Verlyn Giles with the golfers.

The \$1600, she said, was the first donation from Elite, and she doesn't think it will be the last. "Mom and Robert Casavant (who runs Elite Homes) said they would like to do this more often. They even said they might start a scholarship fund, but they're still looking into that.

THE TEAM, which finished ninth in Austin, left Tuesday for a tournament hosted by Furman, in Greenville, S.C. For that, Nancy said, a van will have to do instead of the jet that took them to Texas.

But even without the luxury of air travel, Nancy noted, a trip such as this costs the team about \$500. The state tournament, in Tampa, will be held April 16-19, and there is also a tournament in Athens, Ga., slated for April 26-29. The team can handle this

on its budget, but as Nancy pointed out, it's nice to know they will be getting a little something extra."

"We'd really like to get uniforms, like the most of the other schools have," she said. "All we have now are blouses, and not a whole lot of anything else."

But if the money is used for travel and equipment, what about expenses for recruiting? There are none, Nancy said.

"If a girls want to play golf here, they write, and tell us," Nancy explained. "Then we get back to them and ask how they're doing. But we don't really see them until they come here. The information we go by is what they tell us."