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# Warning system did not function properly

By **BRITTANY BINOWSKI**  
THE RED & BLACK

UGAAlert subscribers received more than 149,000 notices of a tornado last week, but many heard the news somewhere else first.

By the time students received texts, phone calls and e-mails from UGAAlert Aug. 29, they had already taken safety measures by evacuating buildings and moving to safer places.

"I was extremely unimpressed by the UGAAlert

system," Lauren Gorman, a sophomore from Lawrenceville, said. "I received my text in what seemed like hours after the storm started."

Nearly 50,000 people were notified Aug. 29 with 64,000 phone calls, 70,000 e-mails and more than 15,000 text messages, Steve Harris, director of the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness, said, but the official warning system initially failed to function properly.

"We did have some issues and a delay that we were not happy with," Harris said.

When UGAAlert is activated, computer systems are triggered to send messages to students.

The problem, however, is that the messages are sent in batches without any priority, meaning that messages are sent out at different times to random groups of the student body until everyone has been notified.

The University has been working with cell phone companies to make sure that phone systems don't overload in emergency situations and to figure out how to prevent problems like this from occurring in the future.

"I thought UGA did a nice job handling the tornado warning," said Ryan Galvin, a Mount Pleasant, S.C. native. "From what it seemed like, everyone understood to take cover after the sirens went off. I

was walking out of the dining hall when I heard them and turned around and went right back in."

The good thing about last Tuesday's warning is that the tornado sirens worked fine, buses stopped, and people took cover, Harris said.

On Sept. 11, the Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Center for International Trade and Security will host "Responding to Emergencies on Campus:

UGA and You," a free seminar open to the public on campus safety.

Many University administrators and security professionals will speak at the seminar, including Harris. The speakers will discuss what the University is doing to promote and improve campus safety and what students should expect in case of an emergency.

The seminar will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

## FUN RUN



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▲ The men's and women's cross country teams competed in their only home race against Georgia Tech on Thursday.

# Cross country runners defeat Jackets at IM fields

By **HAYTER WHITMAN**  
THE RED & BLACK

About 300 spectators gathered at dusk Thursday under blue skies with high, fluffy clouds to cheer on the Georgia cross country team as it faced off with Georgia Tech at the intramural fields.

With light from the setting sun casting long shad-

ows and cool temperatures, a painter could have hardly set the scene better.

The former and current runners managed to outshine even the beautiful conditions as Ryley Miller won the men's race, measuring 6200-meters.

Even before crossing the finish line well ahead of the group, Miller — who

graduated last year — stood out by running in a green Senegal jersey.

Brian Potts finished second among the men's runners, but first among the current collegiate athletes.

Not surprisingly, returning senior All-American Natalie Picchetti won the 3200-meter women's race. Following Picchetti's own

prediction that some young runners would stand out this season, freshman Kristie Krueger finished second among the Georgia women.

Georgia coaches Jeff Pigg and Wayne Norton were excited about how the teams opened the 2008 campaign.

"Yeah, I'm really happy with how everyone ran

today," Pigg said.

Tougher challenges lie ahead, but with Georgia runners winning in both men's and women's cross country events against rivals Georgia Tech, there is reason to get excited about cross country in Athens.

For full results and scores, check online at [redandblack.com](http://redandblack.com).

## COUNTRY CURRENT

**What:** The Navy's country and bluegrass specialty unit  
**When:** 7:30 tonight  
**Where:** The Classic Center  
**More Information:**  
706-357-4444  
**Price:** Free

# Navy Band playing tonight

*Unit concert free for all*

By **ANNA KRAKOVSKI**  
THE RED & BLACK

Sail into sonic wavelengths with "Country Current," the United States Navy's premier country and bluegrass specialty unit, who will be performing a free concert at the Classic Center tonight.

"Giving the state of the economy a lot of people are having trouble affording entertainment," Luanne Byrd, the Media Relations and Business Development Manager of the Classic Center, said. "What thrills us the most is that we can bring the premier band to Athens and not only pay tribute to our nation's military but bring it so everyone can enjoy it."

The ensemble is a seven-member specialty unit who, since its formation in 1973, has performed for seven U.S. presidents and played with numerous acclaimed musicians such as Boots Randolph, Alison

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## ON THE WEB

We tried, but we just couldn't make all the news fit in today's newspaper. Check out [redandblack.com](http://redandblack.com) for a few more stories.

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- ▶ A column by Dan Monson, the sports editor for the Central Michigan Life
- ▶ A look at the opening of the faculty art exhibit that's kicking off the in new location of Lamar Dodd
- ▶ Full previews of the Volley Dogs' participation in the Duke Invitational and the women's golf team swinging away in the 2008 Fall Preview in Owings Mill, Md.

# Adams speaks on Univ. budget cuts

As the University faces budget cuts, President Michael Adams has scheduled two forums to speak about the University's budget.

With the budget cut preparations already at 6 percent, the University is cutting back on health benefits for employees and possibly raising tuition or fees for students.

The first will be today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Masters Hall at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. The second forum will be Sept. 17 from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Tate Student Center Theater.

Adams will give a formal presentation and allow time for questions. The forum will be streamed live at [www.uga.edu](http://www.uga.edu) and saved on the site for later viewing. Check [www.redandblack.com](http://www.redandblack.com) Friday afternoon for a story.

— Carolyn Crist

## LAMAR DODD DEDICATED



FRANNIE FABIAN | THE RED & BLACK

▲ Onlookers chat near a porcelain piece by Professor Sun Koo Yuh called "Side by Side" displayed in a first floor gallery of the new Visual Arts building after the dedication Thursday.

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Check out the First & Goal section for the lowdown on Saturday's match-up against Central Michigan.



## Through the Headphones page 5A

You asked for it— Reporter Whitney Kessler researched Phil Elverum, a reader submitted artist. Check out how he became a musician and his role in The Microphones' fame.

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