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Budget cuts vary, will last two years

By **GREG WILSON**
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With the economy struggling, Chancellor Erroll Davis has asked the University to prepare plans for a possible 3.5 percent or 5 percent budget cut.

The plan submitted to the Board of Regents last week

outlines how the University would make due with less in the 2009 and 2010 financial years.

Each department and budgetary unit was asked, considering its core missions, where cuts would be made if it had to cut 3.5 percent or 5 percent, Provost Arnett Mace said in a telephone

interview Wednesday.

"[The process] was a bottom-up, with budgetary units providing information, then the three senior vice presidents as well as the budget office and the president made the decision relative to the information provided," Mace said. "This is a strong university, and we have a strong

faculty. I am confident we will get through these trying times."

Although the cuts will affect departments and services across the board, Mace is most concerned with "being able to continue to provide the quality of education that we have in the past. This quality is demonstrated

by the number of national awards [students] have received over the past few years."

The budget cuts do not spare campus safety and security. With the 3.5 percent cut, the University police will be forced to remove five



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Athlete stays despite 2 arrests

A star player on the Georgia women's soccer team is facing University probation instead of a year-long suspension despite being charged with underage possession twice since January by University police.



CORLESS

Kelli Marie Corless, a sophomore defender from Acworth, was charged with underage possession and possession of a fake ID on July 19. In January she was charged with underage possession, providing false information and possession of a fake ID.

Under the University alcohol policy, Corless would have been suspended from the University for the fall and spring semesters — and for the entire soccer season — if found in violation a second time.

But Kim Ellis, associate dean of student affairs, said the University chose not to agree with the charges brought by a University police officer in January.

"In our investigation, there

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See soccer star Kelli Corless' police incident reports regarding alcohol possession.

Freshmen join group, connect through music

By **HELEN BURDETTE**
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Anna Harms is a budding media guru. The incoming freshman from Gainesville created a mixtape music exchange group on Facebook which, as of press time, had almost 600 members.

The concept is simple: Incoming freshmen who join the group are encouraged to first invite all of their friends who will also be attending the University in the fall.

Harms then randomly pairs up members of the group by posting their names together for everyone to see.

The pairs connect on Facebook, exchange addresses and send each other their favorite playlist or mix CD.

"While not everyone's musical interests are the same, I do think that music is something we all have in common," Harms said.

But Harms' musical taste is something in which everyone in

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PRE-PIGSKIN PEP



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▲ The UGA Majorettes perform at the 2008 Countdown to Kickoff Fan Day, hosted on the University's practice football field on Saturday, July 19. This Countdown to Kickoff's third annual event was created by past football players Jon and Matt Stinchcomb.

Bulldogs entertain fans for charity

By **RYNE DENNIS**
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Fifteen minutes before the start of the third annual Countdown to Kickoff Fan Day, hosts — and former University offensive linemen — Matt and Jon Stinchcomb are running around, hugging former teammates, greeting sponsors, and doing anything they can to make this event memorable for players and fans alike. It is part of the reason the event's popularity has taken off in only three years.

"I tell you what, Matt and Jon have done an unbelievable job of coordinating everything," said David Greene, former Georgia star-quarterback and co-host of the event. "The event has taken off every single year, it's just getting bigger and bigger and it's just exciting to be a part of it."

The event, held Saturday at the Woodruff Practice Fields, is a benefit to raise money for the Children's Healthcare of



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▲ David Greene signs a football for a Countdown to Kickoff participant. Greene is a backup quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Atlanta, Georgia Transplant Foundation, the Children's Tumor Foundation and the University of Georgia College of Education's Pediatric Exercise and Motor Development Clinic.

"Obviously Matt and I started this to help out kids and just have a Georgia day," Jon Stinchcomb said. "And it's really blossomed into something that's good for both fans and the charities that benefit."

In addition to repaying the fans and community of Georgia

football for their support, the event's charitable support is why many past and present Bulldog players come out and enjoy the festivities.

"More than the fans, it's for the children and children's hospital, that's first and foremost," former lineman Dennis Roland said. "Whenever you can come back and give back to the fans who helped support you and made playing at Georgia a

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ON THE WEB

Check out the coverage of Georgia during the SEC media days.

SEC Media Days begin with Florida

By **TYLER ESTEP**
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HOOVER, Ala. — At least there's something Tim Tebow doesn't do well.

"He sings a lot. He likes to sing, he loves country," Florida offensive lineman Phil Trautwein said. "Is he any good? No. He's good at running the ball, but not at singing."

SEC Football Media Days started on Wednesday, with the Gators headlining the first-day group that included LSU, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt.

Despite Florida head coach Urban Meyer's educated guess to the contrary ("Like everything else, he's probably really good at it"), the multi-talented Heisman winner wasn't bragging about his set of pipes, either.



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