Holocaust survivor coming to Georgia Southern University

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Holocaust survivor Manya Friedman will speak in the Russell Union Ballroom at Georgia Southern University on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. “The Multicultural Student Center is thrilled to have a part in bringing Ms. Friedman to campus,” Consuela Ward-Pender, director of the Multicultural Student Center said. “Students will have an invaluable opportunity to listen to the experiences of someone who lived the history they read about in text books.”

Friedman was born in the small Polish town of Chmielnik, which had a Jewish community dating back to the 16th century. After being taken and forced into concentration camps during World War II, she never saw her family again. Friedman was rescued by the Swedish Red Cross in April 1945. In 1950, she emigrated from Sweden to the United States. Currently she is working as a volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and is an active member of the Museum’s speaker’s bureau.

For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at 912-681-5409.

University celebrates Black Awareness Month

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Georgia Southern University will celebrate Black Awareness Month throughout February. “Black history is American history, and to have a comprehensive look at how this country was constructed and currently functions, it is necessary to make sure this piece does not get left out,” Consuela Ward-Pender, director of the Multicultural Student Center said.

The schedule of events include the following:

Thursday, Feb. 1

• Georgia Southern Black Expo will include booths with artwork, books, food and more relating to African-American culture, between the University Bookstore and Post Office, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• At the Black Student Showcase, students will exhibit their talents to represent the influence of the Africana Diaspora in the United States, Russell Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2

- Movie 'Love Jones,” tells the story of Darius Lovehall, a young black poet in Chicago, who begins dating Nina Moseley, a beautiful and talented photographer. Russell Union Theatre, 9 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 5

- Town Hall Meeting on Diversity. The program will be facilitated by Kecia Thomas, professor of psychology and director of African-American Studies and the University of Georgia. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to voice their opinions about the campus climate as it relates to diversity and inclusion in an open forum. Russell Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8

- 'Happy to Be Nappy." Learn about and discuss the different perspectives African-Americans have of each other and how to bridge the racial divide. Russell Union Room 2047, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9

- Movie 'Love and Basketball.” 11-year-old Quincy who doesn’t know what to make of Monica, a girl who can outplay any of the guys on the neighborhood basketball court.

Thursday, Feb. 15

- Panel discussion 'Minorities in Medicine.” African-American doctors will serve on the panel to discuss making plans for medical school, as well as issues they encountered while attending medical school. Invited panelists include the director of admissions of the Morehouse School of Medicine. College of Information Technology auditorium, 6 p.m.
- Panel discussion ‘Minorities in Law and Politics.” Discuss and ask questions of prominent political leaders regarding their views on the political future of black America. Panelists include Linnes Finney, president of the National Law Association, and C. Jack Ellis, mayor of Macon, Ga. College of Education Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

- Movie 'Boomerang.” Marcus, a successful advertising executive, woos and beds women almost at will. After a company merger he finds he has a new boss, Jacqueline, who treats him in exactly the same way. Russell Union Theatre, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

- Cultural Book Club Discussion ‘The Covenant with Black America” by Tavis Smiley. Discussion will be facilitated by Ron Bailey, professor of history. The book is considered a
blueprint for addressing critical issues that confront the African-American community. Its purpose is to inspire the reader to action. Russell Union Room 2044, noon.

Thursday, Feb. 22

- Black History Quiz Bowl. Test your knowledge of African-American history. Russell Union Room 2047, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

- Movie 'Thin Line Between Love and Hate." Nightclub manager Darnell Wright is a perpetual playboy who is almost as devoted to his job as he is to the pursuit of beautiful women. After he sets his sights on Brandi Web, he launches an all-out assault to win her heart. Russell Union Theatre, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

- Family Reunion. Celebrate Black Awareness Month in a traditional family reunion style that includes food, games and contests. Recreation Activities Center Pavilion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public. Black Awareness Month is sponsored by the Multicultural Student Center and the Black Awareness Month Committee. For more information, call (912) 681-5409.