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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006



photo courtesy The Red & Black

A University of Georgia freshman, Preston Waters (left), arranges a ride with senior WatchDawgs volunteer Stephen Westbrook. Georgia Southern is lobbying for a transit system similar to that already in place at UGA, which offers students free rides home from local bars.

Financial aid offices move nextdoor

Other offices clearing out, making way for demolition of temporary bldgs.

By Casey Altman
Assistant news editor

Signs on the front doors of Anderson Hall let students know that the Offices of Financial Aid have been relocated to the second floor of the Rosenwald Building on Sweetheart Circle. But these aren't the only offices clearing out. According to administrators, several offices will see moves in the near future.

The Registrar's Office has moved to the third floor of the Rosenwald Building, vacating its former home on the second floor. The Office of Marketing and Communication, which is partly housed in the Marvin Pittman Administration Building, is moving into financial aid's first floor digs in Anderson. The Vice President of Student Affairs' offices are moving into the administration building.

Vice President of Business and Finance Joe Franklin said the goal of these moves is to clear out temporary buildings near the baseball field so they can be torn down.

"Once everything is moved out of the temporary buildings they can be removed," said Franklin. "They are kind of eyesores."

According to Diane Wynn, the assistant director of financial aid, the office found out it would be moving about four weeks ago.

"I like it; it's clean, and it's a newer building," she said. "It's something we'll have to get used to."

According to Wynn, financial aid will remain open during the move.

"We've been seeing them (students) through the whole move," she said.

"We've known for a couple months," said Stephen Ward, director of marketing and communications. "Our office starts moving tomorrow and the next day and the next couple weeks."

This will bring the marketing office together. Right now, part of the office is located in the administration building and another part is located in a temporary building, 206, near the baseball fields.

Student Government goes in search of a SAFE RIDE

Program to give rides from bars may be in place by fall

By Lucius Cole
Staff writer

Intoxicated students looking for a safe ride from local bars may find a better way home come this fall.

The Student Government Association is pushing for the implementation of Safe Rides, a program intended to dispatch cars driven by student volunteers to pickup points outside local bars and apartment complexes. From there, students will be picked up and shuttled home safely. If given final approval the project is expected to begin in fall of 2006.

SGA Senator Matt Jones said that Safe Rides will be operated with a "no questions asked policy" and that the only concern is that students do not drive drunk. Currently, SGA is in the process of gathering sponsors to provide rental cars for the project. Jones said the success of Safe Rides all depends on sponsors and volunteers willing to step up and help get the



Georj Lewis
Dean of students

"We definitely don't promote drinking, but we promote responsibility. We don't want you on the road if you've been drinking."

Georj Lewis
GSU dean of students

program started.

"We've got to put our resources together and see what we can do," said Georj Lewis, dean of students.

Since September, SGA members have been researching other universities that have similar programs. Response is typically all positive.

A similar program has been in place at the University of Georgia since 2001. Named WatchDawgs, in previous years volunteers used two vans and three cars provided by Enterprise

Rent-A-Car during their operational hours of 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

UGA's shuttle operates with several drop-off points. The exact location of GSU pickup areas and hours of operation are still in question. Currently, SGA is looking at running the service on Friday and Saturday nights, and may possibly expand to Thursday nights depending on initial success of Safe Rides.

"We've got to start small," said Jones, "but it's important that we pro-

test as many people as we can."

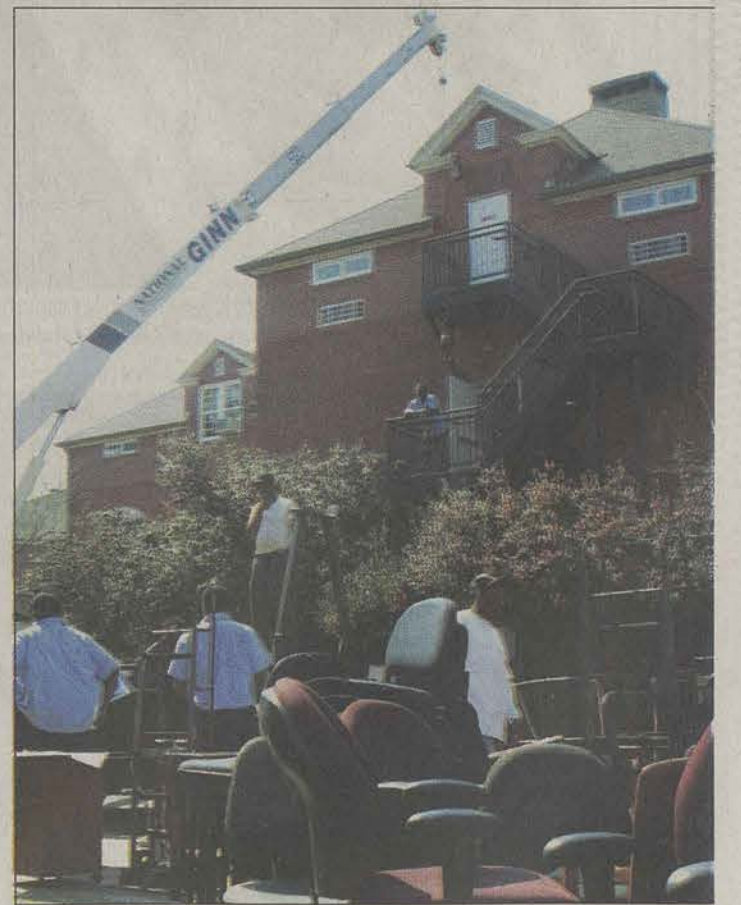
But when dealing with partying students comes the inevitable risks, say organizers.

Another stage of the development process is putting together a leadership team, which specializes in training student drivers how to handle situations involving intoxicated people.

"We're not going to send people out in cars and wish them the best of luck," said Jones.

Paul Ferguson, director of health services, said drivers need to be able to identify potentially violent situations and circumstances in which passengers may need police assistance or medical attention. Each rental car will be operated by a team of two volunteers: one driver and one navigator.

"(The service) is not just to pick up from local restaurants and bars, but also respond to students at parties off campus," said Ferguson. "We've got see SAFE, page 3



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

A crane and GSU workers work to clear out offices located in Anderson Hall on Sweetheart Circle.

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Be aware of assault

Sexual Assault Awareness Week began yesterday and will continue through Thursday, March 9. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) urges the GSU campus and the community to get involved.
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Hispanics chase jobs much further than in past

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Heartland communities with jobs to offer are becoming magnets for Hispanics, who now account for half the nation's population growth.

Hispanics in the U.S. — both recent immigrants and people born

here — are moving beyond traditional ports of entry in large numbers, boosting the populations of states such as North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Indiana, a study by the Brookings Institution shows.

And they are heading not only to big cities; many are moving to historically white, non-Hispanic suburbs, said William Frey, a demographer at

Brookings and the author of the study, which is being released Tuesday.

"The people there are now getting a taste of diversity, firsthand," Frey said in an interview.

While diversity enriches communities, it also can present challenges, even when the local Hispanic population is relatively small, Frey said. Many schools, social service agencies

and government officials must, for the first time, deal with numbers of people who do not speak English very well, Frey said.

"You're the first kid on the block when you come into some of these neighborhoods and it's not always easy," Frey said. "There will have to be a little bit of accommodation from both the newcomers and the people

already there."

Frey analyzed Census Bureau population estimates from 1990, 2000 and 2004 for 361 metropolitan areas in the United States.

In 2004, white non-Hispanics made up 67 percent of the American population, but they accounted for only 18 percent of the population

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OUR LENS



Michelle Wehner, a freshman biology major, holding Casper, a red-tailed hawk.

Behind the Wings

Our photographer, Joe Waddell, went behind the scenes at the Lamar Q. Ball Raptor Center.



Michelle Wehner and Thomas Sheffield, a senior pre-vet biology major, standing in Glory's (a bald eagle) nest. The pair is working on transporting the bird, taking her down from the nest for the day.



Chris Smith, a freshman nursing major, with Carolyn, a red-shouldered hawk.



Jackie Entz, a junior biology major, and Thomas Sheffield, flying a Great Horned Owl named Felix. This is practice for the flight show.



A Raptor Center employee prepares food, injecting it with vitamins. Pictured are restaurant-quality quail, mice and rats.



Phoenix, a Golden Eagle, being handled by Thomas Sheffield.

POLICE BEAT

- 03-01-2006**
 - Benjamin U. Paquin, 21, of Olliff Hall, was charged with wanted person.
 - Avery W. Wood, 19, of Brannen Hall, was charged with DUI, driving without headlights and possession of a false ID.
 - A video camera was taken from the Parrish Building.
- 03-02-2006**
 - Statesboro police received information of the sale of marijuana at 1135 Winburn Hall. John Harcourt was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, and Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute within 1000ft. of a School after officers uncovered a suspected quantity of marijuana. The case is being investigated.
 - Jai M. Jenkins, 21, of Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, stop-sign violation and no proof of insurance.
 - Sean Raymond Scale, 20, of Statesboro Place, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, and open-container violation.
- 03-04-2006**
 - Gregory Allen Brown Jr., 26, of Jeff Davis Highway, Fitzgerald, Ga., was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.
 - Teal Lewis Lebeau, 21, of South Puget Sound Avenue, Tacoma, Wash., was charged with pedestrian under the influence, public indecency and failure to leave the university campus.
 - A university employee reported that someone busted the light bulbs on the elevator at Eagle Village.
- 03-05-2006**
 - Henry Cormac Hopkins IV, 20, of Hawthorne II Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, open-container violation and possession of a false ID.
 - A bicycle was taken from the Williams Center.

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 7**
- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. "I was dead, then alive" art exhibition by Christopher Horne Foy Fine Arts Building Gallery 303
 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Graduation Gala Nessmith-Lane
 - 12 p.m. Ladies Night Forum Russell Union Room 2041
 - 8 p.m. Campus Outreach Meeting Biology Building Room 1119
 - 9 p.m. Swing Cats Williams Center Room 2034
- Wednesday, March 8**
- 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Education Career Fair Russell Union Ballroom
 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Graduation Gala Nessmith-Lane
 - 4 p.m. Children's Vegetable Garden Botanical Garden
 - 6 p.m. SGA Meeting Russell Union Room 2047
 - 6 p.m. Artist Talk with Christopher Horne "I was dead, then alive" Foy Fine Arts Building Gallery 303
 - 7 p.m. Talk on myths of Arabic women Nessmith Lane Assembly Hall

Myths about Arabic women

Talk discusses stereotypes of Arabic women

By Rachel McDaniel
News editor

Kate Raphael, a Jewish-American activist with the International Women's Peace Service-Palestine, will speak on Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall on stereotypes of Arabic women.

Raphael's talk is titled "Exploding Myths About Arab Women: Palestinian Women's Leadership in Resisting Occupation and Building Democratic Institutions."

"Kate Raphael is working for a global sisterhood in which women across cultures from different nationalities, religion and ethnic backgrounds understand the common problem that war and international violence creates for all of us," said Lori Amy, assistant professor of writing and linguistics.

"I think the first myth that is most destructive is the myth that Arab women are passive victims and helpless and suffer most from violence against them in their own country," said Amy. "Women suffer everywhere and the myth that it's backward primitive people 'over there' that are oppressing women creates an 'us vs. them' sort of divide."

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the West has been saturated with images of veiled and shrouded Arab and Muslim women, but hear little about the work the women in those countries are doing. Raphael will address these issues in her talk.

Raphael holds an M.A. in political



Special Photo

Activists of Kate Raphael rally in front of Israeli Consulate in San Francisco Jan. 6, 2004, to protest her detention in Israel.

science from the University of California at Berkeley.

Raphael is a long-time peace activist and co-founder of San Francisco Women in Black. The talk is free and open to the public.

"Raphael and the women in the women's international peace service want to create the networks that allow women across the globe to work for international peace and a sustainable civil society," said Amy.

Amy said there is a feminist movement in Arabian countries, led by Nawal el Saadawi who was the woman minister of health in the 1970s, as well as Fatama Mernissi and Leila Ahmed who are internationally famous Muslim feminists.

"Myths are dangerous," said Amy. "Myths about Arab women as passive, aside from misrepresenting them and hiding feminists' work, gives us the feeling that we are free from fault and don't need to work on our own cultural problems."

Sexual assault awareness week events on campus

By Myrtice Boone
Staff writer

Sexual Assault Awareness Week began yesterday and will continue through Thursday, March 9. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) urges the GSU campus and the community to get involved.

April is the traditional Sexual Assault Awareness Month, but since April is such a busy month for college students, the event was moved to March and is condensed into a week.

"The idea behind this week is to bring attention to the fact that sexual and domestic assault is prevalent," said Jodi Caldwell, psychologist in the Counseling Center and chair of SART. "It also highlights how people can come forward and take action."

During the week, the Clothesline Project will be available at the University Rotunda, located behind the Russell Union, where participants can decorate a free t-shirt. The shirts are free, but participants are welcome to bring their own shirts, as long as it follows the color scheme. The project, which started yesterday, drew about seven or eight participants in the first hour.

"This is our fifth year doing this and we average about 150 shirts a year," said Caldwell.

On Tuesday, March 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Bulloch County Judicial Annex Boardroom, Brett Sokolow will present "Adjudicating Sexual Assault Cases." Sokolow, the founder of the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management will give instruction to police officers, attorneys and judges on how to investigate sexual assault crimes, as well as domestic violence crimes.

Tuesday night from 7 to 8 p.m., Sokolow will present "Drunk Sex or Date Rape: Can you Tell the Difference?" in the Nessmith-Lane Auditorium. The presentation will give the audience facts of an actual court case and the opportunity to rule as to whether or not a sexual assault has been committed. The real outcome will be revealed and legal points will be explained.

On Thursday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. a Take Back the Night march and rally will be held beginning at the Hanner Fieldhouse and ending at the Russell Union Rotunda. The rally will be followed by a candlelight vigil at 6:30 p.m. and dismantling of the 2006 Clothesline Project. Candles will be lit in memory of those lost through sexual and domestic violence. For more information, call Jodi Caldwell at 912-681-5541.

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Facts on Arabic women

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Lesbian becomes college homecoming king



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Hood College senior Jennifer Jones is shown outside the college in Frederick, Md., Friday. Jones was named the school's Homecoming King during its second annual homecoming activities. Hood College is reviewing its homecoming rules after Jones, a lesbian, was crowned king, a college official says. But Jones, the 21-year-old senior who beat out seven men for the honor, says her victory last month shows that Hood "allows people to be themselves."

Associated Press

Hood College is reviewing its homecoming rules after a lesbian was crowned king, a college official says.

But Jennifer Jones, the 21-year-old senior who beat out three men for the honor, says her victory last month was a plus for the private liberal-arts college.

"It is cool that Hood allows people to be themselves," Jones, of Newark, Del., told The Frederick News-Post. "If people didn't want me to be king, they wouldn't have nominated me and voted for me."

Waves of discontent are still rippling through the 2,100-student campus in western Maryland more than two weeks after Jones was crowned at the Feb. 18 homecoming dance, the

News-Post reported Monday.

"She is not a man," said Singleton Newman, a 22-year-old senior who was among the queen candidates. "It is a gender issue, and she is a woman."

Santo Provenzano, 21, who competed for king, said Jones' selection made the event seem like a joke. "It discourages guys from wanting to take part in the future," he said.

Donald Miller, Hood's student activities director, said all homecoming events will be reviewed and possibly changed. "We will look at what students want Hood's homecoming to be," he said.

Jones, who is openly homosexual, received 64 of 169 votes cast, the News-Post reported. She is known on campus as a multi-sports athlete, member of the Student Government Association's executive board and

president of Tolerance Education Acceptance, a support group for homosexual and bisexual students.

It was only the second annual homecoming at Hood, which didn't allow male students to live on campus until 2003. In 1912, the school's board of trustees changed its name to honor a wealthy benefactor. The institution became fully coeducational in 2002.

Jones tried to run last year for homecoming prince but the student committee wouldn't let her on the ballot, even though she had gathered the required number of signatures on nominating petitions.

"We were trying to be inclusive of the male population and felt that because of this, we shouldn't allow a woman to run for the position," said Cheryl Banks, a committee member last year and this year's homecoming

queen.

Miller said a rule change this year abolished the petitions and required that candidates be nominated by student ballots.

Jones said she didn't even know she was nominated until she saw her name on the final ballots that were distributed Feb. 13. Those ballots had been reviewed the night before by only half of the homecoming committee members at a hurriedly scheduled meeting, the News-Post reported.

Sophomore Giovanni Mahonez, who chaired this year's committee, said that before the ballots were distributed, she told both Miller and Olivia White, dean of students, that Jones was a king candidate.

Miller said the meeting was "more of an FYI than for her asking our permission."



Chris Pedota/KRT

Chris Catching, a doctoral student in education at Rutgers, feels that African-American men are being left behind.

Educators struggle to attract black men to campuses

By Paul H. Johnson

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Chris Catching says that African-American men are being left behind.

A doctoral student in education at Rutgers University, he doesn't think higher education knows what to do with black men. So he wants to show them. He's studying his fellow students and learning why they are staying in school.

"So much of the research focuses on the pathological," Catching said. Instead, they should find out what works, he added.

Nationwide, women earn the lion's share of college degrees among African-Americans. The gender gap has been growing for years, and educators have been grasping for ways to close it.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 68 percent of all baccalaureate degrees awarded nationwide to African-Americans are given to women. In New Jersey, the figure is 67 percent. African-American women graduate at a higher rate than their male counterparts. In addition, 52 percent of African-American women graduate from college within six years in New Jersey, compared with 40 percent of black men, according to statistics collected by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"It's just a very complex problem. One of the things I know about boys is for boys, it's just not cool. It's just not macho to get an education, to speak properly, to be the top of the class. Among our boys, it's just not macho to be that person," said Carey Jenkins, founder of Operation Link-Up, a program that helps children in the Paterson, N.J., schools attend college.

Jenkins has 27 students attending

Syracuse University, but only five of them are men.

Jenkins said there are a lot of messages in the media and in the classroom that discourage African-American boys, who can feel out of place in school.

"I think a negative message is being sent out to boys," he said. "There just seem to be more positive role models for girls, more women who are out there who are doing something."

Jesse Gray attends Syracuse University with 26 of his peers from the Paterson schools. But he's only one of five male students there from his school district. He joined Operation Link-Up as a freshman at John F. Kennedy High School. He always knew he would go to college, even though he was the first in his family.

"I wanted to get a good education and you can't expect to get out of high school and just have a great job waiting for you," said Gray, a freshman studying mechanical engineering. He noticed quite quickly there weren't many other African-American boys following his path.

"Looking around every year since grade school, there's always been a lot more girls," Gray said. But the gap only made him more determined to succeed.

"It was a little added pressure because there were only (a few) boys there; you had to hold your end of the bargain," Gray said.

The college gender gap isn't limited to African-Americans, even though the disparity between black men and women is the largest. According to the U.S. Department of Education, women make up 56 percent of all college students. It's a gap that's been growing for nearly three decades. The department estimates that if trends continue, 3 million more women than men will be in college by 2014.



Education Career Fair

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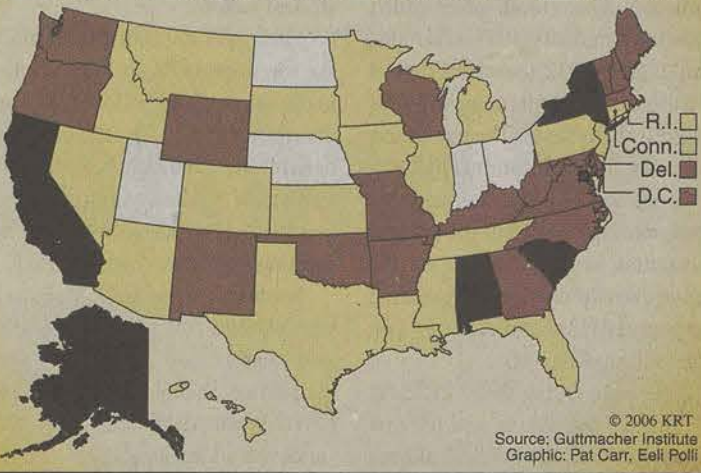
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Abortion rights group ranks states on access to contraception

State of contraceptive services

How the states rank on delivery of birth control, based on availability of contraceptives and counseling, state laws and public funding, according to a new report:

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By Iris Kuo
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Abortions are not falling as fast as they might because sex counseling and contraception are hard to get in some states, a leading national abortion rights group said on Tuesday.

As a result, although teen pregnancy and abortion rates have declined sharply, the overall U.S. abortion rate dropped just 1 percent a year in 2001 and 2002, according to the Guttmacher Institute, which prepared the state-by-state analysis of contraception availability.

Guttmacher's president and CEO, Sharon Camp, warned that obstacles to contraception at the state level

could derail efforts, dating from the Clinton administration, to cut the rate of unintended pregnancies by 40 percent by 2010.

California came in first in Guttmacher's rankings, which are based on ease of access to contraception, state funding for sex counseling and support from state legislatures. Alaska came in second in the Guttmacher review of 50 states and the District of Columbia; South Carolina was third.

"We need to be making contraception easy for women, but in many states we're actually making it harder," said Camp. "When effective contraceptive use rises, abortion rates go down."

Of 6 million U.S. pregnancies each year, about 3 million are unplanned, according to the group, and half of those

end in abortions. According to Guttmacher, the U.S. unintended pregnancy and abortion rates are the highest among industrialized nations.

The Guttmacher Institute is pushing for more public funding, insurance coverage that includes contraceptives and improved availability of contraceptives and family planning counseling.

Anti-abortion and abortion rights groups sometimes find common ground when they advocate reductions in abortion, and they often agree that making contraceptives available helps to achieve that goal. At least one anti-abortion group balked Tuesday, however, at Guttmacher's linkage between the availability of contraception and unintended pregnancies.

"Handing out birth control and giving out tax dollars to (family planning) programs have not resulted in fewer abortions and fewer unintended pregnancies," said Wendy Wright, president of Concerned Women for America. Rather, she said, promoting contraception encourages sex outside of marriage.

"If you subsidize an activity you get more of it," Wright said. "It's encouraging the behavior that leads to more clients for abortion clinics."

Wright's group wants more parental involvement in sex education and contraception decisions. It opposes allowing minors to get contraceptives without parental consent, which Guttmacher's study used as a standard for good state policy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, March 7

8 a.m. Golf in Hyatt Plantation Club Intercollegiate In Dorado, Puerto Rico
8 a.m. Graduation Gala In Nessmith-Lane
10 a.m. Women's Tennis v. UNC-Wilmington In Atlanta, Ga.

12 p.m. GSU Equestrian Team Meeting In RU Room 2044

12 p.m. Ladies Night Forum In Russell Union Room 2041

4 p.m. Focus on Excellence Lecture Series In Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Bldg.

7 p.m. GSU Debate Team Meeting In Russell Union Room 2073

7:30 p.m. Sports Management Club Meeting In Hollis Bldg. Room 1118

8 p.m. Campus Outreach Meeting In Biology Building Room 1119

9 p.m. Swing Cats In Williams Center Room 2034

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8 a.m. Graduation Gala In Nessmith-Lane

2 p.m. Men's Tennis v. Hampton In Statesboro

3 p.m. Softball vs. North Florida, DH In Eagle Field

4 p.m. Children's Vegetable Garden In Botanical Garden

6 p.m. SGA Meeting In Russell Union Room 2047

7 p.m. Reformed University Fellowship In Williams Center 2034

7 p.m. Christ Ministries Bible Study In Russell Union Room 2048

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