

Hunter-Gault speech to go on as scheduled today

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A lecture by Charlayne Hunter-Gault, one of the University of Georgia's first two black students, will go on as scheduled this afternoon in the Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

Hunter-Gault is scheduled to speak at 3 p.m. in Mahler Auditorium.

Her lecture also will be televised on Charter Communications Channel 15 in the Athens area and university cable TV, but it will not be streamed live on the Internet as originally planned.

A 5 p.m. panel discussion about the legal aspects of UGA's desegregation has been canceled and the time has been changed for the screening of a documentary.

The documentary "Donald Hollowell: Foot Soldier for Equal Justice," about the attorney who led the legal team that represented Hunter-Gault and Hamilton Holmes, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Masters Hall at the Georgia Center instead of 8 p.m.

The events mark the 50th anniversary of the day university officials, forced by a federal judge's order, admitted its first two black students to classes.

On Jan. 6, 1961, federal Judge William Bootle found that Hunter (now Hunter-Gault) and Hamilton Holmes were fully qualified for admission to UGA and would have been already if not for their race and color.

On Jan. 9, the two enrolled, met by students chanting, "Two, four, six, eight, we don't want to integrate."