Lady Indians get rings

Players and coaches from the Chipola College Lady Indians Softball 2009-10 team were presented State Championship rings at a ceremony on Dec. 4. The Lady Indians captured the FCCAA/NJCAA Region VIII title in May of 2010.

Apply now for spring classes at Chipola

New students planning to enroll in Spring semester classes at Chipola College are encouraged to make application by Dec. 16. Registration for returning students for the Spring 2011 Semester will be Jan. 5. New and returning students can register on Jan. 6. Classes begin Jan. 7.

Chipola offers AA degrees, workforce programs and BS degrees. The Associate in Arts (AA) degree provides the first two years of college for students planning to transfer to a university or into one of Chipola’s Bachelor’s degree programs. Curriculum guides that outline requirements for specific majors are available on the college website at www.chipola.edu.

Chipola offers eight Bachelor’s degrees programs: Secondary Education with majors in Mathematics and Science for middle or high school, Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education, Business Management and an RN to BSN program in nursing.

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Indians move to third in state poll

The Chipola Indians improved to 11-1 with three wins in the Panhandle Classic played Dec. 2-4 in the Milton Johnson Health Center. Chipola moved to third in the FCCAA State Poll behind Northwest and Palm Beach both tied for first place. Tallahassee is fourth.

Chipola began the weekend with a 104-53 rout of visiting Tampa Bay Academy. Seven Indians scored in double figures led by Rashad Perkins with 19. Elijah Pittman scored 16 and Sam Grooms had 15.

The Indians outlasted sixth ranked Santa Fe 64-55 on Dec. 3. Shamarr Bowden led Chipola with 15 points. Marcos Knight had 13. Pittman added 10.

Chipola closed out the classic with a 73-69 win over Brunswick on Dec. 4. Geron Johnson led the Indians with 19 points. Bowden had 15 including four three-pointers. Keith Dewitt added 12 points and 18 rebounds. Marcos Knight suffered a shoulder injury in the game.

Chipola head coach Jake Headrick said overall he is pleased with the Indians’ progress. “We've got to focus on finishing games and we need to get a lot better to be ready for the conference season.”

Chipola plays Polk and St. Pete in the final games of the Fall schedule Dec. 10-11 in the Gainesville Shootout.


Lady Indians ranked fourth in state poll


The Lady Indians were 7 of 10 from the three-point line in the first half and 6 of 10 in the second half. Chipola led 52-32 at the half.

The Lady Indians outlasted St. Petersburg 60-58 on Dec. 3. Shaw led Chipola with 13 points. Djassi had 11 points and 7 rebounds. Celmina had 10 points and 9 rebounds.

Chipola will be without the services of sophomore point guard Tykeshia O'Neill who suffered a season-ending knee injury last week.

The Lady Indians are tied for fourth in the FCCAA State Poll and sixteenth in the NJCAA National Poll. Pensacola sits atop both the state and national polls. Panhandle Conference teams occupy the top five spots in the FCCAA State Poll. Pensacola (13-0) is first. Gulf Coast (6-1) is second. Tallahassee (7-1) is third. Chipola (9-3) and Northwest (10-1) are tied for fourth.

Chipola hits the road for a series of games over the next few weeks, returning to the area for games in Panama City, Dec. 17-18. The team opens the conference season at Gulf Coast, Jan. 8. Chipola’s next home game is Jan. 11, 2011, when both teams host Pensacola.

ACE til 8

ACE is extending hours and offering individual tutoring, review sessions, and group study sessions to help Chipola students prepare for those last tests and final examinations.

The sessions will be lead by Chipola faculty and ACE staff. ACE will be open 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10. ACE will re-open Monday, Dec. 13, 7:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Visit ACE to pick up a schedule of study sessions for final examinations. ACE those finals!

Chipola to offer CNA class

The Chipola College Health Sciences Department will offer a Certified Nursing Assistant class beginning Jan. 10.

The course meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ten weeks.

The CNA certification offers the chance for good jobs locally. Most students in the program are employed before completing the course.

Registration is Jan. 6 for students who have completed the application process. For more information, call 850-718-2407.
Harrell honored by Chipola

Sandra Harrell, former Chipola Assistant Athletic Director, was recently honored by the Chipola Appreciation Club for her years of service to the college’s athletic program. Harrell, who had worked at the college since 1989, recently took a job as a music teacher at Grand Ridge School. Here, Harrell (center) is congratulated by Bill Davis, Appreciation Club board member (left) and Dr. Dale O’Daniel, Chipola Athletic Director.

Golson students attend Jazzmatazz

Hundreds of Golson Elementary students got in the spirit with a special Dec. 8 preview of Chipola Show Choir’s Jazzmatazz Christmas. Here, Golson teachers Tanya Wiggins (left) and Teresa Long (right) huddle with their students. Jazzmatazz runs Dec. 9-12. Tickets may be purchased in the Fine Arts Building or at the Theater box office 30 minutes prior to show time. Guests are asked to bring a can of food to the concert for donation to local food banks. For information, call 850-718-2277 or email pricea@chipola.edu

Chipola announces auditions for Little Shop of Horrors

The Chipola Theatre will hold auditions for “Little Shop of Horrors,” Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. and Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

The long-running Off-Broadway hit musical by the songwriting team of Alan Menken and Howard Ashman will run March 9-13, 2011, in the Chipola Theatre.

The story centers on Floral-shop employee Seymour who discovers an exotic plant species at a flea market and brings it back to Mushnik’s Skid Row Florist, where the mysterious plant draws in curiosity seekers and customers. Mr. Mushnik is thrilled with the new business, but soon, Seymour learns the plant has an unusual appetite that must be satisfied. The plant, named “Audrey 2,” having developed a mind and a rhythm-and-blues singing voice of its own, demands that Seymour fulfill its cravings, promising wealth and fame in exchange.

Auditioners should be prepared to sing, dance and read lines from a script. Parts available include: Seymour, a tenor singing voice and a bit of a klutz; Audrey, a high and squeaky voice with a Brooklyn accent; Mr. Mushnik, a foreign accent who rants in Yiddish; Dentist Orin Scrivello, who speaks with a cool drawl and sings in spoken and yelled words; the Voice of Audrey 2, who sings in a powerful, deep R&B bass-baritone voice; and the trio of Chiffon, Ronnette and Crystal, ages 16-30, in extremely important singing and dancing roles.

In addition to the voice of Audrey II, a puppeteer is needed to manipulate three of the four Audrey II puppets.

For information, call 718-2227 or email sirmonc@chipola.edu

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The college also offers an Educator Preparation Institute which provides teacher certification for persons with a bachelor’s degree in a non-teaching major.

Workforce programs include: Automotive Technology, Corrections, Computer Systems Technology, Cosmetology and Law Enforcement. Associate in Science (AS) programs include: Business Administration and Management, Computer Information Administration, Criminal Justice Technology, Culinary Management, Early Childhood Education, Fire Science, Network Administration and Recreation Technology.

The Health Science Division offers training programs for a number of health-related careers. The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is a 1+1 LPN to RN curriculum. Students are eligible to take the LPN exam after the first year, and the RN exam after the second year. The college also offers an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program and a Paramedic program. A new Paramedic to RN bridge program is set to begin in Summer of 2011. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes are set to begin in January.

Chipola’s open-door policy allows any student with a high school diploma to enroll after completing an application and providing high school or college transcripts.

Applications are available online at www.chipola.edu. Students without ACT or SAT scores must take the College Placement Test by calling 718-2284.

For information, call 718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu
Olympic softball players coming to Chipola

Area softball players will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to work with three team USA Olympic medalists at the Chipola College Softball field, Jan. 22-23, 2011.

The Triple Threat team of Cat Osterman, Kelly Kretschman and Caitlin Lowe will provide a weekend of softball instruction focusing on pitching, offense and defense.

Pitcher Cat Osterman played at the University of Texas. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist, a two-time World Cup Champion and a two-time Pan American Gold Medalist. Osterman was a three-time USA Collegiate Player of the Year and a three-time NFCA First-Team All-American. She was the two-time ESPY Award winner as the Top Collegiate Female Athlete. Cat is the assistant softball coach at DePaul University in Chicago, and plays professionally for the Rockford Thunder.

Kelly Kretschman played outfield and infield at the University of Alabama. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist. She also was a Gold medalist at the Pan American Games and a member of the World Cup Championship team. The four-time NFCA All-American lives in Southern California and plays for the USSSA Pride.

Caitlin Lowe played outfield at the University of Arizona. She was an Olympic Silver Medalist and a Gold medalist at Pan American Games. A member of the two-time World Cup Championship team, she also was a four-time NFCA First-Team All-American. Caitlin now resides in Texas where she gives specialized lessons in out-fielding and slapping.

Chipola head coach Belinda Hendrix says, “This is a great opportunity for local players to learn from some of the best softball players in America.”

The two day Chipola camp will include six hours of instruction each day with lunch included. Registration fee is $200 by Dec. 18 and $250 after Dec. 18.

For information, call Hendrix at 718-2358 or 718-2359, or visit www.chipolaathletics.com