Chipola College celebrates Homecoming

The Chipola College student body nominated 30 students for election to the Homecoming Court.

The top two freshmen vote winners (women and men) and the top three sophomore or upper classmen vote winners are named to the Homecoming Court. Freshman female attendants are Kaylee Toole and Shicola Weston. Freshman male attendants are: Charles (PJ) Buggs, Jr. and John Whittington. Sophomore candidates for Homecoming Queen are: Rachel Pelt, Lindsay West and Ashton Williams. Sophomore candidates for Mr. Chipola are: Daunta Bell, Travis Bontrager and Jonathan Carrell.

The Homecoming Court will be presented during halftime of the men’s game.

Freshmen women nominees were: Joni Barfield of Chipley, Karlee Floyd of Malone, Ruby Harrison of Chattahoochee, Leah Page of Chipley, Kaylee Toole of Marianna, Shicola Weston of Atlanta, and Dara Wilkerson of Bonifay.

Sophomore women nominees were: Lindsey Albritton of Graceville, Adriane Guettler of Chipley, Sierra Hill of Donalsonville, Ga., Katrina Messer of Altha, Rachel Pelt of Sneads, Latonya Smith of Marianna, Ashleigh Stowe of Bonifay, Lindsay West of Malone and Ashton Williams of Marianna.

Freshmen men nominees were: Dante Brown of Vernon, P. J. Buggs Jr. of Blountstown, Jae House of Orlando, Dakhota Melo of Bonifay, John Whittington of Grand Ridge and Joshua Williams of Blountstown.

Sophomore men nominees were: Daunta Bell of Marianna, Josh Blount of Chattahoochee, Travis Bontrager of Marianna, Jonathan Carrell of Bonifay, James Lewis of Bonifay, Trey McKay of Dothan, Taylor Myrick of Marianna and Tyler Pickens of Sneads.

The SGA will host a number of events to celebrate homecoming. This year’s homecoming theme is “Fear the Spear.” Monday, Feb. 20 is Dynamic Duo day. Students are asked to dress as their favorite duo. Tuesday, Feb. 21, is Decade Day with students donning clothes from their favorite decade. SGA will sponsor a Building Decoration Contest to be judged at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, students are asked to dress as their favorite Celebrity. The Homecoming Talent show is Wednesday at 10:05 a.m. in the Arts Center. The contest is open to any campus group or individual enrolled at Chipola. Cash prizes will be awarded to: Best Overall; Best Solo, Best Group and Best Band. Performances are limited to 4 minutes. Sign up deadline is Feb. 20.

Thursday, Feb. 24, is Blue and Gold Warpaint day with students showing their school spirit. Friday, Feb. 24, is Pajama day.

For information, call Nancy Johnson at 718-2314.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

20 MONDAY
- Homecoming Dress Up Day – Dynamic Duo
- Last Day to Resign All Classes for Spring B
- Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116
- CEA – 3 p.m., TBA

21 TUESDAY
- Homecoming Dress Up Day – Favorite Decade
- Executive Council - 9 a.m., A192
- Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., A156
- Homecoming Building Decoration Judging – 1 p.m.
- District Board of Trustees – 7 p.m., Bldg Y

22 WEDNESDAY
- Homecoming Dress Up Day – Fav Celebrity
- SGA Talent Show – 10 a.m., Arts Center

23 THURSDAY
- Homecoming Dress Up Day – Blue/Gold War Paint
- Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions for 2012-2013
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes – 7 p.m., Cafeteria

24 FRIDAY
- Homecoming Dress Up Day – Pajama Party

25 SATURDAY - HOMECOMING
- CC Basketball vs. Gulf Coast – Women 5:30 p.m., Men 7:30 p.m., R
- Alumni Reception – 6:30 p.m., R
- Unveiling of Milton Johnson Statue – 7:30 p.m., R

26 SUNDAY
- FCA Chapel Service – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
Statue of Coach Milton Johnson to be unveiled Feb. 25

A life-size bronze statue of legendary Chipola basketball coach Milton H. Johnson will be unveiled during pre-game of the Chipola men’s homecoming game which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25.

Friends and former players are raising the funds for the bronze likeness of Coach Johnson that will be erected at the entrance to the gymnasium that bears his name on the Chipola campus.

Following Johnson’s death in 2009, many of his former players and friends expressed interest in finding an appropriate way to preserve his legacy. Former player Robert Trammell coordinated the project for the Chipola Appreciation Club. “The statue is being funded entirely by private donations,” Trammell said.

The bronze statue of Johnson was created by sculptor Bradley Cooley, of Lamont, Florida, who also has molded images of coach Bobby Bowden, entertainers Ray Charles and Otis Redding, and golfer Bobby Jones.

“We have most of the funds need for the statue,” Trammell said, “but we welcome donations from anyone who loved coach Johnson. We are grateful for all contributions, large or small.”

Tax-deductible contributions should be mailed to the Chipola Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446.

For information, contact Julie Fuqua in the Foundation office at 850-718-2478.

Chipola hosts Gulf Coast for Homecoming

Chipola hosts Gulf Coast for homecoming on Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Milton Johnson Health Center. The women tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m.

All alumni, college retirees and friends of the college are invited to attend an Alumni Reception hosted by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and his wife, Priscilla, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.


The Indians are still in contention for a state tournament berth one game into the final round of league play. The top two men’s teams in the conference earn a berth to the state tournament. As of Feb. 16, the conference standings are: Northwest (9-1), Pensacola (6-3), Chipola (5-5), Gulf Coast (3-6), and Tallahassee (1-8).


As of Feb. 16, the conference standings are: Pensacola (7-2), Gulf Coast (7-3), Chipola (5-5), Northwest (5-5), and Tallahassee (0-9). The top three women’s teams in the Panhandle earn a berth to the state tournament.

For the latest scores visit www.chipola.edu or by call 718-2CJC.

Three inducted into Chipola’s Order of the Golden Warrior

Chipola athletics honored three of the college’s most generous supporters and said goodbye to its athletic director on Feb. 14. Terry Allen of Badcock Furniture and More in Graceville, Keith Williams of State Farm Insurance and Mickey Gilmore of the Marianna Wal-Mart were inducted into Chipola’s Order of the Golden Warrior.

Keith Williams sponsors the Chipola Airship that flies in the gym and drops gift coupons on the fans, as well as the live radar pitch speed displays for Chipola baseball and softball. Terry Allen has donated numerous flat screen televisions for a half court shootouts and fundraisers. Mickey Gilmore has donated thousands in merchandise, food and cash.

Chipola athletic director Dr. Dale O’Daniel, said, “We have lots of chiefs, but the warriors are the ones who fight the battle. These three men always give Chipola whatever we need and more.”

Following the ceremony, Dr. O’Daniel also announced his upcoming retirement. After serving as Chipola Athletic director for nine years, he will step down at the end of the basketball season. Under his direction, Chipola athletics has captured two national titles, 14 state championships, 14 panhandle championships and graduated more than 200 student athletes.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, says, “Chipola is grateful for Dr. O’Daniel’s visionary guidance and leadership, dedication and diligence to our community and to athletics.”
Chipola black history program set for Feb. 24

The Chipola Black Student Union and the Association of United Professionals will host a Black History Month Program, Friday, Feb. 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Arts Center. Dinner will be served.

Dr. Rufus Wood of Panama City is the guest speaker. He is a prominent local civil rights leader and pastor.

The public is invited to enjoy the free festivities and dinner, while learning more about Black History.

For information call 718-2232.

Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College will hold an 8-hour Firearms (Semi-Automatic) Familiarization course, Saturday, Feb. 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Reddoch Firing Range on the Blue Springs Highway.

The course will involve classroom time, coupled with extensive gun handling and live fire shooting. Successful completion of the course may be used in applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit. Application packets for the permit will be furnished upon request.

Registration and payment of the $100 fee must be completed in advance. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required for a refund. Class size is limited. Students must be at least 18 years of age. Use of a weapon and ammunition are included in the cost of the course. No vending machines are available at the range so participants are asked to bring lunch.

For information, call Doris Williams at (850) 718-2394 or e-mail williamsd@chipola.edu.

Chipola wins regional Brain Bowl, advances to state

Chipola College won the Panhandle Regional Brain Bowl on Feb. 11 and will now advance to the State Tournament to be held at the College of Central Florida in Ocala March 22-24.

Chipola was 7-0 in the regional tournament, followed by Pensacola (5-2). The Chipola team scored 3,785 total points and gave up only 660 in all seven rounds of the tournament.

Paul Kelson was the top individual with 700 total points and a 100 point-per-game average. Travis Bontrager was sixth overall averaging 35 points per game.

Chipola Brain Bowl players are: Paul Kelson, Annemarie Nichols, Travis Bontrager, Caroline Peacock, Adrian Carr, Nick Ratzlaff, Katelyn Miller and William Singleton. Chipola Brain Bowl coaches are math professor Stan Young and volunteer coach Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Chipola is the four-time defending Florida College System Activities Association state champion.

Link to stats: http://www.hsquizbowl.org/db/tournaments/881/stats/all_games/standings/

Register now for Term ‘C’ at Chipola

Registration for Spring Term ‘C’ classes at Chipola College is Wednesday, Feb. 29, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Term C classes meet March 1 through April 30. Late registration is Thursday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Term C courses include: (AMH 2020) American History to 1865 (online); (CET 1600) Intro Networks & Comm (independent study); (CET 1610) Cisco Router Technology (independent study); (CLP 2140) Abnormal Psychology (online); (ENC 1102) Comm Skills II (online); (GEA 2002) World Geography II (online); (HIS 1930) Current Affairs (online); (HIS 2932) Current Affairs (online); (NUR 2960) Nursing Review I (online); (PSY 2012) Gen Psychology; and (SLS 1101) Orientation, (online).

Chipola’s open-door policy guarantees acceptance to any student with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent. Prospective students should complete a college application which is available in the Office of Admissions, or online at www.chipola.edu. Students also must provide an official high school and college transcript. Students should visit an academic advisor in the Student Services building to register.

For information about enrolling at Chipola, call the Admissions and Records office at 850-718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu

Chipola to present Godspell

Chipola College Theatre will present the hit musical “Godspell,” Feb. 29 through Mar. 4. Tickets are on sale in the college business office. The Tony-nominated show includes popular hits “Day By Day,” “Learn Your Lessons Well” and “Turn Back, O Man.” The timeless tale of friendship, loyalty and love has touched the hearts of countless theatergoers all over the world with the greatest story ever told. For ticket information, call 718-2220.
Chipola baseball hosts 13 straight home games

The Chipola College baseball team kicks off a 13-game homestand beginning Friday, Feb. 17, with Chattahoochee Valley at 1 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, Chipola hosts St. Petersburg at noon. On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Indians host Chattahoochee Valley at 11 a.m. and St. Johns at 2 p.m. Chipola travels to Darton College on Feb. 21.

Chipola hosts LSU-Eunice, Friday, Feb. 24, at noon. On Saturday, Feb. 25 the Indians play Middle Georgia at 11:00 a.m. and Lsu-Eunice at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, Feb. 26 Chipola plays Middle Georgia at 1:30 p.m. On Friday, March 2, Chipola plays Gordon College (GA) at 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, March 3 Chipola plays Gordon College at 1:30 p.m. and Grand Rapids CC (MI) at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, March 4 Chipola plays Grand Rapids at 1:00 p.m. On Wednesday, March 7 Chipola plays Darton at 3:00 p.m.

The Indians are the defending state champions. Conference play begins March 14 when Chipola hosts Gulf Coast at 5 p.m.

Marketing seminar set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer a marketing seminar for small businesses on Feb. 24. The first five participants to register get free admission.

“Marketing Series Part 2: Marketing on the Internet and Using Social Media” will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will discover the power of having a social media strategy and learn to implement new marketing techniques, unlock the secrets of the top social media sites and establish online presence.

The seminar will meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building.

Pre-registration is required. Cost of each seminar is $30. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 to register, or sign up in person in Building M, Office 208A.

Additional seminars scheduled, include: March 9, “International Import/Export Trade Basics”; April 6, “Steps to Starting a Small Business”; and April 13, “Ultimate Business Plan.”

Register at http://clients.floridasbdc.org/center.aspx?center=41230&subloc=4 or email seversone@chipola.edu.

Steedley is FCSAA Player of the Week

Chipola College outfielder Chelsey Steedley is this week’s FCSAA Softball Player of the Week.

Steedley, a sophomore from Zolfo Springs, batted .692 (9-for-13) with eight runs scored, three doubles, three triples, for a 1.385 slugging percentage with 13 RBIs in four games.

She hit safely in all four games last week, beginning Feb. 11 with a 3-for-3 effort against Pearl River, a game in which she also set a school record with eight RBIs. Later that day, she was 4-for-5 with three more RBIs against Middle Georgia. On Feb. 12, she had a hit, run scored and RBI in a game in which she also set a school record with 13 RBIs in four games.

Steedley is on the road this week, playing Feb. 17-18 in Aiken, SC; Feb. 22 at Enterprise State; and Feb. 24-26 in Panama City. The team returns home March 9, for games with Georgia Perimeter College at 2 and 4 p.m.

Anderson is top employee

Steve Anderson is Chipola College’s Career Employee for February. Anderson serves as the Assessment Center Manager for Public Service and has worked at the college since 2007. Here, Anderson (right) is congratulated by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.