

Chipola board approves salary increase

The Chipola College District Board of Trustees approved a one percent salary increase for career, professional and administrative employees filling positions on the table of personnel at the board's regular monthly meeting on Feb. 18. Employees will receive the one percent increase or \$500 whichever is greater.

The increase is effective for the 2009-10 year and does not include faculty employees who are a subject to a collective bargaining agreement. The Chipola Faculty Association is currently negotiating the faculty's annual contract.

The board also agreed to continue to fully cover the cost of individual health insurance premiums which increased six percent this year and have grown by more than 31 percent since 2007. Full-

time employees of the college receive Blue Cross health insurance coverage as part of their benefits package. The college pays \$385 a month for individual insurance premiums which totals \$4,620 annually. Employees also have the option of purchasing health insurance for spouses and children.

The college also contributes 9.85% of each full-time employee's annual salary to the Florida Retirement System.

Chipola president Dr. Prough said, "I am very proud that our board agreed to improve salaries and to cover the increased cost of benefits for our employees who provide quality educational opportunities for this community. Chipola is all about the people who serve our students."

Chipola Theatre receives FCCAA top award

The Chipola College 2009 fall production of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" has received a Superior rating from the production's adjudication by the Florida Community College Activities Association (FCCAA).

"We are always thrilled to be recognized in such an outstanding way. Being a part of FCCAA is great way for Chipola to share their talents with the state's other colleges," said Chipola director Charles Sirmon. "To be a small college, we seem to do a great job keeping up with the other larger colleges and universities. I'm very proud of my department and students," he said.

Chipola was recognized by FCCAA adjudicator Rodney Whately, who says "It was an evening filled with laughter and

joy and amazement. I was truly amazed at the comic talent of the actors. The entire company was amazing and truly entertaining."

Also recognized for outstanding Superior work were Chipola student actors, Aven Pitts, Ben Grande and Sarah Lovins and guest artist Chris Manasco.

Chipola theatre is currently in rehearsal for Bye Bye Birdie, which will be staged March 10-14.

For information about Chipola Theatre call 880-718-2227 or sirmonc@chipola.edu



22 MONDAY

- ♦ Last Day to Resign from All Classes for Spring Term B
- ♦ SGA — 2 p.m., Z116

23 TUESDAY

- ♦ Executive Council — 9 a.m., A192
- ♦ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156
- ♦ Night Students Social — 7 p.m., D Lobby

24 WEDNESDAY

- ♦ Spring Theatre Production, Bye Bye Birdie tickets on sale — 8 a.m., Business Office
- ♦ BCM Bible Study — 10 a.m., A156
- ♦ BSU — 10 a.m., C104
- ♦ CC Softball vs. Lakeland College — TBA, SC

25 THURSDAY

- ♦ Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle — 7 p.m.

26 FRIDAY

- ♦ FTCE Registration Deadline for April Test
- ♦ ACT Registration Deadline April Test
- ♦ Academic Directors — 9 a.m., A192
- ♦ CC Baseball vs. Miami-Dade — 1 p.m., BC

27 SATURDAY

- ♦ Florida Teachers Certification Exam
- ♦ CC Baseball vs. Middle GA — 4 p.m., BC
- ♦ CC Baseball vs. St. Petersburg — 7 p.m., BC

28 SUNDAY

- ♦ CC Baseball vs. Kankakee — 2:00 p.m., BC

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

Chipola's Literature/Language winners

Some 100 students from 10 area high schools competed in writing, reading, speech, oral interpretation, literature, humanities, grammar, and foreign language contests at Chipola on Feb. 12.

The occasion was the Twentieth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival hosted by Chipola's Letters Department. The purpose of the festival is to recognize and encourage academic excellence.

Prizes were awarded to first, second and third places, as well as two honorable mentions, in each category. The winner of the President's Reading Contest received a special medallion as well as a cash award.

Contest winners from participating schools are listed below.

President's Reading Award—Harlea Perdue of Blountstown,

Writing: first—Kimberly Csizmadia of Marianna; second—Laura Stoltzfus of Blountstown; third—Megan Bryan of Malone School; honorable mentions—Paul Kelson of Marianna and Shannah Bober of Vernon,

Speech: first—Korie Mitchell of Graceville; second—Kaylea Todd of Chipley; third—Sharlene San Nicolas of Vernon; honorable mentions—Stephanie Martin of Blountstown and Kara Alford of Sneads,

Oral Interpretation: first—Chris Holloway of Sneads; second—Meghan Salter of Chipley; third—Christin Wiggins of Marianna; honorable mentions—China Williams of Blountstown and Eric Jones of Blountstown,

Literature: first—Melanie Foster of Marianna; second—Raymond Carter of Vernon; third—Dylan Paramore of Cottondale; honorable mentions—Korie Mitchell of Graceville and Sara Gore of Chipley,

Humanities: first—Caitlin McCaffrey of Sneads; second—Steven Carter of Vernon; third—DeeAnna Grimes of Blountstown;



Here, Chipola's Sarah Clemmons presents the Oral Interpretation First Place award to Chris Holloway of Sneads HS.

honorable mentions—Cody Blakenship of Vernon and Amber Sadberry of Liberty County,

Grammar: first—David Leonard of Blountstown; second—Lawson Mozley of Malone School; third—Kimberly Csizmadia of Marianna; honorable mentions—Mark Register of Graceville and Brooke Vickery of Cottondale,

Foreign Language Contest: first—Kevin Gutierrez of Blountstown; second—Jackie Regalado of Liberty County; third—Keila Martinez of Sneads; honorable mentions—Camille Gonzalez of Vernon and Kattarina Albasini of Chipley.



Chipola teams help fight breast cancer

The Chipola College men's and women's basketball recently raised \$1,000 this season in the fight against breast cancer. Perry and Young Attorneys donated pink t-shirts for the Pink Zone game at Chipola. The Marianna High School SGA was also a partner in the project. Funds were donated to the Kay Yow WBCA Cancer Fund in memory of NC State women's basketball coach Kay Yow who died of breast cancer. Pictured from left, are: women's coach David Lane, attorney Chris Young and men's assistant coach Joe Calloway.



Tournament team hosts

Several local sports fans have volunteered to serve as hosts for the 16 teams which will be in town, March 3-6, for the State Junior College Basketball Tournament at Chipola College. Pictured from left, are: (front) Vickie Curry, Tracy Dudley, Caretha Everett, Eddie Hilton, Yvette Pittman, Natalie Hardy, (back) Shannon Eads, Ralph Harrison, John Ellerbee, Leroy Boone, Waymon Moneyham, JoAnn Everett and Patrick Bryan. Not pictured are: Eulice Bryant, Jay Mitchell and Willie Spires.

Chipola to host national brain bowl tournament

Chipola College has been chosen as the host site for 2010 NAQT (National Academic Quiz Tournaments) Community College National Championship.

The championship is set for Feb. 26-27, in the Chipola Literature/Language Building, Friday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

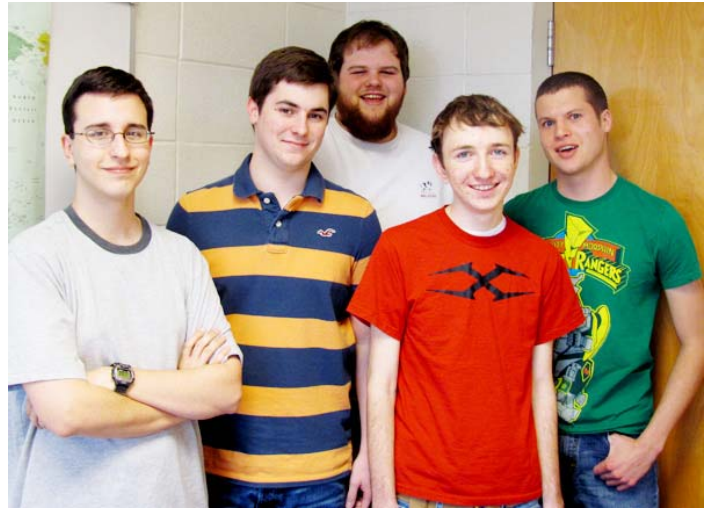
As the host, Chipola will provide staff for the tournament. NAQT will provide most of the readers. The public is invited to watch the Chipola Brain Bowl Team compete for the national title. Beginning in 2008-09, NAQT began holding a separate national championship tournament to crown the best two-year quiz bowl team in North America. Chipola finished second in the NAQT tournament in 2009 and in 2008.

Teams will qualify for the CCCT via Community College Sectional Championship Tournaments (CC SCTs) held nationwide in late January. The winner of each CC SCT will be invited to the championship along with additional teams based on a national comparison of their statistics, points scored, bonus conversion and other factors. Both Chipola Brain Bowl teams have qualified for the CCCT Tournament.

The top six teams from the CCCT at Chipola will qualify for the overall Division II collegiate championship that will continue to take place as part of the 2010 Intercollegiate Championship Tournament. All two-year, junior, and community colleges are eligible to

compete in NAQT's CC SCT and CCCT events.

For information about the National Brain Bowl Tournament at Chipola College, call Brain Bowl coach Stan Young at 850-718-2336, or email youngsl@chipola.edu



Here, Chipola Brain Bowl team members are, from left: Nathan Hooppell, Cody Pickens, Ethan Hewett, Dallin Kelson and Drew Padgett.

Author of “Will Jesus Buy Me a Double-Wide?” to speak at Chipola

Karen Spears Zacharias, author of “Will Jesus Buy Me a Double-Wide? (‘Cause I Need More Room for My Plasma TV), will be on the campus of Chipola College, Monday, March 1.

The public is invited to a 10 a.m. book-signing and reception in the college Library. At 11 a.m., Zacharias will lead a discussion entitled, “God and Money,” in Jackson Hall of the Chipola Literature and Language Building.

Zacharias' visit to Chipola coincides with the March 1 release of her long-awaited “Will Jesus Buy Me a Double-Wide?” book about money and religion. According to Zacharias, generations are being taught that God wants them to prosper, but what happens to their faith when they don't get the job they prayed for or the big house on the hill or the plasma TV they've been eyeing?

Zacharias believes Americans have seemingly confused theology with geography. “We think we're a rich nation because we've been faithful to God,” says Zacharias. “Generations are being taught that God wants them to prosper, but what happens to their faith when they don't get the job they prayed for or the big house on the hill or the plasma TV they've been eyeing?” she asks.

Information about the author is available online at www.karenzach.com. For information about her visit to Chipola, call Dr. Sarah Clemmons at 718-2213.



Students attend music symposium

Chipola College music students and faculty recently attended the FCCAA Winter Music Symposium at the University of North Florida. The group participated in instrumental and vocal ensembles and master classes taught by UNF music faculty. The group also competed in Solo Artist competitions and performed in concert. Pictured from left, are: (front) Dr. Daniel Powell, Steve Ozbun of Dothan, Kari McConkey of Bonifay, Garrett Reed of Cottondale, (second row) James Matthews of Lakeland, Dr. Josh Martin, Bryan Whitfield of Marianna, Lynnsey Prevatt of Ashford, AL, Adam Smith of Bonifay, Joseph Covington of Chipley, Mitchell Boles of Cottondale, (back) Caleb Lovely of Marianna and Wade Boan of Wausau.



Shores is top employee

Lisa Shores is Chipola College’s Career Employee for March. Shores serves as the Department Associate in Enrollment Services and has worked at the college since 1989. Here, congratulated by (left) Dean of Enrollment Services and Registrar, Dr. Jane P. Roberts, Lisa Shores, Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.

Chipola Food Court changes

The Chipola College Food Court has made changes to the menu and pricing to better serve students and employees.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 22, The Chipola Food Court is offering all food on the A La Carte List. All the amazing food offered in the Food Court will be offered at individual prices.

During breakfast customers can pick up a Muffin, Nutri Grain Bar, Biscuit, Bagel, Fruit Danish or fruit. Some of these items are just a dollar. Those who want a hot breakfast may get a variety of items from the hot bar. The menu includes biscuits and gravy, meat, eggs, pancakes and waffles with prices from \$1 to \$3.75.

Lunch prices have also been reduced with prices from \$1 to \$5.95. On the Specialty Bar, the Food Court offers a Taco Bar, Nachos Bar, Baked Potato Bar, and a Sub Sandwich Bar. The Grill offers up everything from burgers to chicken fingers to Buffalo wings. The dessert bar features pies, cakes, brownies, cookies and puddings.

A Salad and Soup Bar and a Hot Bar are available with anything from fried chicken to lasagna. The Food Court also offers coke beverages, tea, and coffee drinks.

Food Court hours are Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for a hot breakfast, with continental breakfast from 9:30 am to 10:30 a.m. Lunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, the continental breakfast is available from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Menu for Chipola Food Court - Week of February 22-26

Monday: Roast Chicken, Country Fried Steak *Specialty Bar: Sub Bar*

Tuesday: Fried Chicken, Chicken Alfredo *Specialty Bar: Taco Bar*

Wednesday: BBQ Chicken, Spaghetti *Specialty Bar: Potato Bar*

Thursday: Fried Chicken, Pork Chops *Specialty Bar: Nacho Bar*

Friday: Fried Chicken, Chicken and Broccoli Casserole

Items served daily include hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches, pizza, fries, Full Salad Bar and Dessert Bar

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday

7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TESTING CENTER HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday

8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday

8 a.m - 7 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m - 1:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

TECH CENTER HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. - Noon

ACE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

Chipola will host a Black History Month Program, Friday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. in the Continuing Education building.

The theme for the program is “Accentuating the accomplishments, navigating the streams of change and poised for the future.”

The guest speaker is Rev. Bernard Hudson from Quincy.

For information, call 718-2232.

THANKS. The Chipola Black Student Union wishes to thank all the individuals who participated in the BSU Gift Card Raffle. The winner was Liz Jackson of Malone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 2 Deadline to Apply for Spring Grad
- 2 Last Class Day for Spring B
- 2 Reg & Drop/Add for Spring C
- 3 Classes Begin for Spring C
- 3 Late Reg, Drop/Add, & Employee Fee Waiver Spring C
- 3-6 FCCAA State Basketball Tourney
- 10-14 Theatre Musical Production

THIS WEEK

“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola PR Office.

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., **Wednesday, Feb. 24.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 22-Feb Jeff Bodart
- 26-Feb Virginia Baker
- 26-Feb Annie O’Pry
- 27-Feb Dawn Gray
- 27-Feb Carol Saunders
- 28-Feb Sarah Gambill

GRADUATION. All graduates (Fall 2009, Spring and Summer 2010) are encouraged to participate in the Commencement Ceremony on May 6. Graduates who wish to participate must order a cap and gown by March 2, by completing the Application to March in the Admissions Office.

FREE TAX PREPARATION. Chipola business instructor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Wednesdays, through early April. Other times available by appointment, call Lee Shook at 718-2368.

LOCATOR

A- Student Services/ Administration	I- Arts Center	Q- Health Science
B- Library	J- Theater	R- Johnson Health Center
C- Social Science	K- Cafeteria, Bookstore	S- Continuing Ed/Conf Ctr
D- Fink Natural Science	L- ACE Lab	T- Pool
E- Physical Plant Office	M- Business/Cosmetology	U- Foundation
F- Residence Hall	N- Workforce Devel Labs	Y- Public Service
G- Teacher Education	O- Workforce Devel / Electronics	Z- Literature/Language
H- McLendon Fine Arts	P- Automotive Tech	BC/SC - Baseball/Softball Complex