Throssell Literature/Language Festival set at Chipola

Chipola College will host the Twentieth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, Feb. 12.

Rachel West, festival coordinator, said, “Without the initial funding from the late Literature and Language Department Chair Dr. Throssell and the founding work of Senior Vice President of Instruction and Student Services Dr. Sarah Clemmons, the festival would not be the success that it is.”

Currently enrolled juniors or seniors from high schools in the Chipola District will compete in writing, speech, oral interpretation, humanities, grammar/mechanics/usage, literature, reading and Spanish competitions. Recognition will be given to first, second, and third places and two honorable mentions in each competition.

A monetary award will be given to the first place winner of the President’s Reading contest.

The festival will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude with the awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Lunch, compliments of the college, will be provided to the contestants and their sponsors. Participants also will see a preview of the upcoming Chipola musical, “Bye Bye Birdie.”

Dr. Sarah Clemmons says, “We are looking forward to hosting our twentieth festival. It is always a pleasure to have area high school students on our campus for a day of rigorous, academic competition.”

Chipola Honors Dance is Feb. 12

The Chipola College Honors Dance is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 12 in the Art Center.

The dance is the main fundraiser for the Honors program which recruits students from its five-county district. The Ivey Brothers have again volunteered their talent and time for the event. Members of many local organizations attend the event, which serves as the primary student fund-raiser each year.

The Honors program recruits the best high school students from Chipola’s five-county district. Students must have a 3.5 GPA and a minimum ACT of 23.

Honors adviser Bonnie Smith, says, “The Honors program represents the brightest and most involved students from our local high schools. Many will return to become leaders in their own communities.” The students are not provided scholarships to attend Chipola as part of the benefits of completing the Honors Program, but most have earned academic scholarships and are required to pay for the one-hour honors seminar each semester.

Community service is an integral component of the Honors program. Students lead fund-raising efforts with local schools for many good causes. Honors raised $5,000 for the tsunami victims in Asia with funds distributed through United Way. Other service activities have included working with Habitat for Humanity, volunteering with the Red Cross in Pensacola after the hurricane, assisting the WINGS program at local middle schools and providing reading assistance to at risk kids. The group is currently working on the Chipola Malaria Project with Dr. Virginia Baker and the Haiti Relief Effort with local schools.

Many of the past activities have been funded in part by the college and the Chipola Foundation. Due to the expansion of the program and increases in travel costs, the program is looking to the community for additional support. The annual dance for the program is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 12. Donations may be made to Honors endowment through the Chipola Foundation. The endowment provides some of the funding for the cost of the seminars, travel and speaker fees, as well as support materials for student research and presentations.

For information, contact Bonnie Smith or Robert Ivey at 526-1761, Ext. 3247.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

8 MONDAY
• Student Government Association — 2 p.m., Z116
9 TUESDAY
• Administrative Council — 9 a.m., U
• Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156
10 WEDNESDAY
• BCM Bible Study — 10 a.m., A156
• BSU — 10 a.m., C104
11 THURSDAY
• FCA Huddle — 7 p.m.
• CC Baseball vs. St. Johns River — TBA, BC
12 FRIDAY
• CAAP Registration Deadline for March Test
• LITERATURE/LANGUAGE FESTIVAL
• CC Baseball vs. Darton — 11 a.m., BC
• CC Baseball vs. Wallace-Dothan — 5 p.m., BC
13 SATURDAY
• CC Basketball vs. Gulf Coast — Women 5:30 p.m., Men 7:30 p.m., R
Chipola hosts Tallahassee for Homecoming

Chipola hosts Tallahassee, Saturday, Feb. 6, for Homecoming 2010. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m. The men play at 7:30 p.m.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and his wife Priscilla invite all alumni to a reception in the Hospitality Room beginning at halftime of the women’s game. The Homecoming Court will be presented during the halftime of the men’s game.

Both Chipola teams scored wins over Pensacola on Jan. 30. Sam Grooms poured in 20 points to lead the Indians to an 82-67 win over the Pirates. Keith Dewitt had 16 points and 12 rebounds. Kevin Powell had 12 points and 7 rebounds. Marvin Fitzgerald had 12 points, 8 rebounds for the Indians.

The Lady Indians picked up their first conference victory with a 71-64 win over Pensacola on Jan. 30. Bianca Jarrett led with 24 points. Lindsey Carr had 19. Ancel Celina scored 12. Chipola coach David Lane said, “We played with only six players, but Lindsey Carr hit some big shots and Bianca and Ty both played very well.”

The Indians suffered a 73-57 loss to Northwest Florida Feb. 3. Grooms led Chipola with 13 points. Aaron Davis had 12. Northwest (6-1) and TCC (6-1) are tied for first in the men’s conference race. Chipola and Gulf Coast are both 2-5. Pensacola is 2-6.

Northwest is first in the state poll followed by TCC. Chipola (17-5) is ninth.

The Lady Indians lost a 65-60 heartbreaker at Northwest on Feb. 3. Bianca Jarrett led Chipola with 30 points. Tykiesha O’Neil had 13 points. Chipola led 60-58 with two minutes remaining but could not hold on for the win.

Gulf Coast (6-1) leads the women’s conference race. PJC (6-2) is second. TCC (3-4) is third. Northwest is 2-5 and Chipola is 1-6.

Gulf Coast is first in the state women’s poll followed by Pensacola. Tallahassee is fourth. Northwest is sixth. Chipola is tied for tenth with Daytona.

Both Chipola teams host Gulf Coast Saturday, Feb. 13. Chipola will host the FCCAA State Basketball Tournament March 3-6 in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The top two men’s teams from the Panhandle will play in the tournament, along with the top three women’s Panhandle teams.

For information about Chipola sports, call 718-2CJC or visit www.chipola.edu

Chipola Arts Association awards mini-grants

The Chipola Regional Arts Association (CRAA) recently awarded a record number of 16 mini grants of $200 each for the Improvement of Instruction in the Arts in Schools in the Chipola District.

Chipola Regional Arts Association President Dr. Jerry Kandzer announced the following recipients: Jonathan Alford, Blountstown Middle; Norma Bean, Cottondale Elementary; Karen Bouton, Graceville Elementary; Richard Bouton, Graceville High; Amy Cloud, Victory Christian; Rebecca Dilmore, Cottondale High; Vanesa Ford, Liberty County High; Judy Griffis and Theresa Marschka, Vernon Elementary; Gayle Grissett, W.R. Tolar School K-8; Heather M. Howell, Poplar Springs; Christine Lauen, Bonifay Elementary; Roberta Newell, Graceville Elementary; Karen Smith, Golson Elementary; Vicki Steverson, Bonifay Elementary; Wretha Webb, Altha Public School; and Julie McWaters, Vernon Elementary. Mini-grant recipients will report at the April 20 CRAA meeting to which the public is invited.

Funds for the mini-grants came from the association’s 2009 fund drive. The local arts organization can only continue to offer this record number of Mini-Grants each year to encourage continuation and improvement of arts programs and activities in the schools if additional financial support is raised and given by the community members and organizations.

CRAA also offers Chipola scholarships to talented students from the district, supports the Chipola Artist Series, and underwrites special cultural programs for area school children. Funding for these many projects comes from public fund-raising efforts in the five-county district.

CRAA president Dr. Jerry Kandzer recently presented $8,500 to college president Dr. Gene Prough to support the Chipola Artist Series and spring children’s programming. The association will begin its 2010 annual fund-raising campaign in February and sincerely hopes that businesses and individuals will include CRAA in charitable contribution plans.

For information, call 850-718-2277 or email adamsa@chipola.edu.
Music, art and theatre auditions set

Scholarship Audition dates for Music and Theatre scholarships at Chipola College for 2010-11 have been set for Feb. 18, March 18, April 15. Show Choir auditions are set for April 19.

Students majoring in art should submit their application, letters of recommendation, and portfolio no later than April 22 to the Office of Fine and Performing Arts.

Applications in all areas may be obtained by phoning Chipola College’s Fine and Performing Arts Department, 718-2277 or 718-2301, or they may be obtained from the college’s web site: www.chipola.edu clicking on Fine Arts and then scholarships.

High School graduates with acceptable academic records and music, theatre, and art aptitude who plan to pursue studies as music, theatre or art majors are eligible to apply. Show Choir auditions are open to all students in all majors. Rock and Jazz scholarships tuition scholarships are available upon audition for instrumentalists who are non-music majors.

Scholarships in various amounts, up to full tuition and fees, are awarded on the basis of talent and academic record. Students with financial need may seek additional assistance through the college’s Office of Financial Aid and through the Chipola Foundation.

For information, contact Joan Stadsklev, Director of the Fine and Performing Arts, at 718-2301 or stadsklevj@chipola.edu

 Indians host St. Pete Monday, Feb. 8

The top-ranked Chipola Indians baseball team hosts St. Petersburg College, Monday, Feb. 8, at noon at the Chipola field.

Chipola leads the FCCAA State Poll followed by Tallahassee at number seven and Gulf Coast at eight.

The Indians hit the road Feb. 10 for games with Darton and Alabama Southern, before returning home Friday, Feb. 12, to host Darton at 11 a.m. and Wallace Dothan at 5 p.m.

A Michael Revell grand slam with one out in the first inning was the major blow in a six-run first inning to help pace the Indians to a 17-5 win over Pearl River on Jan. 31.

Revell’s homerun was followed by an Eric Sauls two-run double which plated Austin Wright and Aaron Etchison to finish the big inning.

The Indians recorded 19 hits on the afternoon and 6 batters had multiple hits. Sauls (4-5, 2 2B’s, 3 RBI’s), Blake Newalu (3-4, 2B, run scored), Joey Rapp (3-4, 2 HR’s, 3 RBI’s), LeVon Washington (2-5, RBI), Etchison (2-4) and Revell (2-5, HR, 5 RBI’s).

Chipola starting pitcher Jake Eliopoulos struck out four batters in 2.2 innings while giving up one earned run. Reliever Duncan Midkiff (1-0) recorded his first win of the season. Midkiff pitched 3.1 innings, allowed one earned run, and had five strikeouts.

Chipola was scheduled to play four games Feb. 5-7 in the FiberCare JUCO National Classic. Game times are 11 a.m. on Friday, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, and noon Sunday.

‘Bye Bye Birdie’ at CRAA

The public is invited to hear highlights from the upcoming Chipola spring musical ‘Bye, Bye, Birdie’ at the monthly meeting of the Chipola Regional Arts Association, Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Jim’s Buffet in Marianna. The Dutch-treat buffet is 11:30 a.m. to noon, followed by the program. Birdie includes hit songs “Put on a Happy Face,” “Got A Lot of Livin’ To Do,” “Kids,” and more. The show runs March 10-14. Tickets go on sale Feb. 24 in the Chipola Business Office. Call 850-718-2220.

Chipola offers free tax preparation

In order to help local citizens get the most refund due them, Chipola business instructor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free 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 may be scheduled by appointment. Professor Shook says, “If it is a very complicated return, we ask that you continue to use your paid professional, but if it is a fairly simple return we can help. We will do Schedule A, itemized deductions.”

The free service usually takes no longer than 30 minutes. For faster refunds, taxpayers are asked to bring a personal check which has routing information needed for electronic refunds.

To make an appointment for free tax assistance, call Lee Shook at (850) 718-2368.

Congrats Homecoming winners

Congratulations to the following students for winning Homecoming activities.

The winners of the Talent Show were: First Place, James Matthews; Second Place, Quintin Beechum, Dianna Glaze, Brenna Kneiss, Kylee Shores, Keith Watford, Madison Wester and Bryan Whitfield; Third Place, Carlton Cotton and Kassandra Mandrekas; Best Solo Winner, Stacia Springer; and Best Band Winner, Steven Osbun, Josh Peronto and Adam Smith.

The winners of the Homecoming Building Decoration Contest were First Place, Chi Alpha decorating the ACE Lab (L); Second Place, Cheerleaders decorating the Literature/Language Building (Z); and Third Place, Science Club decorating the Natural Science Building (D).

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Scholarships available
Applications for the UCF Alumni Association Scholarship are available at www.ucfalumni.com/scholarships. The $1000 scholarship is available to students transferring directly from any state college to UCF in Summer or Fall 2010 and who demonstrate well-rounded involvement to college campus, local community, or exceptional work experience. Application deadline is March 31.

Applications for the James Wilcox African-American Undergraduate Scholarship are available at www.ficpa.org/scholarships. The $5000/year recurring scholarship is available to African-American students in their first, second or third year of college, majoring in Accounting. Applications deadline is March 15.

**Menu for Chipola Food Court - Week of February 8-12**
- **Monday:** Jamaican jerk chicken, Beef and Broccoli stir fry, mashed potatoes, gravy, white rice, corn and carrots, green beans, blackeyed peas and cornbread. *Specialty Bar: Taco Bar*
- **Tuesday:** Fried Chicken, Baked Ziti, Mashed potatoes, gravy, Wild Rice, turnip greens, baby carrots, baked apples, and rolls *Specialty Bar: Build Your Own Sub Bar*
- **Wednesday:** Chicken Teriyaki, Sweet n Sour Meatballs, White Rice, Potatoes Augratin, Vegetable Medley, Corn Nuggets, Field Peas and cornbread. *Specialty Bar: Nachos Bar*
- **Thursday:** Fried Chicken, Beef Stew, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, green beans, fried okra, macaroni and cheese, and cornbread. *Specialty Bar: Taco Bar*
- **Friday:** Chicken Noodle Casserole, Taco Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, vegetable medley, peas and carrots and cornbread. Items served daily include hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches, pizza, fries, Full Salad Bar and Dessert Bar.