Chipola Homecoming 2011 Begins Feb. 9

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming 2011 from Feb. 9 through 19. The Indians will host Tallahassee Community College on Saturday, Feb. 19. This year’s homecoming theme is “Indians on Fire.”

Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 9, in the Cafeteria. Voting for candidates will take place on the Feb. 9-10. The top two freshmen vote winners (women and men) and the top three sophomore or upper classman vote winners will be named to the Homecoming Court. The sophomore or upper classman winners will be crowned Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola.

Later on Wednesday, Feb. 9, a Retirees Luncheon honoring all retired Chipola faculty and staff is set for 11:30 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the Cafeteria. The lunch is free to retirees and their guests. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Bryan Cranven at 718-2264.

SGA will sponsor a Building Decoration Contest among the campus organizations to be judged at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15. Buildings must be decorated on Monday, Feb. 14. Campus groups should contact Nancy Johnson about the building their club would like to decorate.

The Homecoming Talent show is Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 10:05 a.m. in the Arts Center. The contest is open to any campus group or individual currently enrolled at Chipola. Cash prizes will be awarded to: Best Overall - 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Best Solo, Best Group and Best Band. Performances are limited to 4 minutes. Sign-up deadline is Feb. 1 in the SGA Office in the Student Center.

The Chipola chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is sponsoring a free concert featuring the Christian band Remedy Drive at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, in the Chipola Arts Center. Up-and-coming local band, Flying Backwards, is scheduled to open. Contact David Hilton, FCA Faculty Adviser at 526-2761, Ext. 3331.

The annual Chipola Honors Dance featuring the Ivey Brothers band is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 18, from 7 to midnight in the Arts Center. The $10-a-ticket dance is the main fundraiser for the Honors program which recruits the top students from Chipola’s five-county district. For ticket information, contact Bonnie Smith or Robert Ivey at 526-1761, Ext. 3247.

The Homecoming games between Chipola and Tallahassee are set for Saturday, Feb. 19. The women game tips off at 5:30 p.m. Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and his wife, Priscilla, will host an Alumni Reception in the Hospitality Room beginning at 6:30 p.m. All alumni, college retirees and friends of the college are invited. The homecoming court will be presented during halftime of the men’s game which begins at 7:30 p.m.

For information about Homecoming, call Nancy Johnson at 718-2314.

**THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA**

**7 MONDAY**
- Student Government Association - 2 p.m., Z116
- Artist Series Event: The Freddy Cole Quartet in Concert - 7 p.m., Theatre

**8 TUESDAY**
- Administrative Council - 9 a.m., U
- Student Ambassadors - 1 p.m., A156
- Intro of Homecoming Candidates Practice - 2 p.m., Cafeteria

**9 WEDNESDAY**
- Homecoming Candidates: Voting - 5 - 6 p.m., Z Lobby

**10 THURSDAY**
- Homecoming Candidates: Voting - 8 a.m. - Noon., K105
- FCA - 7 p.m., Cafeteria

**11 FRIDAY**
- CAAP Registration Deadline for March Test
- LITERATURE/LANGUAGE FESTIVAL

**12 SATURDAY**
- ACT Exam
- CC Basketball @ Gulf Coast - Women 5:30 p.m., Men 7:30 p.m.

**13 SUNDAY**
- Snowbird Concert: NWSC and Chipola Show Choirs - 2:30 p.m., Niceville, FL
- FCA Service – 8 p.m., Chapel

Don’t let schooling interfere with your education.

*Mark Twain*
Chipola College in 3-D


The Chipola Regional Workforce Development Board funded the startup costs of the program with an initial contribution of $135,000. Richard Williams, Director of the Workforce Development Board was on hand at the meeting.

Courtney Sawyer, the very first student to enroll in the program also attended the press conference.

Students in the program will develop the technical skills necessary to produce three-dimensional content to be used in business, industry, education, state and federal government as well as the military. The software that will be taught in this program includes Photoshop, 3D Studio Max, ArcGIS, Java Script, AutoCAD and Unity gaming software.

Prospective students must have proficiency in computer applications in order to successfully complete the course.

The first course begins April 11 and runs through Aug. 4. Registration deadline is April 4. Classes are scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 10 p.m. Cost of the program is $1,500 plus the cost of textbooks. Due to the length and the nature of the program, traditional Financial Aid is not available. The course is limited to the first 12 students. Matt White, Chipola’s Network Coordinator, will teach the course.

For information, contact Christen Bennett in the Chipola Continuing Education Office at 850-718-2395 or 850-718-2455.

State JUCO Tourney brings thousand$ to Marianna

More than 2,000 visitors are expected to converge on Marianna for the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament set for March 2-5 at Chipola College. Advance tickets are now on sale for the four-day event.

Some 400 basketball players from 16 teams, along with coaches, cheerleaders and fans will fill nearly 200 hotel rooms during the tourney. Numerous Division I College coaches and recruiters also are expected to scout the talent in the competition. Tournament officials estimate that more than $250,000 will flow into the area during the tournament from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses.

Tournament administrator Ronnie Myers, a former Chipola player, said, “The tournament is a huge undertaking which requires many volunteers and tremendous financial support. We could not host this event without the generous support of our fans, sponsors and advertisers.”

The Jackson County Tourist Development Council awarded a $10,000 grant to the Chipola Appreciation Club to help promote and operate the tournament.

Waste Management is official host sponsor for the event. Other sponsors include: the Florida Lottery and the Florida Credit Union League.

Robert Trammell, Chipola Appreciation Club president, said, “Chipola has one of the finest junior college athletic programs in the country and our people put on one of the best tournaments anywhere. The great traditions established here by coaching legend Milton Johnson are evident today in the quality of this tournament.”

Key supporters of Chipola athletics are selling advance tickets. Tournament passes—$25 for adults and $15 for students—will get fans into all 14 exciting tournament games. Single session tickets—two games—are $10 each.

The women’s tournament begins Wednesday, March 2, with the men’s tournament set to tip off Thursday, March 3. Games times are 1, 3, 6 and 8, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The women’s championship is Saturday at 5 p.m., with the men’s championship at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information, call 718-2220, or visit the official tourney web site at: www.chipola.edu
Feb. 18 Dance to benefit Chipola Honors Program

The Chipola College Honors Dance is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 18 in the Art Center.

The $10-a-ticket 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.

The Honors program recruits the top 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.

Honors students work one-on-one with a faculty member to complete a research project each semester. The projects are designed with input from the student and the instructor. Projects range from chemistry experiments that determine an unknown substance to a differential calculus project in knot theory. At the end of each semester, students present their findings in a research paper and through a multimedia presentation to their peers.

The Honors Program now offers opportunities for travel with the addition of the field trips. Smith says, “Since Chipola is viewed as the cultural and academic hub of a large rural district, this seems an appropriate way to invest in the lives of the College’s most promising students. These field trips allow our Honor students more access to the arts and a chance to travel to places they have only read about.”

Some examples of past trips include travel to the Exploreum in Mobile to view the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit; a trip to Jamestown, Virginia, to view the excavation of the original colonial site; and another to New York to visit museums and attend a Broadway play.

Honors students also have had the opportunity to earn college credit while they travel abroad.

The Honors Program also includes a lecture series featuring experts in their field. Guest speakers, student seminars, and community debates are part of this effort. The primary goal of the lecture series is to provide an appealing vehicle for interdisciplinary learning, skill-building and career development. Past lectures have included discussions on West Nile virus and other infectious diseases, religion and the war in Iraq, the role of advanced mathematics in biology, and a lecture on genetics and stem cell research. Many of the lectures are open to all Chipola students, faculty and to the public.

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 after hurricanes, assisting the WINGS program at local middle schools and providing reading assistance to at risk kids. The group has worked with local schools to fight malaria and to help with the Haiti Relief Effort.

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. 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.

Tickets for the Friday, Feb. 18, Honors Dance are available from students in the program, or by calling Bonnie Smith or Robert Ivey at 526-1761, Ext. 3247.

Throssell Literature/Language Festival set for Friday, Feb. 11

Chipola will host the twenty-first annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, Feb. 11.

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.

Festival coordinator Rachel West says, “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 Little Shop of Horrors.

Chipola senior vice-president Dr. Sarah Clemmons says, “We are looking forward to hosting our twenty-first festival. It is always a pleasure to have area high school students on our campus for a day of academic competition.”

The festival is named in honor of the late Dr. Throssell, former chair of the Chipola English Department.
Chipola hosts Pensacola on Monday, Feb. 14


The Indians suffered their first misfire of the conference season with a 68-63 loss to Northwest Florida on Feb. 1. Geron Johnson led Chipola with 21 points and 6 rebounds. Marcos Knight had 15 points and 9 rebounds. Elijah Pittman had 12 points and 5 rebounds. Keith Dewitt had 10 points and 8 rebounds. Chipola trailed 36-23 at the half, but rallied to take a three-point lead late in the final period.

Chipola’s men still have stronghold on first place in the conference at (20-3, 6-1). The Indians now share the top spot in the Men’s FCCAA State Poll with Palm Beach (22-2). Tallahassee (18-7, 4-3) is fourth in the poll. Northwest (18-5, 3-4) is tied for sixth with St. Pete. Pensacola (16-9, 4-4) is tenth. The Indians scored 67-61 win over Pensacola on Jan. 29. Pittman led Chipola with 16 points. Dewitt had 13 points and 9 rebounds. Johnson had 12 points and 4 assists.


The Lady Indians slipped to 17-8 on the year 3-4 in Panhandle conference play with a 58-56 loss to Northwest Florida on Feb. 1. Jasmine Shaw led Chipola with 14 points. Jeniece Johnson had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Brieona Warner had 7 points and 8 rebounds. The (3-4) Lady Indians are third in the Panhandle race. The top two teams from the conference earn a spot in the state tournament.

The Lady Indians fell to top-ranked Pensacola 73-62 on Jan. 29. Shaw led Chipola with 18 points. Carleeda Green had 16. Chipola scored a second win over Gulf Coast this season with a 55-46 victory on Jan. 25. Shaw led Chipola with 18 points and 3 rebounds. Green had 12 points and 4 rebounds. Sara Djassi added 9 points and 3 rebounds.


In the Feb. 1 FCCAA poll, Chipola (17-7, 3-4) is third. Pensacola (25-0, 8-0) is first. Northwest Florida State (19-4, 4-3) is second. Gulf Coast (13-8, 2-5) is fourth. Tallahassee (12-8, 1-6) is eighth. Both Chipola teams travel to Tallahassee, Feb. 5, and to Gulf Coast, Feb. 12, before returning home to host Pensacola, Feb. 14.

For the latest scores and stats, visit www.chipola.edu

Little Shop of Horrors opens soon

‘LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS’—Chipola Theater is in rehearsal for the hit musical “Little Shop of Horrors,” which opens March 9. Pictured from left, are: Deanna Harrison (Crystal), Meghan Gilliland (Chiffon) and Kayla Todd (Ronnette). Tickets go on sale Feb. 23. Call 718-2220.