Chipola theatre earns superior for 2009-10 season

The Chipola College Board of Trustees along with college president Dr. Gene Prough recently recognized Theatre Director Charles Sirmon and the award-winning theatre program.

Chipola started this season off with “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940,” directed by Charles Sirmon.

Florida Community College Activities Association adjudication response states, “This was a complex show with broad physical humor. Farce, though primary meant as entertainment, because of its physical demands, is one of the most difficult types of plays to direct from a blocking and picturization standpoint. Mr. Sirmon did a superior job with this difficult production.” Rodney Whatley of PCC wrote, “It was an evening filled with laughter and joy and amazement. I was truly amazed at the comedic talent of some of the actors. The entire company was amazing and truly entertaining.”

Chipola actors receiving special recognition were Aven Pitts, Ben Grande and Sarah Lovins. Guest artist Chris Manasco also was recognized for comedic choreography.

Chipola’s hit, spring musical “Bye Bye Birdie,” also earned top honors under the direction of Sirmon. Ken McCulough, Professor of Theatre at Florida State College, said “Sirmon kept the story clear in his blocking which used every inch of the stage as well as the aisles for entrances/exits.”

Choreographer Chris Manasco, also was recognized by adjudicators, who wrote, “The choreography for this show was outstanding and Manasco is obviously, an incredible teacher.” Conductor Daniel Powell with guest pianist Christine Lauen created excellent work and Sound Designer, Brenton Jones and musical Director Angie White.

Continued on page 2

Chipola cuts ribbon on new chapel

The Chipola College District Board of Trustees recently hosted a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to mark completion of The Chapel at Chipola. Funds for the chapel were donated by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Creshull Harrison, Sr., of Marianna.
Clark recognized

Gary Clark (left) of Chipley, outgoing chair of the Chipola College District Board of Trustees, is congratulated by vice chair Mark Plummer of Bristol. Clark is vice president of Member Services for West Florida Electric Cooperative. Jeff Crawford, Jr., of Marianna is the incoming chair of the board.

Theatre, continued from page 1

McCulough says “Overall, a strong polished production that played to an appreciative and packed audience. Even more impressive, this occurred in a part of the country and in time that needs the arts not only to survive but to thrive in order to become an essential part of the local society. Experiences like this will ensure that happens.”

Chipola actors receiving special recognition were Austin Pettis, Aven Pitts, Ben Grande, Cameron Hitchcock, Emily Harrison, Kayla Todd, Kyndall Covington and Sarah Lovins, along with Designer/Technician Brenton Jones.

For more information about Chipola theatre sirmonc@chipola.edu

FSU Coach is special guest for Endless Summer 2010

Leonard Hamilton, head coach of the Florida State University Men’s Basketball team, will be the special guest for Chipola’s Endless Summer Dinner/Dance, Aug. 21 at the National Guard Armory.

The Villagers, a popular Chipola band from the 1960’s will provide the perfect musical backdrop for the occasion. A professional DJ will spin dance tunes for the remainder of the evening.

Hamilton led the Seminoles to a 22-10 record in 2010 and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. He was named the National Coach of the Year by Basketball Times and the ACC Coach of the Year by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association in 2009. He guided the Seminoles to a 25-10 mark in 2009 with a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament and FSU’s first ACC Championship game appearance.

With 20 or more wins in three of the last four seasons, Hamilton has 131 victories during his tenure at FSU.

Tickets for Endless Summer are $25 per person. A social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. Tables of eight are available for $200. Barbecue chef Bobby Sims will prepare his famous, mouth-watering, pulled pork for the dinner.

For ticket information, call Lillie Hamil at 850-718-2375.

Chipola financial aid processing deadline is August 4

Students planning to enroll in Chipola College this Fall are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete their financial aid file by Aug. 4.

The FAFSA form will determine eligibility for financial aid, such as Pell Grants, work-study programs and student loans. Students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible to ensure it can be processed by the deadline. Tax information for both the college-bound student and parents is needed.

The FAFSA can be completed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Chipola College school code is 001472.

All students seeking Financial Aid must have completed the FAFSA and submitted the required paperwork to the Chipola Financial Aid Office in order to use financial aid to pay tuition for Fall 2010.

To avoid delays, students are encouraged to: (1) apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov; (2) complete the application thoroughly and promptly; (3) keep a copy of all documents used to complete the application (4) submit additional requested information to the Chipola Financial Aid Office promptly.

For more information, visit http://www.chipola.edu/financialaid/index.htm. For information about completing the FAFSA call 1-800-433-3243.