Chipola to host national brain bowl tournament

Chipola College will host the 2010 NAQT (National Academic Quiz Tournaments) Community College National Championship Feb. 26-27, in the Chipola Literature/Language Building.

 Rounds are 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 several volunteers for the tournament. The public is invited to watch the Chipola Brain Bowl Team compete for the national title.


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.

State JUCO basketball tournament begins March 3 at Chipola

The top 16 community college basketball teams in Florida will begin arriving in Marianna Tuesday for the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament set for March 3-6 in Chipola’s Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Some 400 basketball players along with coaches, cheerleaders and fans will fill nearly 200 hotel rooms during the tourney. Teams will begin practice Tuesday in the Johnson Center and in local high school gyms. Each team is assigned a local host family to help with any need that may arise during the tournament.

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.

Men’s action begins Wednesday, March 3, at 1 p.m. as Daytona takes on St. Petersburg. At 3 p.m., Indian River meets Tallahassee. Northwest Florida plays Central Florida at 6 p.m. Broward and Hillsborough play in the 8 p.m. nightcap on Thursday.

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This Week at Chipola

1 MONDAY
• SGA — 2 p.m., Z116

2 TUESDAY
• Deadline to Apply for Graduation for Spring Term for All Degrees
• Last Class Day for Spring Term B/ Grades Due by 3 p.m.
• Registration & Drop/Add for Spring Term C; 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
• Executive Council — 9 a.m., A192
• Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156
• CC Baseball vs. Grand Rapids (DH)— 3 p.m., BC

3 WEDNESDAY
• Classes Begin for Spring Term C
• Late Registration, Drop/Add, & Employee Fee Waiver Reg -Spring Term C; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
• FCCAA State Basketball Tourney — 1/3/6/8 p.m., R
• BCM Bible Study — 10 a.m., TBA
• BSU — 10 a.m., C104
• Faculty Meeting — 3 p.m., Z116

4 THURSDAY
• FCCAA State Basketball Tourney — 1/3/6/8 p.m., R
• FCA Huddle — 7 p.m.
• Music Through Performance — 4:5 p.m., H108

5 FRIDAY
• FCCAA State Basketball Tourney — 1/3/6/8 p.m., R
• CC Baseball vs. Gordon — 5:00 p.m., BC

6 SATURDAY
• FCCAA State Basketball Tourney — Women’s Championship - 5:30 p.m., Men’s Championship - 7:30 p.m., R
• CC Baseball vs. Gordon — 12/2:30 p.m., BC
• CC Softball vs. Darton — 4/6 p.m., BC
Florida Lottery and Community South Credit Union.
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.

For ticket information, call 718-2220, or visit the official tourney web site at: www.chipola.edu

Individual tickets go on sale March for violinist Sarah Geller, the final offering of the 2009-10 Chipola Artist Series. Violinist Sarah Geller and pianist Cheryl Tschanz will perform their Souvenirs program in the Chipola Theater, Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m.

From the triumphant opening of Mozart’s Sonata in Bb Major, to the last notes of Ginastera’s fiery and rhapsodic Pampeana No. 1, Souvenirs captures the rhythmic and passionate textures of Latin America, Paul Schoenfield’s sultry and jazzy “Four Souvenirs,” and the simple and refined beauty of three pieces by Lili Boulanger.

Described as “a consummate artist performing with convincing vigor and passion,” Geller has performed to critical acclaim in many prestigious venues, including Carnegie Hall. Geller drew
capacity and standing room-only audiences with performances on the Gainesville Pro Musica Series in Georgia and the Strad for Lunch Series in New York City. Dedicated to the education of the next generation, Geller is also in high demand as a teacher in her hometown of New York City and beyond.

Pianist Cheryl Tschanz is a soloist, chamber musician, and private instructor who serves on the faculty at Florida Southern College. Tschanz holds numerous international competition prizes and was the first recipient of the prestigious Thayer Fellowship.

Having collaborated together since 1998, Geller and Tschanz bring a unique and dynamic quality to the stage, probing the depths of a composer’s colors and message to form multiple layers of communication with each audience member.

Tickets may be purchased in Chipola Business Office, or by phone at 850-718-2220, with major credit cards accepted. Tickets also will be on sale the night of the show at 6:30 p.m. in the theatre box office.

Tickets are $12 for adults, $8 for ages 18 and under, and $4 for Chipola students with ID.

For ticket information, call the Chipola Business Office at 850-718-2220.

Tickets are now on sale for the Chipola production of “Bye Bye Birdie.” The musical opens Wednesday, March 10 with shows nightly at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday, March 14, matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets—$7 for adults and $5 for 18 and under—are available in the Business Office.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon will direct the show which features: Aven Pitts as Albert Peterson, Kyndall Covington as Rose Alvarez, Ben Grande as Conrad Birdie, Austin Pettis as Mr. Harry MacAfee, Evan Barber as Randolph Macafee Piper Williams as Mrs. Doris MacAfee, Sara Lovins as Mrs. Mae Peterson, Madison Wester as Gloria Rasputin, Kristina Lopez as Mrs. Merkle, Charles Sirmon as Mayor, Jill Wallace as Mayor’s Wife, Madison Wester as Mayor’s Wife, Birenchard Birenchard as Mr. Johnson, Seth Basford as Charles F. Maude, Kayla Todd as Kim MacAfee, Cameron Hitchcock as Hugo Peabody, Emily Harrison as Ursula Merkle, Joe Evans as Harvey Johnson, Brenna Kneiss as Sad Girl 1 and Grace Bailey as Sad Girl 2. Birdie Fans, Shriners, Parents, Policemen, Sweet Apple Citizens are Madison Wester, D.R. Forrester, Brenna Kneiss, Mark Lent, Jacob Beasley, Clayton Touchton, Tabitha Shumaker, Sara

Jean Hargis, Allie Brockner, Alex Watson, Stacia Springer, Gracie Wallace and Grace Bailey.

For ticket information, call 718-2220.
Author of “Will Jesus Buy Me a Double-Wide?” to speak at Chipola
(Critically-acclaimed author challenges idea that God shows his love by giving wealth)

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 had her first kiss in a trailer, smoked her first and last cigarette in a trailer, asked Jesus into her heart on bended knee in a trailer, fell madly in love in a trailer (a couple of different times), and gave birth to her firstborn child in a trailer.

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. Using her journalistic background, Zacharias scoured the back-roads from Oregon to North Carolina asking people about two things – God and money. She interviewed the exceedingly wealthy and the extremely poor and a host of people in between. She wanted to find people ‘who had it right,’ and she found them in unlikely places. Her work is filled with the stories of Americans from different economic backgrounds who struggle with the same foundational questions about their lives and their faith.

With humor, wit and the quirky charm of modern parables, Zacharias shares the stories of faith won and faith lost. From an AIG Employee and the Car Mogul who lost everything to the Alabama debutante who inherited $40 million from her granny’s “Eternal” rolls, Zacharias compiled a cast of unforgettable characters.

On the heels of her provocative book, ‘Where’s Your Jesus Now?,’ Zacharias says, ‘Proof of God’s love is not found in the square-footage of our homes or the number of cars our garage will hold. God’s love for me or his favor toward me is not manifested in whether I live at the end of a dirt road in a trailer or in a gated community.”

Zacharias is an essayist, journalist and commentator; the author of previous books: Where’s Your Jesus Now, After the Flag has been Folded and Benched: The Memoirs of Judge Rufe McCombs. Her work has appeared in the New York Times, Newsweek and on National Public Radio’s All Things Considered and Morning Edition. She is a former editorial writer and columnist for the Fayetteville Observer. She is a contributing writer to the Burnside Writers Collective, an online magazine for young, progressive Christian writers and thinkers. She served as an adjunct professor of journalism at Central Washington University and as an author-in-resident for the Fairhope Center for the Writing Arts in Fairhope, Alabama.

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.

Chipola to host Conyers Baseball Classic Feb. 26-28

The Chipola baseball team hosts the Chipola/Conyers Hardwood Flooring Classic February 26-28 at the Chipola Baseball Complex.

Games begin Friday, Feb. 26, with a 1 p.m. game between Chipola and Miami Dade at the Chipola field. Middle Georgia and Grand Rapids play at 1 p.m. at the Marianna High field. At 4 p.m., Miami Dade faces Grand Rapids. St. Petersburg and Middle Georgia face off at 7 p.m.

Games on Saturday, Feb. 27 games include: 10:00 a.m., Middle Georgia vs. Miami Dade; 1:00 p.m., St. Petersburg vs. Miami Dade; 4:00 p.m., Chipola vs. Middle Georgia, and 7:00 p.m., Chipola vs. St. Petersburg.

On Sunday, Feb. 28, St. Petersburg and Kankakee play at 11 a.m., with Chipola and Kankakee closing out the classic at 2 p.m.

The Indians have three straight home games beginning with a 3 p.m. double-header with Grand Rapids, Tuesday, March 2. Chipola hosts Gordon College for three games: Friday, March 5, at 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 6, in a double-header beginning at noon.

The Indians open the conference season on the road at Pensacola March 8. Chipola’s first home conference game is Wednesday, March 10, at 5 p.m., against Pensacola.

Chipola is ranked fifth in the FCCAA State poll with a 9-6 record. For the latest news, call 718-2CJC or visit www.chipola.edu
Register now for Term “C” classes

Registration for Spring Term “C” classes is Tuesday, March 2, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Term “C” classes meet March 3 through April 30. Late registration is Wednesday, March 3, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Term “C” courses include: (BSC 1005) Intro. to Biological Sciences, 12:00-1:50, MWR; (CJE 1000) Intro to Law Enforcement (online) (ENC 0004) College Prep Writing, 9:00-12:50, MW; (HUM 2233) Humanities w/ Writing (online); (MAC 1105) College Algebra, 12:00-1:50, MTR; (MAN 4301) Human Resource Mgmt. (online); (MAN 4802M) Intro. Small Bus. Mgmt. (online); (NUR 2960M) Nursing Review (online); (REA 0004) College Prep Reading, 8:00-4:30, F; (REA 1205) Advanced Reading, 1:00-4:50, F; (SLS 1101) Orientation, 6:00-9:00, M.

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 and Records, or online at www.chipola.edu. Students also must provide an official high school and college transcript.

Chipola has expanded its offerings to include more than 40 individual programs, including BS, AA, AS, AAS, Workforce Certificates and Continuing Education programs. The college offers eight Bachelor of Science (BS) degree programs, including: Business Management, Elementary Education, Mathematics Education (5-9 or 6-12), Science Education (5-9 or 6-12), Exceptional Student Education and RN to BSN in Nursing. The Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) offers Teacher Certification for those with a B.S. in a non-teaching field.

The majority of Chipola students are enrolled in the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree program designed for students who plan to complete their first two years of college work at Chipola and then transfer to a four year program at Chipola or another college.

Hewett is FCCAA Player of the Week

Chipola’s Michelle Hewett is this week’s FCCAA Softball Player of the Week. Hewett, a sophomore center-fielder from Marianna, batted .727 (16-for-22) with ten runs scored, nine RBI’s and ten stolen bases over seven games. She batted safely in all seven games, recording six multi-hit games and five three-hit outings.

She also scored at least one run in six of the seven games and was a perfect 10-for-10 on stolen base attempts. Her top performance came against Stanly on Feb. 20 when she went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and three stolen bases.

The (17-4) Lady Indians are ranked second in the FCCAA softball poll. They outscored their opponents 63-14 in the last seven games. As a team, they hit .409 with 12 doubles and five home runs.

Chipola heads to Panama City for seven games, Feb. 26-28. The Lady Indians return home to host South Georgia College in a double-header, March 2. Chipola hosts 4 p.m. double-headers with Darton College on March 6, and Heartland College on March 10.

Chipola hosts Gulf Coast, March 17, in the conference season opener at 4 p.m.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH
10-14 Theatre Musical Production
16 Deadline to Apply for McLendon Ed Scholarships for Summer I
16 District Board of Trustees
17 Night Students Social
18 Artist Series: Sarah Geller, Violinist
20 CAAP Exam for All AA Graduates
22 Last Day To Withdraw From A Class-Spring A
22-23 Theatre Auditions for Children’s Theatre Production
24 Caricaturist Steve Gipson
25 Last Day for Vertical Transfer for Spring C
29-31 SPRING BREAK - College Closed

APRIL
1-2 SPRING BREAK - College Closed

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
1-Mar Monroe Rhynes
1-Mar Bud Riviere
2-Mar Dennis Everett
7-Mar Matt White

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.

REPRESENTatives from FSU Panama City will be in Building C, Room 112A on Thursday, March 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide information and answer questions.
MARCH MADNESS IN MARIANNA

FCCAA State JUCO Basketball Tournament
Milton H. Johnson Health Center
Chipola College
March 3-6

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Championship
Saturday, March 6  5:00 p.m.

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Championship
Saturday, March 6  7:30 p.m.

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