Dr. J. R. Kirkland to visit Chipola College

Dr. J.R. Kirkland, a Chipola College alumnus and founder of a Washington-based government relations firm, will address the Chipola Honors Seminar, Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m., in Jackson Hall.

College officials also are planning a reception in Kirkland’s honor to recognize his contribution of a significant history collection to the college Library. The reception is set for 2 p.m. in the Library. The public is invited to both events.

Dr. Kirkland graduated from Chipola in 1960 and was named Chipola’s Alumnus of the Year in 2000. He said that his successful career owes much to the teaching he received at Chipola. “I have many fond and strong memories of a number of faculty and administrators,” Kirkland said.

Dr. Kirkland is founder and President of FBA Inc., a government relations firm that represents colleges and universities, associations, foundations and private sector companies in their work with Congress, the White House and Executive Agencies of the federal government.

In 1990 Kirkland and his brother, David, endowed the Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching at Chipola in honor of their parents Carolyn and the late Willis Kirkland. The award was the first at Chipola to recognize outstanding teaching.

Dr. Kirkland has a special interest and expertise in the inter-relationship of federal science policies and programs and the research communities of technology firms and American universities. During the past 20 years, he has directed numerous business and academic coalitions that have secured federal funding for research in advanced computing, neurosciences, nanotechnology and various health related fields.

Also, Dr. Kirkland has led initiatives in the application of advanced technology to education and training programs, and has extensive experience in the field of distance learning and health care delivery to remote areas. He serves on a number of advisory

Tickets on sale for ‘Dearly Departed’

Tickets are now on sale for Chipola College Theater’s fall comedy, “Dearly Departed,” which plays Nov. 4-7 in the Chipola Theater. Tickets are available in the college Business Office.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently cast local actors in the following roles: Josh Tetow as Bud Turpin/DJ, Piper Williams as Raynelle, Matt Van Buren as Ray-Bud, Ashleigh Stowe as Lucille, Griffin Smith as Junior, Kayla Todd as Suzanne, Deanna Harrison as Marguerite, Trey McKay as Royce, Joy Wallace as Delightful, Austin Pettis as Rev. Hooker, Danuta Jacob as Veda, Blake Collins as Norval, Diana Glaze as Nadine, Chris Holloway as Clyde, Madison Wester as Juanita, and Cam Hitchcock and Alex Anderson as The Joy of Life Singers. David Reeves Forrester is the Stage Manager. Clint Touchton is the Assistant Stage Manager. Brenton Jones is the Sound Designer.

Not since “Steel Magnolias,” has a more dysfunctional group of Southern eccentrics gathered below the Mason-Dixon. When the patriarch of the family keels over dead, the struggle to get him buried involves the whole clan, including the not-so-grieving widow who wants to put “Mean and Surly” on the tombstone. The play contains some adult humor.

For ticket information, call the Chipola Business Office at 718-2220.
850 Business Mag invites students to enter business contest

The Chipola College Business Department invites students to enter 850 Business Magazine’s Collegiate Entrepreneur Invitational.

Students are invited to create a business plan to submit to the contest. Students may enter as individuals or as a team. A team may not consist of more than four students. All proposals must be original work. Entries must be postmarked no later than Nov. 29, 2010. Contest details are available at www.850businessmagazine.com

Cash awards will be provided to the top three contenders, to use for education or as seed money to start their business. First place receives $5,000, with second place earning $2,000, and third place picking up $1,000.

The first place winner be given the opportunity to pitch their business plan to a group of local venture capitalists, although there will be no guarantee of funding. The winner will be featured on the cover of the April/May 2011 issue of 850 – the Business Magazine of Northwest Florida. Top finalists will be included in the cover story, along with feedback comments from the expert panel.

For competition information, contact Linda Kleindienst at 850-878-0554 or lkleindienst@rowlandpublishing.com, or contact Dr. Jim Froh or Elissa Severson in the Chipola Business and Technology Division at 850-718-2441, or email: frohj@chipola.edu or seversone@chipola.edu

Lindbergh show coming to Chipola College

Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle, the second event in the Chipola College Artist Series, will be presented Nov. 9.

Individual event tickets - $12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under – go on sale Oct. 26 in the Chipola Business Office.

“The Lone Eagle” was just one of many nicknames given to Lindbergh by the press after he became the first pilot to fly nonstop from New York to Paris in May of 1927.

This one-man play written and portrayed by Steve Carroll spans Lindbergh’s life as he returns from the grave to set the record straight about his life. Guests will learn of his early barnstorming days, the famous flight to Paris, his son’s kidnapping, the unpopular stance he took against entering WWII, his subsequent heroism as a fighter pilot, and his final days as a world renowned environmentalist. For information, visit www.dreamscapeprods.com.

Two more events are slated in the Chipola Artist Series. The Freddy Cole Quartet in Concert will be presented Feb. 7, 2011. Freddy Cole, a Grammy nominee in his own right, makes no apology for sounding like his brother, Nat King Cole. The Manhattan Piano Trio closes the 2010-11 season, March 17, 2011.

For ticket information, call 718-2220.

Chipola FACC scholars recognized

The Chipola College Chapter of the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) recently awarded eight scholarships to children of college employees. Scholarship recipients and their sponsors are, from left: (front) students Lindsay West, Darby Ebel, James (J.D.) Tyler, Blair Sherrill, Alexandra Sanchez, Curtis Stephens, Dustin Dryden, Jessica Whittington (back) sponsors Rachel Cooey West, Mark Ebel, Angie Tyler, Melinda Sherrill, Elisa Cruz, Ana Stephens, Mary Bruce Hamilton and Dr. Gene Prough. Since 1993, FACC has awarded over $106,000 to more than 100 students through the FACC Scholarship Endowment. FACC members raise funds through concession sales at college sports events and with an annual silent auction.
Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College will hold an 8-hour Firearms Familiarization course, Saturday, Nov. 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Reddoch Firing Range on the Blue Springs Highway.

Successful completion of the course may be used in applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit.

Registration and payment of the $100 fee must be completed in advance. Class size is limited. Weapon and ammunition are included in the cost of the course.

For information, call Doris Williams at (850) 718-2394 or e-mail williamsd@chipola.edu.

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boards that recommend policies and programs to state and federal government agencies to promote economic development through cooperative relationships.

In addition to his business activities, Dr. Kirkland has served in numerous positions in education and government. The holder of a Ph. D in American History from the University of North Carolina, he has been a professor at Cornell University, American University, and Heidelberg University in Germany. Currently, he is Senior Research Fellow of the IC Squared Institute at the University of Texas, Austin, and chairs the Graduate Education Advisory Board at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has staffed and has served as advisor to a number of Congressmen and Senators. He served as a member of the White House Domestic Policy Staff, and was a Director of the 1980 Conference on Small Business.

A resident of the Washington D. C. area since 1965, Dr. Kirkland is married and has four children. His wife Martha is Executive Director of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation.

Chipola Fall Semester 2010 graduation requirements

Students graduating from Chipola College Fall Semester 2010 must submit an Application for Graduation by November 1. The Application for Graduation is available at the Admissions Office in the Student Services Building.

See an adviser for a graduation check. Submit the Application for Graduation. Degrees will be posted on your transcript after grades are received on December 16. Transcript Request for end of term grades and degrees should be submitted by December 15. Transcripts will be sent on December 17 after grades and degrees are posted. Diplomas will be mailed on December 17.

Failure to apply by the deadline may affect your graduation term and could result in the delay of your degree and diploma.

Chipola seeking donors for First Generation Scholarship

The Chipola College Foundation is seeking donations for the First Generation in College Scholarship for the 2010 Spring Semester. Donations must be received by Nov. 12 to qualify for state matching funds.

The Florida Legislature created the scholarship program and appropriated funds for each community college to match dollar for dollar with private contributions. These new scholarships, which will be funded for the upcoming Spring 2010 semester if the local matching dollars are raised, will be awarded to students whose parents did not complete a bachelor’s degree.

Foundation Director Julie Fuqua, says, “Chipola serves many first generation college students and the potential impact this scholarship program can have on their lives, as well as their families, is tremendous. Last year through the generosity of donors and state matching funds, Chipola was able to award eight students with First Generation scholarships.”

Chipola is eligible to receive up to $8,030 in First Generation in College Scholarship state matching funds this year. Donations will be matched dollar for dollar to enable Chipola to award over $16,000 to first generation in college students during this school year.

Donations may be mailed to: Chipola College Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446.

For information, call (850) 718-2478.

Foulk joins Chipola business faculty

Robert M. (Bob) Foulk has joined the Chipola College faculty as Instructor of Business Management in the Business and Technology Division.

Foulk earned an M.B.A. in Management from Southern Illinois University and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Delaware. He also completed graduate work at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the National Honor Society for Business.

Foulk says, “I’ve been a full-time college instructor for the past 14 years, primarily in North Carolina, teaching the total range of business courses and also economics. My focus here at Chipola will be the junior and senior business courses and economics. It is a great privilege to continue to provide my experience and expertise to this generation of students.”

He served as a Business supervisor with DuPont Company-Engineering Department and served on a team of Accounting and Procurement personnel who provided support for major company projects and construction.

Foulk has a long and distinguished military career. He is a retired Military officer with 28 years commissioned service. He earned the rank Navy-Commander with 11 years active duty and nine years in the reserves. He served eight years in the Delaware Army National Guard achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Foulk is a Vietnam veteran and lived in Japan for four years. He has traveled to Europe and Far East a number of times.
Olympic softball players coming to Chipola

Area softball players will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to work with three team USA Olympic medalists at the Chipola College Softball field, Jan. 22-23, 2011.

The Triple Threat team of Cat Osterman, Kelly Kretschman and Caitlin Lowe will provide a weekend of softball instruction focusing on pitching, offense and defense.

Pitcher Cat Osterman played at the University of Texas. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist, a two-time World Cup Champion and a two-time Pan American Gold Medalist. Osterman was a three-time USA Collegiate Player of the Year and a three-time NFCA First-Team All-American. She was the two-time ESPY Award winner as the Top Collegiate Female Athlete. Cat is the assistant softball coach at DePaul University in Chicago, and plays professionally for the Rockford Thunder.

Kelly Kretschman played outfield and infield at the University of Alabama. She was an Olympic Gold Medalist and Silver Medalist. She also was a Gold medalist at the Pan American Games and a member of the World Cup Championship team. The four-time NFCA All-American lives in Southern California and plays for the USSSA Pride.

Caitlin Lowe played outfield at the University of Arizona. She was an Olympic Silver Medalist and a Gold medalist at Pan American Games. A member of the two-time World Cup Championship team, she also was a four-time NFCA First-Team All-American. Caitlin now resides in Texas where she gives specialized lessons in out-fielding and slapping.

Chipola head coach Belinda Hendrix says, “This is a great opportunity for local players to learn from some of the best softball players in America.”

The two day Chipola camp will include six hours of instruction each day with lunch included. Registration fee is $200 by Dec. 18 and $250 after Dec. 18.

For additional information, contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358 or 718-2359, or visit www.tripletreatsoftball.com or www.chipolaathletics.com