

Chipola theatre alumni to appear in showcase

Two Chipola theatre alumni—Ben Grande and Aven Pitts—will make guest appearances at the Chipola Theatre Showcase, Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m.

The night of sketch comedy, dancing and Broadway show tunes is billed as “Saturday Night Live” on a Thursday.” The annual fundraiser helps theatre majors take an educational trip to New York where they see Broadway and Off Broadway shows, participate in professional talk-backs with cast members, tour the city and take Master classes.

Ben Grande and Aven Pitts both studied theatre under Chipola director Charles Sirmon from 2008-2010. Grande earned degree in

media communications from Florida State University. He is pursuing a career in entertainment, acting and film in Orlando. Sirmon says, “With an appearance in an award-winning short film and a new contract with Universal studios for the nation’s top Halloween event, Ben has high hopes for the future.”

Aven Pitts was hired as an entertainer/actor in Orlando at Universal Studios soon after leaving Chipola. He has expanded his craft as not only a theatrical actor but a film actor as well. Recently, he has used the skills acquired from Chipola Theatre to push himself in the direction of film-making. He won his first worldwide short film competition in June 2013 through



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through the Action Film Challenge along with various other awards. Director Sirmon says, “Through the encouragement of friends, family and church, Aven shows nothing but excitement for the journey ahead of him.”

Tickets for the Chipola Showcase are \$10 and may be purchased from any theatre major or by contacting the box office at 850-718-2420 or online at www.chipola.edu

THEATRE AUDITIONS FOR ‘1940’S RADIO HOUR’

Chipola Theatre director Charles Sirmon will hold auditions for “The 1940’s Radio Hour,” Sept. 30, and Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. in the Center for the Arts. Auditions are for ages 16 and up.

The show will run Dec. 5–8. With music by Walton Jones, the show is full of 1940’s music, dancing and old-time sound effects. Hits include: “That Old Black Magic,” “Ain’t She Sweet,” “Blue Moon,” “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.”

The play portrays the final holiday broadcast of the Manhattan Variety Cavalcade on a New York radio station in December 1942. Theatre-goers become the live audience watching a cast of 14 and band rehearse and perform popular songs of the ‘40’s, commercials, messages to the troops overseas, and sound effects, as they also reveal the drama of their real life “off mic” situations.

The cast of a dozen or so includes men and women with song and dance experience and a couple of roles that do not require singing. Band members interact with performers on stage, but only one has no lines. Sirmon also is looking for two to three tap dancers.

Roles are: Pops - stage doorman (no singing); Stan - radio technician (no singing); Lou Cohn - stage manager, does choreography, plays piano, sings in group numbers, no solos; Clifton A. Feddington - the boss, the MC, charming at the mic, sings in group numbers; Neal Tilden - cab driver, gets a solo but doesn’t perform it well, sings in group numbers; Ann Collier - secretary with beautiful voice, must be able to ballroom dance, sings solos and duets and group songs; Geneva Lee Brown - beautiful, jazz singer, group numbers as well as solos; Biff Baker - plays trumpet (or sax) in the band, sings one solo; Connie Miller-teenager, pretty voice, tap dancer, jitterbugs, two solos, duet and sings in group songs; Johnny Cantone - featured vocalist -sings solos and group numbers; Ginger Brooks - bubble-headed waitress -great song stylist, some dance, solos and group songs; BJ Gibson -Yale student, graceful dancer, good singer, solos and group songs; Wally Fergusson -delivery boy, sings along with this show; and Zoot Doubleman - band-leader, plays piano, sings one number (but song can be spoken).

AUDITIONS

The 1940’s Radio Hour

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.

For info, call Charles Sirmon at 718-2227 or sirmonc@chipola.edu

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This Classic Comic

Coach Ellis visits Chipola

Chipola alumnus Cliff Ellis recently visited his alma mater on a recruiting trip. Ellis is beginning his seventh season as head men's basketball coach of Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Ellis, who also coached at Clemson and Auburn, will be inducted into the Clemson Hall of Fame on Oct. 11. Ellis played on the Chipola College golf team in the 1960's.

Ellis is among the top active coaches in the NJCAA. His 647 victories ranks him 27th on the list of all-time career coaching victories in the history of Division I basketball.

While at Coastal, Ellis has amassed a pair of Big South regular season championships, making him one of only two coaches in NCAA history to win conference titles at four different institutions. He is also one of two coaches to win championships in both the Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference.

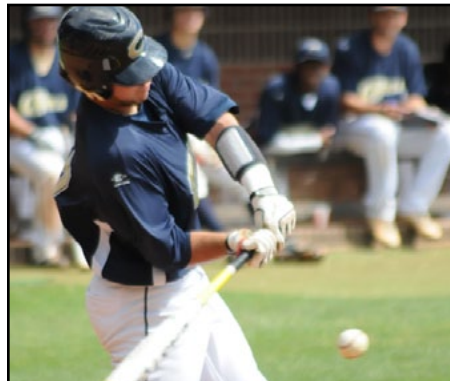
Ellis is a member of three Halls of Fame after entering Clemson's in 2013. He was already part of the Mobile Sports and Cumberland College Halls of Fame.

Ellis has been a successful coach throughout his career, amassing a Division I record of 647-412 (.611) and 725-423 (.631). Ellis ranks 10th in NCAA Division I wins among active coaches. He is also just one of 10 coaches in NCAA Division I history to post 100 or more wins at three separate schools and has been named conference Coach of the Year six times in his career.



Alumnus Cliff Ellis (right) recently visited on a recruiting trip. Pictured here with Athletic Director Dr. Steve Givens.

Chipola to host baseball showcase



Chipola's annual Select Baseball Showcase, is set for Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Chipola field.

The invitation only event is open to all high school juniors or seniors who are current members of a varsity baseball team.

Chipola head coach Jeff Johnson says, "This is a great opportunity for players to showcase their skills and to gain national exposure while being evaluated by JUCO and Division I coaches, as well as professional scouts." Johnson says he is expecting from 50 to 100 pro and college scouts to attend.

The showcase is by invitation only by high school coaches, summer league coaches, Chipola coaches, other college coaches and/or professional scouts.

Check-in opens at 8 a.m. on Sept. 21. The event will continue rain or shine with indoor facilities available. Players should wear baseball pants and bring their own bats, spikes, gloves, hats and protective cups.

For information, call coach Jeff Johnson at 718-2332, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Cross Country is fourth juco at Americus meet

The Cross Country team competed Sept. 7 at the Fourth Annual Georgia Southwestern Remembrance Run in Americus, GA.

In a meet featuring both junior college and four-year university participants, Natalya Miller led the Indians on the day as the fifth junior college participant overall in. She finished 27th overall with a time of 24:58 in the 6K course. Kimi Wiltse finished second for Chipola with a 27:58.

Other Chipola runners include Donia Lanier, Victoria Taylor; Jodi Phillips; Karlee Floyd; and Kathryn Huffman.

As a team, Chipola finished fourth among junior college competitors and eleventh overall. The Lady Indians will return to action Sept. 14 at the University of West Florida.

Bowers commits to Florida State

Cinmeon Bowers announced Sept. 11 that he has committed to Florida State University's men's basketball squad for the 2014-15 season.

Bowers, a 6'6 forward, is a Milwaukee native who averaged 11 points and 7 rebounds per game last year for the Indians. Bowers is considered by many to be rated the No. 1 JUCO player in the nation. A four-star recruit in high school, Louisville and Memphis were among the other schools seriously considering Bowers.



"This is a great opportunity for Cinmeon to display his athletic talent at the highest level, while playing for the best coaches in the country," said Chipola coach Patrick Blake. Bowers is the first Class of 2014 commitment for Florida State.



Chipola's **Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)** provides free academic assistance to Chipola students. Statistically, students who study in the ACE lab achieve higher grades than their counterparts who do not.

The ACE staff understands the educational backgrounds of local students. In each of the center's 500 or more visits per week, students receive on-demand assistance in nearly any course offered at Chipola, from Introduction to Biology to Anatomy and Physiology, Elementary Algebra to Calculus, and many in between. The ACE is open Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to noon.

Chipola appreciation club names directors

The Chipola Appreciation Club recently selected officers and directors for the current year.

The slate of officers includes Chipola English instructor Amie Myers, the first female to serve on the board since the club's inception in the 1960's. Myers has served as a tutor for many student-athletes since she began teaching at the college in 2004.

Officers are: President, Robert Trammell; Vice President, Ronnie Myers; and Treasurer/Secretary, Joc Calloway.

Directors include: Melvin Roberts Bill Peacock, Cody Taylor, Colby Peel, Terry Allen, Allen Scheffer, Bill Davis, Gene Prough, Doyle Bosse, Joe Ray Durham, Jack Peacock, Shannon Saunders, Donnie Read, Chris Young, Aaron Peterson, Robby Roberts, Charlie Reid, Coyle Mayo, Leroy Boone, Amie Myers, Jason Hurst, Steve Givens and Jeff Goodman.

The Appreciation Club is a tax-deductible organization that helps the college by promoting athletics and underwriting scholarships and functions not supported from public funds.

The standard \$250 membership provides access to Club general seating and Hospitality Room for four guests at all home basketball games.

The Gold \$1,000 Membership provides reserved seating for four guests and general seating for two more guests, and admittance to the Hospitality Room. Corporate Sponsorships also are available. A portion of membership dues are tax-deductible. For information, call 850-718-2451.



Amie Myers

Law Enforcement Auxiliary Officer Training

The Criminal Justice Training Center will offer an evening Law Enforcement Auxiliary Officer Training Program beginning Oct. 4.

Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officers supplement an agency's workforce and provide personnel for special assignments and details. Completion of the program allows persons to apply to volunteer at any Law Enforcement Agency that utilizes an Auxiliary Program. Auxiliary Officers work with limited authority and in the company of a certified officer.

The program will meet weeknights from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The course is 319 clock hours in length. Training will consist of the following topics: Vehicle Operations, Defensive Tactics, Firearms, First Aid, Dart-Firing Stun Gun, Investigations, Legal, and Patrol and Traffic.

Candidates must be at least 19 years of age and earn a passing score on the Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) offered at the Public Service Building every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost of the test is \$45.

Applicants must have a standard high school diploma or its equivalent and must undergo a medical physical examination, background check and drug screening.

For information regarding the application process, contact Steven Stewart, Law Enforcement Coordinator, at 718-2286.



Social media seminar set

Chipola will offer a small business seminar "Social Media Beyond Facebook" on Friday, Sept. 20. The seminar meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building.

This class provides an overview of new, emerging, and audience specific Social Media Channels. Learn how to know which are right for which businesses in order to engage in to gain clients and build client relationships.

Cost of each seminar is \$15. The first six Chipola students to sign up receive free admission. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 or sign up in person in Building M, Office 108 or register online at www.northfloridabiz.com.

THIS WEEK

"Chipola This Week" is a weekly publication of the Chipola Public Relations Office. Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wed. Sept. 11. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail information to Meri Mock at chipolathisweek@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS

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- 20 Terri Fowler
- 21 Dennis Kosciw
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 25 Fall Festival 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Classes dismissed at 10 a.m.
- 26 Chipola Theatre Showcase
- 30 Auditions for 1940's Radio Show

OCTOBER

- 1 Auditions for 1940's Radio Show
- 4 Artist Series - Voices of Lee
- 8 Night Student Social

RECRUITERS on Campus

- FSU PC:** Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fall Festival
- FSU PC:** Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
- FSU PC:** Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria
- Troy Univ Dothan:** Sept. 25 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fall Festival
- Troy Univ Dothan:** Nov. 12 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Front of Cafeteria

Student ID Cards are made:

- Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Chipola Library now has a scanning copier available to students and staff!

The machine will send to any email address and there is NO CHARGE for scanning.

LIBRARY HOURS	
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
TECH CENTER	
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	

TESTING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION	
<i>Fall and Spring</i>	
Mon & Wed	8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tue & Thu	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. <i>(Friday testing by appointment only.)</i>