President to retire in March

After 42 years in education, Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough has decided to retire. He presented his retirement letter to the college District Board of Trustees at the Nov. 19 board meeting.

Prough said, “It is with great excitement and sadness that I announce my retirement effective March 31, 2014. Thank you for helping me in making a difference in the lives of our people through education. What a privilege and honor it has been to work with such a special group of folks; faculty, staff, board members, and students. I feel like it is now time to see my grandchildren grow and to be with my wife and children, catch some fish, enjoy the woods, hunting, and traveling around some. Chipola has been my life for the past two decades. I will forever be an ambassador for Chipola and will always be willing to do anything I can to help the college.”

During his tenure at the college, Prough led several changes, including the college’s name from Chipola Junior College to Chipola College in order to begin offering bachelor’s degrees in 2002. Chipola offered the first Bachelor’s degree classes in 2004 with degrees in Secondary Education with majors in Mathematics and Science. Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education and English Education are now part of the curriculum.

Since 2006, dozens teachers have graduated from Chipola to begin careers in area schools. The Education program has nearly a 100% placement rate.

Prough, a 1968 graduate of Chipola, became the college’s ninth president in 2002. He served as executive vice president of the college from 1997 to 2002. He also served as interim president in 2004-05. Prough first came to Chipola as Director of Vocational Education in 1994.

During his time as president and executive vice-president, Dr. Prough has provided leadership that enabled the college to obtain more than $16 million in building projects and more than $20 million in federal and state grants. The college’s $16 million Center for the Arts which opened in 2012, was the largest project in the history of the college. A Box section in the Center is designated the President’s Box in honor of Dr. Prough’s support of the project. A new Student Services building was completed in 2005. A new entrance road to the college—Prough Drive—opened in 2011.

Under Prough’s leadership, the Chipola Foundation has grown from $2 million to more than $16 million. Endowments and scholarships in the foundation provide as much as $1 million annually in direct aid to students.

Prough and his wife, Priscilla, also a Chipola graduate, live in Chipley. Both of their children and two of their grandchildren are Chipola alumni.

Prough said he will work until March 2014 in order to give the board and college officials time to prepare for the transition. Four board members—chair Gary Clark, Gina Stuart, Danny Ryals and Tommy Lassman—volunteered to serve on an internal search committee. They will meet to evaluate internal candidates Monday, Dec. 9, at noon. A special called meeting of the full Board of Trustees is set for Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m. According to board attorney Jeff Goodman, the board has three options: name a president; name an acting president; or form a larger search committee to solicit applications from outside the college.

25 MONDAY
• Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116

26 TUESDAY
• Last Day to Withdraw from a Class for Fall C
• College Application Deadline for Spring A&B, 2014
• Executive Council – 9 a.m., A192
• Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., Z201

27 WEDNESDAY - 29 FRIDAY
• Thanksgiving Holidays– College Closed

DECEMBER

2 MONDAY
• Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116

3 TUESDAY
• Executive Council – 9 a.m., A192
• Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., Z201
• AFC “Sneak Peek” Dinner Theatre - CCFA

4 WEDNESDAY
• Last Day to Drop from All Classes for Fall C
• Black Student Union – 10 a.m., C104
• SSS in ACE – 1 - 4 p.m., ACE Lab
• Phi Theta Kappa - 2 p.m., Z204
• Faculty Meeting – 3 p.m., Z116

5 THURSDAY
• Early Spring A&B Registration Payment Due
• Spanish Club - 2 p.m., Z113
• FCA Athletes – 7 p.m., Cafeteria
• Night Student Social – 7 p.m., D Lobby

6 FRIDAY
• Last Class Day for Fall A - Academic Classes
• Panhandle Basketball Classic - Health Ctr CC vs. Santa Fe – Men 6:00 p.m., R

7 SATURDAY
• Panhandle Basketball Classic - Health Ctr CC vs. Brunswick – Men 6:00 p.m., R

8 SUNDAY
• FCA Worship Service – 8 p.m., Chapel

THEATRE FALL PRODUCTION: THE 1940’S RADIO HOUR - DEC. 5-7, 7 P.M., THEATRE, CCFA
DEC. 8, 2 P.M., THEATRE, CCFA
Tickets on sale for ‘1940’S Radio Hour’

Tickets are now on sale for the Chipola College Theatre production of “The 1940’s Radio Hour,” which runs Dec. 5-8. Tickets—$8 for adults and $6 for 18 and under—are available online at www.chipola.edu. Tickets also are available at the Center for the Arts Box Office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

“The 1940’s Radio Hour” depicts the final holiday broadcast of the Manhattan Variety Cavalcade on a New York radio station in December 1942. 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.”

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon cast local actors in the show, including: Dakota Ball as Clifton Feddington, Dale Heidebrecht as Zoot Doubleman, Chris Manasco as Pops Baily, Deondre Davis as Wally Fergusson, Nick Cessna as Lou Cohn, Colton Day as Johnny Cantone, Lindsey Whatley as Ginger Brooks, Kate Burke as Connie Miller, Seth Alderman as B.J. Gibson, Odra Chapman as Ann Collier, Patria Clark as Geneva Lee Browne, Dylan Bass as Biff Baker and Elyn Sapp as Rosie. Shayli Tharp, Meredith Saunders and Victoria Taylor will play the WOV girls.

The show runs Dec. 5, 6, 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

A “Sneak Peek Dinner Theatre,” preview is set for Tuesday, Dec. 3. The event will include a steak dinner and dress-rehearsal preview of the show. Tickets are $25 per person. For Sneak Peek tickets, call Evelyn Ward at 718-2257 or Lillie Hamil at 718-2375.

Theatre fans also are invited to join the Applauding Chipola Theatre (ACT) VIP fund, which guarantees the best seats for all shows. The ACT Fund offers five levels of membership including Sponsor, Patron, Benefactor, Angel and Corporate Angel with VIP seating available at all levels. A portion of ACT memberships is tax-deductible.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.chipola.edu or by calling 850-718-2420.

Take Stock In Children awards nine scholarship contracts

The Take Stock In Children (TSIC) college tuition scholarship program presented contracts to 9 new recipients in grades 8, 9 and 10 for a scholarship when they graduate from high school. Presentations were made during the annual Washington County TSIC Mentor Appreciation Dinner. Students recognized along with their mentor and the scholarship sponsors were: Maylin Brock, 8th Grader Vernon MS; Mentor: Elizabeth English, Sponsor: Sybil and Bill Webb. Kallee Chamberlain, 9th Grade Chipley HS; Mentor: Tracy Sullivan; Sponsor: Jeanne and Fred Lavender.

Selena Davis, 10th Grade Chipley HS; Mentor: Cindy Brown; Sponsor: PeoplesSouth Bank. Colby James, 9th Grade Chipley HS; Mentor: Curtis Carter; Sponsor: Capital City Bank.

Aleya Louderback, 8th Grade Roulhac MS; Mentor: Laura Joiner; Sponsor: OneSouth Bank.

Jamar Massaline, 8th Grade Vernon MS; Mentor: Mitchell Brown; Sponsor: Bingo King.

Darrius Peterson, 10th Grade Vernon HS; Mentor: Milton Brown; Sponsor: Florida TSIC.

Ina Robinson, 9th Grade Chipley HS; Mentor: Arion DeForge; Sponsor: Townsend Building Supply. Dalton Webb, 8th Grade Vernon MS; Mentor: Jerry Tyre; Sponsor: Judy and David Solger.

To obtain the TSIC scholarship, a student must be in grades 8 – 10, sign a contract to meet certain standards until high school graduation, and have family support. Parents/guardians also sign a contract to support their student. Special honoree of the evening was Jeanne Lavender as Washington County “Mentor of the Year,” a new award created this year. She and her husband, the late Dr. Fred Lavender, have supported the TSIC program since it started in Washington County, both as scholarship donors and mentors. Over the years, Mrs. Lavender has mentored 5 students, including one of the first four in the program. She is currently mentoring a student at CHS and is a source of inspiration to other mentors throughout the county.
Indians to Host Panhandle Classic

Chipola hosts the Panhandle Classic Dec. 6-7. The event is sponsored by the Jackson County Tourist Development Council.

Friday, Dec. 6, games include: noon, Gulf Coast vs. Baton Rouge; 2 p.m., Tallahassee vs. State College Florida; 4 p.m. NW Florida vs. Brunswick and 6 p.m., Chipola vs. Santa Fe. Saturday games are: noon, Tallahassee vs. Baton Rouge; 2 p.m. Gulf Coast vs. Santa Fe; 4 p.m., NW Florida vs. State College Florida; and 6 p.m. Chipola vs. Brunswick.

Chipola improved to 5-0 the weekend of Nov. 15-16 with wins over Snead State and Darton. The Indians had it on cruise control in a 77-37 victory over Snead State. Jose Jimenez made four triples on the night and led the Indians with 16 points, while Cimneo Bowers scored 13 of his 14 points in the second half. Four other Chipola players were in double figures: Malone’s Ty Baker, Demetrious Floyd, and Don’t’e Reynolds all scoring 11 points, and Jamaar McKay adding 10.


Both Chipola basketball teams were ranked first in the Florida FCSAA polls in November. The Indians were ranked No. 7 in the NJCAA national poll, while the Lady Indians were ranked No. 4. The Lady Indians, (5-0) as of Nov. 21, are on the road until conference season in January.

Take Stock cont.

The number of scholarship contracts to be awarded varies from year-to-year based upon the donations from businesses and individuals, as well matching state dollars. Since 2004, the Washington TSIC has raised over $450,000, which excludes the state match and brings total value of scholarships to approximately $900,000. The Washington County TSIC celebrates 9 College graduates with some pursuing advanced degrees, 51 in college or technical programs and 36 working towards high school graduation and a scholarship.

The TSIC program is now organized regionally. Chipola College is the regional coordinator for Washington, Jackson, Holmes, Calhoun, and Liberty counties, and Mary Helen Smith at Chipola College is the TSIC Program Manager who works directly with the county sponsored organizations and school boards.

For more information about the program to volunteer or to make a donation, contact David Solger, at 638-1276 or Mary Helen Smith at (850) 718-2428.

The Chipola Physical Plant recently held a retirement party for their director Harry Fleener. Here, Fleener (center) accepts a new rod and reel from Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough and Louy Harris, Capital Projects and Facilities Administrator. Fleener has worked at the college since 1996.
2013 FALL
Final Exam Schedule

Monday – December 9

8:00  EDE 4943, EDF 3214, ENC 1101, ENC 1102, HUM 2216, HUM 2233, LAE 4943
10:00  AML 2010, CGS 1060-002, CTS 1651, MAE 3320, MUL 2010, PET 2622, PSY 2012, SCE 3320
12:00  CHM 1045, CHM 2210, ECO 2013, ENC 0015, ENC 0025, ENL 2012, MAE 4310, RED 3009, SPM 2000
2:00  ACG 2002, ASH 1044, CTS 1131, EDF 1005, LIT 3930, MAE 3816, MTG 3212, RED 4312, SPC 2608

Tuesday – December 10

8:00  ACG 2021, BSC 1005, BSC 1059, BSC 1088, BSC 2010, BSC 2011, BSC 2093, BSC 2094, CTS 1155, MUT 1111, PET 2210
10:00  ACG 2071, CGS 1100-001, CGS 2518, COP 2000, COP 2224, CTS 1345, ESC 1000, LAE 3210, MAC 1114, MGF 1107, MUT 2116, PSC 1121, STA 2023, SYG 1000
12:00  MAC 1105, MAC 1140, MAC 1311, MAC 2233, MAC 2312, MAC 2313, MAT 0018, MAT 0028, MAT 1033, MGF 1106, SCE 4310
2:00  CGS 1060-001 & 003, CTS 1110, DEP 2004, EME 2040, LAE 4335, MAS 3105, POS 2041, SYG 1010, THE 1020

Wednesday, December 11

8:00  AMH 2010, COP 1822, CTS 1347, ECO 2023, EDF 2085, MCB 2010, PEL 2211, RED 4519
10:00  AMH 2020, ARH 1000, CGS 1060-004 & 700, MMC 1000, PEO 2003, PHY 1053C, PHY 2048C, SSE 3113
12:00  PEO 2624, REA 0007, REA 0017, REA 1205, SPN 1120
2:00  DEP 2102, HSC 1100, PEL 1214, PEL 1219, PEL 1624, SPN 1121, SPN 2220, WOH 2012, WOH 2022
4:00  MAKE-UP PERIOD

ATTENTION ENC 1101 & 1102 STUDENTS:

YOU WILL NEED YOUR PHOTO ID. FOR ADMISSION TO TAKE YOUR FINAL EXAM.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR PHOTO ID., YOU MAY GET ONE MADE AT STUDENT SERVICES, ROOM A-108.

TUESDAYS  WEDNESDAYS
8:00 - 11:00  8:00-11:00
1:00 - 3:30

Exceptions will be by appointment only.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE AND INFO

All Library books and materials are due by 4 p.m., Dec. 6.
The Library will host an Open House, Monday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
All students and employees are invited to enjoy holiday snacks.
The Tech Center will have special Holiday Hours: Dec. 9-10, 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Dec. 11, 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Tech Center will reopen with full hours Jan. 7, 2014.

CAREER FAIR

MacKenzie May (right) a Sneads High senior visits with Cosmetology instructor Paige Vanderwerf (left) at the Regional Career Fair Nov. 19 at Eastside Baptist Church. Thousands of area high school interacted with representatives from different career fields to explore career and educational opportunities beyond high school. The Fair is sponsored by Chipola College, Washington-Holmes Technical Center and the counties of Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty and Washington.

**THIS WEEK**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

- 30 Nov  Michelle Stone
- 2 Dec  Tammy Neal
- 4 Dec  Greg Franklin
- 7 Dec  Robert Ivey
- 8 Dec  Dennis Adams

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**

- 9-11 Final Exams for Fall A
- 10 Last Class Day for Fall A
- 11 Final Exams for Fall A
- 11 Last Class Day for Fall C
- 12 Grades Due for Fall A & C
- 12 Employee Christmas Breakfast – 8 – 9:30 a.m., K
- 13 Last Faculty Work Day
- 14 Music Through Performance - 10 a.m./1 p.m., CCFA
- 16-31 COLLEGE CLOSED

**JANUARY**

- 1 COLLEGE CLOSED

**FOR New Years**

- 2 Faculty Returns
- 3 Returning Student Registration
- 6 Registration
- 6-7 Auditions for Spring Musical
- 7 CLASSES BEGIN FOR SPRING

**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!**