Chipola hoops squads bound for State Tourney

Both Chipola College basketball teams clinched spots in the upcoming State Junior College basketball tournament with wins over Okaloosa-Walton on Feb. 22.

The Lady Indians secured their runner-up spot in the Panhandle Conference with a 59-48 win over OW. Chinata Nesbit led Chipola with 13 points. Chipola scored a 77-46 win over North Florida Monday.

Chipola scored a huge 64-60 Homecoming upset over Gulf Coast on Saturday. Chinata Nesbit led Chipola with 24 points and 18 rebounds. Nacole Stocks and Shawnta Pope each added 11.

Chipola sophomore Chinata Nesbit, was named NJCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Player-of-the-Week. Nesbit led Chipola to a 84-71 win over Pensacola and a 64-60 win over fourth-ranked Gulf Coast. Against Pensacola she totaled 17 points, nine rebounds, three assists, one steal and two blocks. In the upset win over Gulf Coast she collected 24 points, 19 rebounds, two steals and two blocks. On the week she averaged a double-double with 20.5 points and 14.0 rebounds along with 1.5 assists, 1.5 steals and 2.0 blocks per game.

The Lady Indians are the defending FCCAA/Region VIII Champions. The top three women’s teams in the Panhandle Conference earn a berth to the State Tournament, March 8-11 at Chipola.

Coley speaks to Chipola Honors

Rep. Marti Coley was a guest speaker for the Chipola Honors Seminar on Feb. 17. Coley spoke on behalf of her late husband David Coley, who was recently named Chipola’s 2006 Alumnus of the year. Pictured from left, are: Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, Coley’s mother Annette Bontrager, Coley’s sister Gladys Dewey, Rep. Marti Coley, and Coley’s daughter, Kristin.

Homecoming Court named

Members of Chipola College’s 2006 Homecoming Court are, from left: Darryl Hunter, Claire Thornton, Patrick Bellamy (2005 Mr. Chipola), Nick Graves (2006 Mr. Chipola) Candis Williams (2005 Queen), Karissa Olds, Jessica Olds (2006 Queen), Keegan McKay, Mary Kathryn Tanner, Jenni Kelly, Zack Price and Mike Milton.

This Week at Chipola

| 27 MONDAY  | ■ Student Government Association — 2 p.m., A156 |
| 28 TUESDAY | ■ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., Z116 |
|            | ■ CC Baseball vs. Middle Georgia College—4 p.m., BC |

MARCH

1 WEDNESDAY

■ Deadline to Apply for Graduation for Spring Term
■ BS Students Deadline to Apply for Fall Graduation
■ Phi Beta Lambda — 10 a.m., M204
■ Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104
■ Baptist Campus Ministry — 10 a.m., H108
■ State Tournament Press Conference — Noon, H
■ CC Baseball vs. Wallace-Dothan—5 p.m., BC

2 THURSDAY

■ Music Through Performance — 4 p.m., H108

3 FRIDAY

■ ACT Registration Deadline
■ CC Baseball vs. Grand Rapids—2 p.m., BC

4 SATURDAY

■ CAAP Test for Spring Graduates
■ CC Baseball vs. Central Alabama—2 p.m., BC

5 SUNDAY

■ CC Baseball vs. Central Alabama—1 p.m., BC
State JUCO tourney brings thousand$ to Marianna

More than 2,000 visitors are expected to converge on Marianna March 8-11, when Chipola College hosts the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament.

Tournament officials estimate that more than $250,000 will flow into the area during the tournament from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses. Chipola’s Karan Davis, who coordinates motel rooms for the tournament, reports that more than 175 rooms will be reserved for teams and game officials.

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Waste Management, Inc., long-time corporate sponsor of the event, recently donated $10,000 to sponsor the tournament. The Florida Credit Union League, Inc., also contributed $10,000 as a new corporate sponsor with help from local credit unions: Community South Credit Union in Chipley, Jackson County Teachers Credit Union in Marianna, and Focus Credit Union in Marianna and Chattahoochee.

The Jackson County Tourist Development Council awarded the Appreciation Club a $10,000 grant to help promote the tournament. Tournament administrator Ronnie Myers, a former Chipola player, said, “The tournament is a huge undertaking which requires many volunteers and financial support. We could not host this event without the generous support of our corporate sponsors and the TDC.”

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Gulf Coast is the Panhandle Champion with a 13-1 record. The Lady Indians (11-3) are in second place. OW will make the tournament with a 9-5 league record.

Chipola is second in the women’s state poll and sixteenth in the national poll with a 23-4 overall mark.

The Indians captured their third straight Panhandle Conference Championship with a dramatic 78-76 win over OW on a last second slam dunk by Johnnie Harris. Harris finished with 9 on the night. Chipola trailed OW 37-29 at the half. Stefhon Hannah led Chipola with 18. Jamarcus Ellis had 15. Ryne Hamblett scored 14.


With one game remaining in the conference race, the Indians are 10-1. Tallahassee is second at 10-2. OW is third at 6-5.

The Indians scored an 83-73 win over Pensacola on Feb. 15. Chipola led by 12 at the half. Pensacola made a couple of big runs in the second half, but Chipola’s Jamarcus Ellis made some big plays down the stretch and the Indians made some key free throws to take the 12-point win.

The Indians overcame a 12-point halftime deficit to beat Tallahassee 82-70 on Feb. 11. Stefhon Hannah led Chipola with 20 points and 4 assists. Michael Taylor scored 19. Jamarcus Ellis had 15.

Chipola and Tallahassee will represent the Panhandle Conference in the State Tournament, March 8-11 at Chipola.

The Indians are the defending Panhandle Conference and Florida/Region VIII Champions. Chipola is first in the FCCAA men’s state poll and second in the NJCAA national poll.

Scholarship established in memory of Grand Ridge student

The Areall Winget Memorial Scholarship has been established at Chipola College.

Areall was a senior at Grand Ridge High School when she was killed in an automobile accident in December of 2005.

Areall’s parents Bill and Donna Brown established the scholarship which will be awarded in May to a member of the 2006 Class at Grand Ride High.

Applicants majoring in a computer field—academic or workforce development—will receive first consideration for the scholarship. Nursing majors will receive second consideration. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester at Chipola College.

Applications should be submitted to the Guidance Counselor at Grand Ridge High School.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the scholarship fund may mail a check to: Chipola College Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446 and indicate that the funds are designated for the Winget Scholarship.

Robert Trammell, Chipola Appreciation Club president, said, “Chipola has one of the best junior college athletic programs in the country and our people put on one of the finest tournaments anywhere. The great traditions established here by coaching legend Milton Johnson are evident today in the quality of this tournament.”

Tournament passes—$25 for adults and $15 for students—will get fans into all 14 exciting tournament games. Single session tickets are $10 each. Trammell reported that the passes are a bargain for two important reasons. “The tournament passes are a good deal financially, and they guarantee you a seat for the championship game,” said Trammell. Dozens of key supporters are working with the Appreciation Club to sell advance tickets.

The men’s tournament begins Wednesday, March 8, at 2 p.m. The Chipola Indians will represent the Panhandle Conference as Champion in the opening session on Wednesday, March 8. The women’s tournament begins Thursday, March 9, at 2 p.m. The Lady Indians will represent the Panhandle Conference as Runner-up in the opening round on the evening of Thursday, March 9.

For ticket information, call 718-2370, or visit the official tournament website at: www.chipola.edu
Chipola offers study abroad program in Spain

Chipola College, in conjunction with Intercultural Connections and the Spanish Language Center in Marbella, Spain, will offer a study abroad program in Spanish, May 27-June 24.

A deposit of $750 is due March 1.

Students will attend class 22 hours a week for four weeks. Classes will be taught by Dr. Mark Ebel, Chipola Professor of Spanish, and by native speakers with degrees in Spanish, Philology, History and Literature. Classes will be taught completely in Spanish; however, no prior knowledge of Spanish is necessary. Students with little or no Spanish will receive four hours of credit at the beginning level.

Each student will reside with a Spanish family in a room shared with one or more students from the college.

Total cost of the program is approximately $3,750 which includes: room, board and meals with a Spanish family; ground transportation and guides for cultural excursions to Malaga, Granada, Ronda, and/or Baelo Claudia; entrance fees for museums and monuments; and other extracurricular activities, round-trip airfare to Malaga, Spain; passport fees; transfers to and from airports and bus stations; books; optional tours and spending money.

For information, contact Dr. Ebel at 850-718-2282, or email ebelm@chipola.edu

Arts scholarships available

Audition dates for music and theatre scholarships at Chipola College for 2006-2007 are March 9, April 6, and May 4. The Visual Art Scholarship application and portfolio deadline is April 20.

High School graduates with acceptable academic records and aptitude who plan to pursue studies as music, theatre or art majors are eligible to apply.

Scholarships in various amounts, up to full tuition and fees, are awarded on the basis of talent and academic record. Students with financial need may seek additional assistance through the college’s Office of Financial Aid and the Chipola Foundation.

Applications may be obtained by phoning Chipola’s Fine and Performing Arts Department at 718-2277. Applications also are available at www.chipola.edu. Choose “Departments” and click on “Fine and Performing Arts.”

Phi Theta Kappa: Reaching for the Summit

By Kimberly Garske

We came, we saw, we conquered! Chipola College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Nu Chi, recently attended the regional conference in West Palm Beach. Along with attending the general sessions and educational workshops, members, officers, and advisors enjoyed sights of the town. Sights included a view of the Atlantic Ocean, a tour of the Flagler Museum, and the experience of witnessing a Tiffany’s display which included varied pieces such as brooches, revolvers, clocks, and elegant punch bowls. Students and sponsors thoroughly enjoyed this glimpse of “American Royalty.”

At the first general session of the conference, Nu Chi campaigned for the regional office of Awards Chapter by performing a skit dubbed the Phi Theta Kappa Choice Awards. The skit was hosted by none other than Ryan Seacrest played by Timothy Kleiser and Tom Cruise played by Sean Musgrove; Andrea Rogers was our awards coordinator. Awards were presented to Napoleon Dynamite (Nathan Day), J. Lo. (Kimberly Garske), and the Black Eyed Peas (Valerie Jones, Buddy Clark, Chip Norris, and T.J. Walker). To conclude the Phi Theta Kappa Choice Awards our chapter sang our rendition of “My Club” to the tune of the Black Eyed Peas “My Humps.”

At the awards banquet Nu Chi is proud to have received five distinguished regional awards. These awards include the Chapter Participation Award, the Five Star Chapter Award, the Leadership Hallmark Award, the Scholarship Hallmark Award, the Fellowship Hallmark Award, and the Regional Distinguished Chapter Award. These awards are based on all of our projects on our campus and in our community throughout the year. Nu Chi is also proud to report that we have been elected to serve as the Regional Awards Chapter for the upcoming year.

All of our successes are not the result of one person’s actions but rather the efforts of our entire campus and community. Members and officers of Nu Chi would like to thank our advisers Mrs. Lasseret and Mrs. Rentz for all of their hard work and dedication to Phi Theta Kappa and Mr. Kind our bus driver for this trip. We would also like to thank the entire faculty of Chipola College for being so supportive and encouraging. Additionally, we’d like to thank and our college president, Dr. Prough, for his support in all of our endeavors. One cannot climb a mountain without a strong support system and Nu Chi is reaching for the summit.

Transfer scholarship opportunity for Chipola students

The Florida State University Panama City Campus will award five scholarships to Chipola College students who complete their AA degree and transfer.

The “Transfer Student Scholarship” is awarded each year in April to five students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and reflect academic promise.

Interested Chipola students must meet the following criteria: a 3.5 (or better) GPA; an AA degree from Chipola; and apply and be admitted to FSU Panama City by April 1, 2006.

Questions about the scholarship should be directed to Renee’ Green, Director, Office of Admissions & Records at FSU Panama City at (850) 522-2001, or Angie White, FSU Program Coordinator, Chipola University Center at (850) 718-2419, or email: awhite@pc.fsu.edu
GATOR AID. The 2006-2007 “Gator Aid” packages have arrived. “Gator Aid” is the University of Florida Financial Aid application package. Financial Aid is awarded at UF on a first-come, first-served basis. The “On-Time” deadline for applications is March 1, 2006, and all applications received after that date are considered late. Interested students may pick up an application in A-114.

UCF SCHOLARSHIPS. The University of Central Florida has announced their 2006 Transfer Scholarships. Scholarships are available to students who will complete an AA Degree this spring or summer and who intend to transfer to UCF in the Fall of 2006. Applications are available in Student Services.

GRADUATION DEADLINE. Deadline to apply for graduation is March 1. Students should visit the office of admissions and records to apply and to be fitted for cap and gown. There is no fee for graduation; however, students must apply in order to have a cap and gown. Graduation is May 4 at 7 p.m.

WANTED FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE. Phi Beta Lambda is still collecting items for the Ronald McDonald Tallahassee House. Items may be left in boxes located in buildings A, B, C, D, M, N, Q, and Z.

REP ON CAMPUS. Rosa Jones, Academic Advisor for the Criminal Justice program of UWF will be on Chipola College campus to advise current and prospective students from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates: Feb 28, March 14, 28, and April 11 and 25. For more information concerning specific tests available, call 718-2284.

TAX HELP. In order to help local citizens get the most tax refund due them, Chipola student volunteers are providing free tax preparation, including free electronic filing. The service will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays through April 15, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays (March 11 and 25, and April 8). For assistance, call Lee Shook at 526-2761, Ext. 3285 or Ext. 3356 to schedule an appointment.

BOOKSTORE HOURS:
- Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Friday 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Success Center Hours:
  - Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday and Thursday 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- Testing Center Hours:
  - Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
  - Tuesday and Thursday 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- Tech Center Hours:
  - Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
  - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  - Sunday 2-5:30 p.m.

NEW IDS NEEDED. Students must present new Chipola ID cards to access the computers in the library and tech center and to check out materials from the library. Scheduled times for ID’s are Tuesdays (8-11 & 1-3:30) and Wednesdays (8-11) in Building A, Room 107. Students must bring a white copy of the Spring 2006 fee receipt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH
- 7 Faculty Meeting
- 8-11 FCCAA State Basketball Tournament
- 8-12 Spring Production, Grease
- 9 Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions for 2006-07
- 14 Governance Council
- 15 Caricaturist Steve Gipson
- 20-24 SPRING BREAK HOLIDAYS
- 27 Last Day to Withdraw from a Class for Spring Term
- 27-28 Auditions for Children’s Theatre production
- 29 Night Student Social
- 31 Chipola Foundation McClendon Summer I Appl Deadline

APRIL
- 3 Artist Series: Tres Vidas
- 4 Faculty Meeting
- 5 Spring Frolics
- 6 Music and Theatre Scholarship Auditions for 2006-07

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
- 2/27 Carolyn Wilson
- 3/1 Bud Riviere
- 3/1 Monroe Rhynes
- 3/2 Dennis Everett

THIS WEEK
“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola PR Office.
Deadline for the next issue is noon, Wednesday, Feb. 29. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BE A PART OF IT! To see the latest photos of what FACC is up to this semester visit the FACC folder on the Shares drive. If you are not a member of FACC, please contact Tammy Neal (ext. 2494) or Janet Wise (ext. 2395) for more information.

The Chipola College District Board of Trustees and local dignitaries participated in ribbon-cutting ceremonies Tuesday, Feb. 21 to celebrate the opening of the college’s new Student Services Building, Administration Wing, Burn Building and Fire Tower.