**Chipola Homecoming Court**

Courtney Corbin was crowned Chipola’s 2009 Homecoming Queen and Kris Sampson was crowned 2009 Mr. Chipola during the Homecoming game on Jan. 31. Members of the 2009 Homecoming Court are, from left: Erica Manning, Terron Pope, Quintin Beechum, Madison Wester, 2009 Mr. Chipola Kris Sampson, 2009 Queen Courtney Corbin, 2008 queen Ashley Duce, 2008 Mr. Chipola Keith Watford, Emily Harrison, Josh Johnson; Alicia Hatcher and Mikey Smith.

**Throssell Literature/Language Festival set at Chipola**

Chipola College will host the Nineteenth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, Feb. 13.

Currently enrolled juniors or seniors from high schools in the Chipola District will compete in writing, speech, oral interpretation, humanities, grammar/mechanics/usage, literature, reading and Spanish competitions. Recognition will be given to first, second, and third places and two honorable mentions in each competition. A monetary award will be given to the first place winner of the President’s Reading contest.

The festival will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude with the awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Lunch, compliments of the college, will be provided to the contestants and their sponsors. Participants also will see a preview of the upcoming Chipola musical, “Back to the 80’s . . . The Totally Awesome Musical.”

Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, said, “We are looking forward to hosting our nineteenth festival. It is always a pleasure to have area high school students on our campus for a day of rigorous, academic competition.”

**Chipola baseball alumni weekend set**

Several major league baseball players are scheduled to appear at Chipola’s second annual Baseball Alumni Weekend, Feb. 6-7.

The weekend’s events begin at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, with an Alumni Baseball Golf Outing at Indian Springs Golf Course. The alumni events are scheduled in conjunction with the Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic which begins Friday, Feb. 6, at 12:30 p.m., with Chipola vs. Walters State. Chipola plays San Jacinto at 3 p.m.

The action heats up Saturday, Feb. 7, with a 3 p.m. game featuring Chipola and the College of Southern Nevada. The final event of the weekend is a game between Florida powers Chipola and St. Petersburg College, Sunday, Feb. 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Several major league baseball players are scheduled to provide instruction at a Chipola Baseball Alumni Youth Camp on Saturday, Feb. 7. Ages 6 to 12 are invited to register the morning of the camp which is set for 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost is $50. There is no pre-registration.

An Alumni Game and Home Run Derby is set for noon at the Chipola field.

For information, contact Brent Shelton at 850-718-2332, or email sheltonb@chipola.edu.
Chipola hosts Tallahassee in big conference matchups

Chipola hosts Tallahassee in a pair of big conference games on Saturday, Feb. 7.


The Indians lead the conference race and are ranked first in the state and national polls. Gulf Coast (5-3) is in second in the league. TCC is (3-5), NWF is (2-6) and PJC is (2-6).

The Indians scored a 78-71 win over Northwest State in front of a standing-room-only homecoming crowd.

The Indians led by 10 at the half, but Northwest took the lead mid-way through the final half. The hometown crowd proved too much for the visiting Raiders as Chipola held on to pull out the 78-71 win.

The Lady Indians (6-2) moved into a tie for first in the conference race with a 60-46 win at Pensacola on Feb. 4. Latoya Williams led Chipola with 20 points and 17 rebounds.

Chipola (6-2) is tied for first with Gulf Coast (6-2). PJC and NWF are both (4-4). TCC is (0-8).

Both squads travel to NWF for a pair of games on Feb. 14. Chipola returns home to host Pensacola on Feb. 17 before closing out the season at Gulf Coast on Feb. 21.

VFW thanks Reagan and Chipola

VFW and VFW Auxiliary members recently presented an award to Royce Reagan, Chipola College Television Director, for the college’s support of the Marianna Veterans of Foreign Wars’ activities in Jackson County. Reagan has hosted several shows on VFW projects. Cailee Heinemann, age 10, was featured on the latest show with Ernest McNeil, Commander VFW and Liz Huber, Senior VP, VFW Auxiliary. Callie won a county-wide contest for her essay “Why We Should Honor American Veterans.” CCTV is on Comcast Cable Channel 4 and on the internet at www.chipola.edu/tv.

Cell phones for soldiers

Marianna High School’s Technology Student Association and Chipola College’s Phi Theta Kappa combined their efforts to collect nearly 100 used cell phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program. Proceeds from recycled phones are used to purchase calling cards for soldiers to call their loved ones. Pictured from left, are: (front) Marianna High students Nick Simmons, (TSA president) Kendra Bennett, Amelia Wester, Ashley Chalker, (back) Chipola students Kara Jumper, Alicia Hatcher and Cassie Mitchell and TSA advisor Vicki Garrett.

Chipola’s Back to the 80’s

The Chipola College Theater is in full rehearsal for the totally awesome musical, “Back to the 80’s,” which opens a five-day run March 18. Aven Pitts plays the role of Fergal McFerrin, the school nerd. Fergal is super intelligent, but his visions of life in the new millennium are always hilarious while singing “Video Killed the Radio Star.” Kyndall Covington plays Tiffany Houston, one of the girls that “Just Wanna Have Fun” who falls in love with the coolest guy in school while applying more blue eye shadow. For information about Chipola Theater, call 718-2227.
Chipola math prof named to NCATE review board

Chipola College associate professor of mathematics Dr. Irma Cruz-White was recently appointed to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Program Reviewers.

NCATE is the teaching profession’s mechanism to help establish high quality teacher preparation through the process of professional accreditation of schools, colleges and departments of education. Members of NCATE’s Board of program reviewers help to provide consistent policies for high-quality, rigorous reviews that the profession demands.

Cruz-White was trained to as a NCATE Program Reviewer in 2005. She is a member of the National Council of Teacher of Mathematics. Since 2006, she has reviewed more than a dozen Mathematics Education Programs for National Accreditation.

Dr. Cruz-White has taught at Chipola for the past five years where she also directs Chipola Honors students on special projects. She recently developed two new courses: MAT 4905-Supervised Research in Mathematics and MAS 4301-Introduction to Abstract Algebra.

Dr. Cruz-White was selected to participate in a workshop on RNA in Biology, Bioengineering and Nanotechnology at the 2007 Institute for Mathematics and its Applications Minneapolis, and the Reconnect Program from the Center for Dynamic Data Analysis (DyDAn) at Rutgers University in 2007. She presented Topology of Spiral Waves in Excitable Media at the Sumners Fest in Tallahassee in 2007. She was co-organizer of the session: Calculus Tricks of the Trade at the Project NexT Workshops Albuquerque in 2005, and a poster session on the same project at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Atlanta in 2005.

She was selected as a Project NExT Fellow in 2004, a MAA (Mathematical Association of America) program for New Experiences in Teaching. She has served as a Courtesy Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics at Florida State University offering graduate credit courses in Number Theory and Modern Geometry for in-service teachers in Jackson County Area through Chipola College.

Continuing education courses set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer a variety of short courses in the coming weeks.

The following Mandatory training for Child Care Facility Personnel and Family Child Care Home are scheduled: Behavioral Observation and Screening, Feb. 9 & 11, 6 to 9 p.m.; Rules and Regulations (center), Feb. 16 & 18, 6 to 9 p.m.; Health, Safety and Nutrition, Feb. 21, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Pre-School Appropriate Practices, March 7, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Special Needs Appropriate Practices, April 11, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Costs range from $17 to $43 depending on length of course.

Gatlin Education Services (GES) offers, open enrollment, online courses in: health care, internet graphics/web design, business, law and travel. Register online at www.gatlineducation.com/chipola.

Education To Go offers online programs in many areas. For dates and course outlines, visit www.ed2go.com/chipola.

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call 850-718-2395.

Chipola corrections grads


Chipola hosts meeting on health care and education

Chipola College officials recently hosted a meeting to discuss health care and education. Pictured from left, are: Chipola vice president Dr. Kitty Myers; Chipola vice president Dr. Sarah Clemmons; Chipola Health Science director Dr. Wendy Downing; Rep. Marti Coley; (back) Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough; Richard Williams, Director of the Chipola Workforce Board; Jimmy Rigsby, Campbellton-Graceville Hospital; Joann Baker, Doctors Memorial Hospital of Bonifay; Heather Shelby, Northwest Florida Community Hospital and Brooke Donaldson, Jackson Hospital.
GATOR SCHOLARSHIP. The Northwest Florida Gator Club is offering scholarships to entering juniors at the University of Florida’s West Florida Research Education Center in Milton, FL. Applicants must have applied, been accepted, and plan to attend the University of Florida at WFREC during the 2009-2010 academic year. Applications are available in Student Services. They must be completed and mailed directly to the Northwest Florida Gator Club and must be received no later that Monday, April 6, 2009.

The University of Florida Center in Milton offers degrees in Golf and Sports Turf Management, Natural Resource Conservation, and Landscape and Nursery Horticulture (formerly known as Environmental Horticulture). For further information, see an Advisor in Student Services.

FCA MEETS. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle meets Thursday nights at 7 pm in H-108. Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship. All students are welcome.

BCM INVITES. Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) will sponsor a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in A-165.

They will hold a Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in the Dorm Lobby.

Everyone is invited.

LUNCHTIME. Montgomery Subs will sell food on campus during lunch Monday through Wednesday. Their menu includes green salads, chicken salad sandwiches, subs, hot dogs, nachos and fries. Their mobile stand is located just east of the library.

Patricia Ward (left) accepts the February Chipola College Career Employee of the Month award from Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough. Ward has worked in the college Physical Plant since 2005.

Homecoming 2009 winners

The SGA Homecoming Talent Show was held January 28th and was a big success. Thanks to all of the people that participated! The winners received cash and they were:

1st place – Keith Watford & Kris Sampson
2nd place – FCA group Marshall Hilton, Dan Gochenaur, Ronald Shores and Cam Hitchcock
3rd place – Courtney Corbin and Mindy Shamblin

Best Solo Winner – Emily Redmond
Best Dance Group Winner – BSU Dance Team
Best Singing Group Winner – Marcus Mallett and Daniel Martin.

Other participants were: Bobby Hobbs, Oren Waddell and Carlton Cotton, Priscilla Jones, Show Choir, James McGrath, Kendra Myrick and Bragetta Cota.

The Homecoming Building Decoration Contest winners were: First place – Social Science (Bldg C) decorated by Black Student Union; Second place – Teacher Education (Bldg G) decorated by the Future Educators; and Third place – Business (Bldg M) decorated by Phi Beta Lambda.

Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College will hold a 16-hour Firearms Familiarization course March 23-26 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.

The 16-hour course will meet from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Registration and payment of the $60 fee can be paid on the first night of class. Please call to reserve a place. Class size is limited.

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