Chipola Brain Bowl Team to compete in state tournament

The Chipola College Brain Bowl Blue Team finished second in the Panhandle Regional Tournament held Feb. 3 at Pensacola Junior College. Chipola lost a close match to Okaloosa Walton (510-475) in the final round. The runner-up finish qualifies Chipola for the state tournament to be held at Gulf Coast CC on March 29-31.

Chipola Blue Team members include Mark Hodge (captain), Anthony Bennett, Tyler Land and Chuck Bryant. Four Chipola team members placed among the top 10 individual performers: Janzen Whitehead (5th), Chuck Bryant (6th), Anthony Bennett (8th), and Mark Hodge (10th).

Participating teams in the State Tournament will include: Panhandle Region: Okaloosa Walton College (Champion) and Chipola College-Blue Team (Runner-up);

East Central Region: Florida Community College at Jacksonville (Champion) and Lake-Sumter Community College (Runner-up);

Homecoming 2007 plans underway

Chipola College will celebrate Homecoming 2007, the week of Feb. 19-24. This year’s theme is “Chipola: Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence,” as the Indians hope to exceed the performance of the Eagles of Tallahassee.

Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the Arts Center. Voting for the candidates will take place at the following locations. You must be a currently enrolled student to vote.

- Arts Center 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.
- Student Activities Office (K-104) 11 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- Lobby of Building Z 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Voting will continue on Feb. 15 in the Student Activities Office (K-104) until noon. The 2007 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned at halftime of the men’s basketball game on Feb. 24.

Student Activities for the week include: Monday, Feb. 19: Camouflage Day; Tuesday, Feb. 20: Hawaiian Day; Wednesday, Feb. 21: Pajamas Day; Thursday, Feb. 22: Favorite College Day; and Friday, Feb. 23: Chipola Blue and Gold Day.

A building decoration contest begins Monday, Feb. 19 and will be judged Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

The Homecoming Talent Show is Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m., in the Arts Center. Current students or groups are invited to perform. Time limit is four minutes. Cash prizes will be awarded to best overall and top places in solo, group and band categories. Performers must register in the Student Activities by Monday, Feb. 19.

Chipola Alumnus of the Year Jim Hart, a retired public relations executive, will address the Chipola Honors Seminar on Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m., in Jackson Lecture Hall. The public is invited to attend.

“The 60 Rockin’ Years Party,” a benefit dance for the Chipola Honors Program, is set for Friday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m., in the college Arts Center. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased from

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12 MONDAY
- Health Science Faculty Meeting — 11 a.m.
- Student Government Association — 2 p.m., A156

13 TUESDAY
- BCM Lunch — 12 Noon, Cafeteria
- Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., Z116

14 WEDNESDAY
- Baptist Collegiate Ministries — 10 a.m., H108
- Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104
- Introduction of Homecoming Candidates & Voting — 10 a.m., Arts Center
- Homecoming Court Voting — 5 - 6 p.m., Z Lobby

15 THURSDAY
- Homecoming Court Voting, Cont. — 8 a.m.-Noon, K104

16 FRIDAY
- BCM Bible Study — 2 p.m., D120
- Workforce Development Staff Meeting — 2:30 p.m.

17 SATURDAY
- LAST DAY TO VERTICALLY TRANSFER FOR SPRING TERM
- LITERATURE/LANGUAGE FESTIVAL
- CLAST EXAM
Chipola Indians top conference and state polls

The Chipola Indians are in sole possession of first place in the Panhandle Conference following a 65-58 win over Tallahassee on Feb. 6. Chipola’s Jamarcus Ellis was the key to the Indians’ victory with 20 points, 12 rebounds, and 4 assists. Ellis got into foul trouble early, but scored 10 in the closing minutes. DeAndre Thomas had 11 points and 5 rebounds. Ed Berrios had 9 points, 2 rebounds, and 5 assists. Johnnie Harris added 7 points and 5 rebounds.

Chipola (7-1) leads the men’s conference race. TCC (6-2) is one game back in second place. OW (5-3) is third, followed by Pensacola (1-7) and Gulf Coast (1-7).

The Indians are the top-ranked team in the FCCAA state poll, followed by TCC in second and OW in third place. Chipola is third in the NJCAA National poll behind number one, Redlands (OK), and number two, Indian Hills (IA).

Chipola hosted Pensacola on Saturday, Feb. 10. For the latest scores, call 718-2CJC.

The Chipola Lady Indians are tied with Gulf Coast for first place in the Panhandle Conference, both teams knotted at (8-2). TCC and OW are also tied at 6-4.

The top four spots in the FCCAA state poll are held by Panhandle teams. Gulf Coast is first, followed by Chipola in second, TCC in third and OW in fourth place.


Both teams are at Gulf Coast on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Women play at 5:30 p.m. with men following at 7:30 p.m. The Lady Indians play at North Florida on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m. CST.

All men’s and women’s games are broadcast by Deep South Sports on WJAJ (100.9). Live video web-cast and radio-simulcast are available at www.chipola.edu. For the latest scores, call 718-2CJC.

Chipola’s Lassiter is FCCAA Pitcher of the Week

Chipola sophomore Cassie Lassiter was named Softball Pitcher of the Week on Feb. 6 by the Florida Community College Activities Association.

Lassiter, from Flomaton, AL, was 4-0 with a 0.00 earned run average last week, helping the Lady Indians to six wins in their first eight games.

Lassiter allowed no earned runs in 21 innings of work and struck out 14. Her best performance came against Mesa in the Great Western Shootout in Yuma, AZ, when she tossed a complete-game, seven-hit shutout.

The Lady Indians are 8-1-1 on the season. The squad has eight road games before returning home to host FJJC on Saturday, Feb. 21, in a 1 p.m. double-header, and Muskegon CC, Monday, Feb. 26.

The Lady Indians host the Chipola Invitational, March 3-4. For the latest scores, call 718-2CJC, or visit www.chipola.edu

Music students attend symposium

Chipola College music majors and faculty recently attended the Florida Community College Winter Music Symposium hosted by Stetson University.

Chipola students—Amy Redmond of Altha, Tina Smothers of Tallahassee, Rebecca Boggs of Cottondale, Noelle Carr of Bonifay, John Baumer of Altha and Daniel Carter of Chipley—participated in the mass choir, symphonic band, piano master classes, and voice master classes directed by Stetson faculty.

Amy Redmond and Tina Smothers participated in the Student Artist Competition. Smothers was selected to perform in the Voice Master Class and Redmond performed solo piano in the final concert.

Chipola faculty Dr. Josh Martin, Daniel Powell, and Fine Arts Director Joan Stadsklev participated in directors meetings, masterclasses, rehearsals, and concerts.

Throssell-Literature/Language Festival slated for Feb. 16

Chipola is pleased to announce its Seventeenth Annual Throssell Literature/Language Festival on Friday, February 16.

Currently enrolled juniors or seniors from high schools in the Chipola district will be 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. Many of the participants will also see a preview of Chipola’s upcoming production of Oklahoma!
College Goal Sunday set at Chipola

Students who hope to attend college will be given a clear path to federal cash assistance during a free statewide event known as Florida College Goal Sunday on Feb. 25.

The event will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. and will last until 4:00 p.m., in the Chipola Continuing Education Building located near the gym on College Street.

College Goal Sunday is free and open to the public. A drawing for door prizes and a $500 scholarship will be held for students who attend the event. Financial aid experts will help college-bound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To complete the FAFSA, students must bring:

* 2006 IRS tax returns, W-2 statements, and Form 1099 (parents and students)
* Social Security number and Driver’s license (parents and students)
* Untaxed income records for the previous year (parents and students) which may include Social Security benefits; Temporary Assistance to Needy Families; Welfare and/or Veteran’s benefits

The FAFSA helps students access billions in federal funds available for college.

College Goal Sunday was designed to help dispel the idea that higher education is too expensive. Research shows that many families see the high cost of college as the main barrier between them and a degree, even though tens of millions of dollars in various forms of financial aid are available. The simple fact is many families—especially minority, low income, and first generation college students—are not applying for those funds. The event is designed to offer information about the availability of financial aid, and expert assistance in filling out the required paperwork.

Dr. Jayne Roberts, Chipola’s Dean of Enrollment Services, said, “Many students fall through the cracks in the financial aid process because they’re intimidated by the forms and have not been exposed to the financial aid system. This event will help break down some of the barriers that prevent students from accessing funds they need to pursue higher education.”

For information about the Chipola event, contact Dr. Jayne Roberts at 850-718-2209, or visit www.floridacollegegoal.com

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any Honors student or by phoning Bonnie Smith or Robert Ivey at 526-2761.

Homecoming Night, Saturday, Feb. 24, begins with the Lady Indians game against Tallahassee Community College at 5:30 p.m. An Alumni Reception hosted by Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough and his wife Priscilla, begins at 6 p.m. in the Chipola Appreciation Club Room. All alumni and friends are invited to attend the reception.

The Indians take on the Eagles in the men’s game at 7:30 p.m. Chipola’s 2007 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned during halftime.

For more information on Homecoming events, call the SGA office at 718-2308 or 718-2314.

Breaking up exhibit deals with divorce

Chipola College will host an art exhibit entitled, “Breaking Up Is Hard To Do,” Feb. 5 through Feb. 23, in the gallery of the McLendon Fine Arts Building. The exhibit is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In “Breaking Up is Hard to Do,” a group of eight artists tell the world about divorce – each in her own way. Chipola adjunct art instructor Jacquelin Boulanger created this sculpture “When We Lay” (pictured) to depict the negatively charged space between individuals. “My pieces incorporate ritual. We don’t have much ritual in western culture.” Another of Boulanger’s works, “Vestige,” includes a vessel which holds the ashes of her former husband’s love letters.

Contributing artists include: Chipola adjunct art instructor, Jacquelin Boulanger; Mariann Berenice Kearsly; Lynn Priestley; Susan Peacock; Barbara Edwards; Leslie Puckett; Joan Matey and Mary Donahue.

For information, contact Joan Stadsklev at 718-2301.

Blue Springs group meets at Chipola

The Blue Springs Working Group recently met at Chipola College. Pictured from left, are: Dr. Stephen Shimmel, Brian Katz, Christy Crandall, Richard Dedman, Bill Bartnick and Charlie Rosborough. All interested citizens are encouraged to get involved with the group which seeks to educate stakeholders about the spring basin. This was the second of three quarterly meetings, with the fourth to be held on site at Blue Springs during Old Timer’s Day.

For information, call Vicki Mathis at 850-718-2289.
FTCE OFFERED HERE. The Chipola College Testing Center now offers the computer based/online version of the Florida Teacher's Certification Exam on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon.

Students must register online at www.cfe.usf.edu. The Testing Center is located in the new Student Services Building on Indian Circle.

For information, call Angie Tyler at 718-2284.

BLACK HISTORY. The Black Student Union invites the public to attend a Black History Program, Friday, Feb. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Continuing Education Conference Center.

The program will be an educational, informative and entertaining look at the historical greatness of the African American Culture. The public is invited to attend.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available for students planning to attend one of the 28 Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF). Students must graduate in either the spring or the summer of 2007, in order to be eligible. Students must have a minimum 3.00 GPA and be a Florida resident. Scholarship recipients will be required to enroll in the ICUF School in the fall of 2007, as a full-time, degree seeking student.

Applications are available in Student Services.

The Panama City Campus of Florida State University will award six Transfer Student Scholarships to Chipola graduates who receive AA degrees and transfer directly to the Panama City Campus.

In order to be eligible for five of the scholarships, students must apply and be admitted by April 1, 2007. Students must have a 3.5 minimum GPA.

The sixth scholarship is a Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship. This scholarship has the same eligibility requirements and deadlines as the Transfer Scholarships, with only membership in Phi Theta Kappa added. In addition to the Application for Admission, Letters of Recommendation from Phi Theta Kappa sponsors will also be required by the April 1, 2007, deadline.

Further information is available in Student Services.

NAIL TECH PROGRAM AT CHIPOLA. The Chipola College Cosmetology program now offers a Nail Technology course. Pictured from left, are: Jennifer Devyuyst of Altha, instructor Heather Cain of Bristol, Katelyn Herbert of Marianna, Laurinda Smith of Clarksville, and Brittany Gardner of Marianna. Students in the program need patrons from the public on which to practice their skills. Haircuts, color, perms, facials, manicures and pedicures are available at reasonable prices. To schedule an appointment, call 718-2439.

Tickets for ‘Oklahoma’ on sale Feb. 21

Tickets for the Chipola College Theater production of “Oklahoma” go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the Business Office.

The award-winning musical opens a five-day run, March 7.

Chipola director Charles Sirmon cast the following roles: Mike Milton as Curly, Fecelia Gibson as Laurey Williams, Katie Brown as Aunt Eller, Kevin Russell as Will Parker, Jessica Lawson as Ado Annie Carnes, Alex May as Jud Fry, Justin McCoy as Ali Hakim, Charles Sirmon as Andrew Carnes, Shannon Grice as Gertie Cummings, Rowdy Wilbur as Cord Elam and Seth Basford as Ike Skidmore.

Farmers, Cowmen, Farmers’ Daughters and Wives include: Spring Taylor, Lee Shook, Aaron Summerlin, Mary-Kathryn Tanner, Charlene Wiggins, Britney Holmes, Julia Martin, Justin Curr, Arthur Obar, Ashley Bruce, Marilee Dalbey, Kristinia Lopez, Chelsea Carroll, Josh Peterson and Chris Manasco.

The production staff includes: Charles Sirmon, director; Joan Stadsklev and Angie White, musical directors; Chris Manasco, choreographer; Chris Lauen and Dr. Josh Martin, pianists; and Daniel Powell, conductor.

‘Oklahoma’ is set in a Western Indian Territory just after the turn of the century. The high-spirited rivalry between local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background against which Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl, play out their love story. For information, call 718-2227.