Homecoming 2008 set for Feb. 18-23

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming 2008, the week of Feb. 18-23. This year’s theme is “On Top of Our Game: as the Indians hope to exceed the performance of the Commodores of Gulf Coast.

Student Activities for the week include: Monday, Feb. 18: Camouflage Day; Tuesday, Feb. 19: Hawaiian Day; Wednesday, Feb. 20: Pajamas Day; Thursday, Feb. 21: Favorite College Day; and Friday, Feb. 22: Chipola Blue and Gold Day. A campus building decoration contest will be judged Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 1 p.m.

The Homecoming Talent Show is Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 10:05 a.m., in the Arts Center. Current students or groups are invited to perform. Cash prizes will be awarded to best overall and top places in solo, group and band categories. Performers must register by Monday, Feb. 18.

Homecoming Night, Saturday, Feb. 23, begins with the Lady Indians game against Gulf Coast at 5:30 p.m. An Alumni Reception hosted by Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough and his wife Priscilla, begins at 6 p.m. All alumni and friends are invited to attend the reception. Chipola’s 2008 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned during halftime.

Chipola Brain Bowl team wins Georgia Tournament

The Chipola College Brain Bowl Blue Team won the Georgia Sectional NAQT (National Academic Quiz Tournaments), one of five qualifying sectionals held in the nation. The tournament was held in Athens, Georgia, on Feb. 9.

Chipola finished the tournament with 11 wins and 1 loss. Statistically, Chipola had the best overall numbers in the nation, with a 278 point-per-game average and the highest bonus conversion rate for all the sectionals. NAQT is the national version of the Florida FCCAA state brain bowl competition.

Chipola will now automatically advance to the NAQT National Championship Tournament in St. Louis, Missouri, April 11-12. This is the second year in a row that Chipola has qualified for the national championship. Chipola will be one of eight junior colleges in the nation represented at the tournament.

The Chipola Gold Team finished the tournament with 5 wins and 7 losses. All members of the Gold Team are freshmen this year.

In addition to the team results, three Chipola students placed in the top five in individual scoring at the tournament. Mark Hodge (Blue Team) finished as the tournament MVP, averaging an incredible 55.45 points per game. Jantzen Whitehead (Blue Team) finished third overall, averaging 32.72 points per game. Anthony Garrett (Gold Team) finished fourth overall, averaging 32.50 points per game. Anthony is now the fourth Chipola player this year to place among the top five in individual scoring.

Chipola Blue Team members are: Mark Hodge, Jantzen Whitehead, Chuck Bryant, Trey Paul and Mitchell Whitehead.

Chipola Gold Team members are: Anthony Garrett, Adam Hahn, Ryan Wells and Brad Wells.

Math professor Stan Young and Humanities professor Robert Dunkle coach the Chipola Brain Bowl team.
Pink and white night at Chipola Saturday

Pink and white are the colors of the night on Saturday, Feb. 16, when Chipola hosts Okaloosa-Walton in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Chipola is one of 900 schools in the Women’s College Basketball Association participating in “Think Pink” Week for breast cancer awareness. On Saturday, the Lady Indians will wear pink shooting shirts and pass out pink t-shirts to fans. Coach David Lane says, “We ask all women and men—to show their support by wearing pink to the game.”

Chipola’s Latoya Williams scored a season-high 39 points in the Lady Indians 91-40 win over North Florida on Tuesday. Gekela Clemmons had 16 points and Mamuki had 13 rebounds and 12 points.

The Lady Indians (6-6) are third in the conference race, but only the top two women’s teams in the league make the state tournament this year. Gulf Coast (11-1) has clinched, but lost to TCC on Wednesday. TCC (9-3) is second. OW and Pensacola are both (5-7). North FL is 0-12.

Chipola men’s basketball fans are asked to wear white for the Indian’s game against conference rival Okaloosa-Walton in an effort to “White Out” the Johnson Health Center. The showdown features two of the nation’s highest ranked teams, with Chipola occupying the #3 spot in the national poll and Okaloosa-Walton holding #6.

“With the Panhandle Conference up for grabs, we are expecting a great atmosphere,” said Coach Greg Heiar. “This will be the first white-out in Panhandle Conference history and it’s a fun way for everyone to get involved in the game. We want our fans to know they are truly the 6th man on the court.”

Both men’s have clinched a spot in the state tournament, but the winner will likely win the conference championship and a favorable seed in the tourney.

Chipola (8-1) and OW (9-1) split their two prior meetings. Chipola won 56-52 at home on Jan. 12. Okaloosa-Walton won in Niceville on Feb. 2, 68-59. The winner of game three will hold a one game advantage heading into the final week of the regular season, while also owning the tie breaker for seeding purposes.

The Indians never trailed on Feb. 9, jumping out to a quick 7-0 lead, before eventually beating Tallahassee 93-77 on the Eagle’s home court.

The win ensured that the Indians would be playing in the state tournament on March 5-8, giving Chipola an opportunity to defend their 2007 state title.

The win marked the first season sweep of Tallahassee since 2005. Four Indians reached double figures, led by sophomore Malik Alvin’s 19 points. Torye Pelham had his best game of the season, with 14 points on a perfect 6 of 6 from the floor and 2 of 2 at the charity stripe. Freshman Gary Flowers added 14 points and 7 rebounds. Mario Edwards had 12 points while dishing out a team high 9 assists. Freshman Casey Mitchell added 9 points to the Indian cause.

The state men’s and women’s basketball tournament is March 5-8 at Chipola.

Fibercare Classic begins Friday

The Chipola College baseball team will host the Fibercare Classic, Feb. 15-17, at the Chipola baseball stadium.

The Indians meet Alabama Southern at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15. Chipola plays two games on Saturday, Feb. 16: Darton at 10 a.m. and Middle Georgia at 4 p.m.

The Indians finish out the classic at 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17, with Wallace-Dothan.

Other games in the classic on Friday, include Alabama Southern and Darton at 11 a.m.; Darton and Wallace at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16, games include: Darton and AL Southern at 1 p.m.; and Wallace and Middle GA at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, games are: Alabama Southern and Middle Georgia at 10 a.m.; Middle Georgia and Wallace at 1 p.m. Justin Dalles had a 2-out double to push St. Petersburg past Chipola, 3-2, Sunday afternoon in the final game of the Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic. Chipola (7-4-1) scored in the first inning a sacifice fly by Marc Bourgeois which plated Chris Berroa. The Indians also added a single run on a Ryan Chaffee solo home run. The Indians were lead at the plate by (Chaffee 1-2, HR, Daniel Jones 1-2)

Chipola reliever Cameron Gray took the loss for the Indians, his first of the season. Chipola starting pitcher Drew Parker pitched five innings, giving up two runs and striking out three. The Indians are on the road, Wednesday, February 13 at Lake City.

Chipola Honors Dance

The Ivey Brothers band will perform at the annual Chipola College Honors Dance, set for Saturday, March 1. The theme is “Winter in Paris.” Pictured are, from left: Honors students Kara Jumper of Graceville, Cassie Mitchell of Marianna, Alicia Hatcher of Graceville and Heather Gibson of Marianna.
Strata to perform classics for Chipola Artist Series

Classical music ensemble “Strata” will perform Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., as part of the Chipola College Artist Series.

A limited number of tickets—$12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under—are on sale in the Chipola Business Office.

“Strata” is three musicians, three instruments, and one unique sound performing exhilarating Classical and Modern repertoire in trio and duo combinations for violin/viola, clarinet, and piano.

The musicians of Strata—Nathan Williams, clarinet; James Stern, violin/viola; and Audrey Andrist, piano—all hold the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Juilliard School.

The group has been performing together since 1988. Praised by The Washington Post for program building as artful as their performances, Strata has appeared in concert throughout North America. On San Francisco’s Composers Inc. series, they presented world premiere performances of five works composed especially for them. As resident artists at the Banff Festival of the Arts, they were presented in a wide array of concerts. Strata also appeared as the featured ensemble at the Music Teachers’ Association of California annual convention, and recorded live for CBC Radio in Canada.

The final offering of the Chipola Artist series—Proteus 7, Brass Ensemble—is March 25.

The Artist Series is funded through Chipola’s Performing Arts Fund, with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Southern Arts Federation, the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the Chipola Regional Arts Association and corporate donors.

For information call the Chipola business office at 718-2204.

Chipola arts scholarships announced

Scholarship audition dates and deadlines for music, art, theatre, show choir and jazz band at Chipola College for 2008-2009 academic year have been announced.

Music and Theatre Scholarship Audition dates are Feb. 28, March 20, and April 24. Visual Art Application and portfolio deadline is April 18. High School graduates with acceptable academic records and music, theatre, and art aptitude who plan to pursue studies as music, theatre or art majors are eligible to apply for scholarships.

Scholarships also are available for Show Choir, Jazz Band, and Chamber Chorus.

Show Choir auditions are Tuesday, April 22, at 4 p.m. in the Chipola Arts Center. Students wishing to be considered for scholarship consideration in the Jazz Band and/or Chamber Chorus should contact Joan Stadsklev, Director of Fine and Performing Arts.

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 for art, music, theatre, and Show Choir may be obtained by phoning 850-718-2277 or 850-718-2301, or stadsklevi@chipola.edu. Applications are available on the college web site: www.chipola.edu by going to Departments and clicking on “Fine and Performing Arts.”

Press Conferences slated for Tuesday, Feb. 19

Chipola College will host two Press Conferences and a Pizza Lunch Tuesday, Feb. 19, 12 noon, at the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The first Press Conference is to kick off ticket sales for the State Junior College Basketball Tourney set for March 5-8. The second press conference is to announce possible additions to the college’s Bachelor’s Degree programs. For information, contact Bryan Craven at 850-718-2264.

BSU to host Black History program

The Chipola College Black Student Union will host a Black History Month program, Friday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Chipola Arts Center.

BSU members invite the public to enjoy the festivities and learn more about Black History.

For information, call 850-718-2319.

Extravaganza draws giant crowd

Thousands of fans turned out to cheer for the cheerleaders at the Chipola College Cheerleader Extravaganza on Feb. 10.

Twenty-two squads ranging, from mini-all stars to co-ed varsity, performed in exhibitions and competitions. Former Chipola College cheerleaders, performed in exhibitions and competitions. Former Chipola College cheerleader, Jantzen Whitehead, also assisted.

In the varsity squad competition, Holmes County High won first place; Chipley High finished second; Ashford (AL) High finished third; Wicksburg (AL) High finished fourth; Northview (AL) High finished fifth and Blountstown High finished sixth. Mariana High won the co-ed varsity competition.

In the small junior varsity squad competition, Marianna High Varsity won first place. In the large junior varsity squad competition, Holmes County High Junior Varsity won first place and Northview High Junior Varsity finished second.

In the middle school division, Marianna Middle won first place; Ashford finished second and the Blountstown Middle finished third.

Squads receiving the most points in the overall competition were named Extravaganza Grand Champions. Mariana High Varsity was named first place. Mariana Middle finished second and Holmes County High Varsity finished third.

Exhibition squads included: JAGS All Star Youth Team, JAGS All Star Mini Team and Junior MEGA All Stars.

JOIN US. Students interested in joining a Debate/Oral Interpretation group are encouraged to contact Erin Witt at 547-5065 or email eronos_lookfar@yahoo.com or Carol Saunders at 526-2761, Ext. 3280. The group plans to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons in Z206.

PBL MEETS. Phi Beta Lambda will meet Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. in M202. All students interested in business are encouraged to attend.

FREE TAX HELP. Chipola business instructor Lee Shook and student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free electronic filing. The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Fridays, through April 11. The free service usually takes no longer than 30 minutes. Call (850) 718 2368.

CONGRATS. The Homecoming Court for 2008 includes: freshman female attendants Kara Jumper and Cassie Mitchell. Freshman male attendants: Drew Crutchfield and Kris Sampson. Sophomore candidates for Homecoming Queen are: Ashley Duce, Sylvianna Garrett and Jessica Lawson. Sophomore candidates for Mr. Chipola are Erik Blount, Keith Watford and Jantzen Whitehead.

The Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be announced during halftime of the Chipola vs. Gulf Coast men’s game on Feb. 23.