

Chipola This Week

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A newsletter for Chipola College students, employees, and friends



Hart named Chipola College Alumnus of the Year

James W. (Jim) Hart, Jr., a retired public relations executive and Air Force Reserve Brigadier General, has been named the Chipola College Alumnus of the Year for 2007.

Hart received an Associate in Arts Degree from then Chipola in 1956, and nearly four decades later he returned to his alma mater to give a little something back to the college that he credits with providing a solid foundation for a successful career. In 1998, Jim and his wife Patricia, pledged \$100,000 to establish an unrestricted endowment in the Chipola Foundation. Patricia did not attend Chipola, but was employed for a time in the Office of the College Registrar Dean Webb Allen.

The Harts' promise was fulfilled in 2007. Thus far, interest from the Hart fund has been used to publish alumni newsletters, and to conduct nationwide searches to locate alumni.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough said, "The Harts' contribution is one of the most unique gifts the foundation has ever received, and the college's largest unrestricted donation. Jim loves Chipola as much as anyone I've ever known and he wanted to insure that we spend the money to help students like him and to keep

in touch with our 10,000-plus alumni." Since returning to Jackson County in 1998, Hart also has served as president of the Chipola Foundation Board, and as a guest speaker for students in business and communication courses.

As a student at Chipola in the mid-fifties, Hart was a member of the Chipola Radio Club which hosted a weekly show featuring campus news. This first experience "on the air" served him well when he went on to work as a TV anchor and news director for WSFA-TV, the NBC affiliate in Montgomery, Alabama.

Hart landed a maintenance job at Chipola during his senior year at Greenwood High School. Later, as a Chipola freshman, he moved furniture from the college's original location at Graham Air Base, and even helped clear the land when Chipola moved to its current location in 1953. "Hart said, "Without Chipola I could not have attended college. Being able to live at home made higher education affordable, and my two years there were the most important in my life. They laid the foundation for my future success; so I owe an awful lot to Chipola College."

Hart retired in 1998 as vice president of public affairs, for Duke Energy Corporation, the global energy company created by the 1997 merger of Duke Power Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, and PanEnergy Corp of Houston.

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Chipola alumnus Tom Gould recognized

Chipola College alumnus Tom Gould was honored at a recent Chipola basketball game. Gould has established a scholarship endowment in honor of retired business professor Fred Peters. Gould—whose career in retail clothing included terms on the board of directors of Proffitt's, Inc., now Saks, Inc.—credits his Peters for inspiring his success in business. The Frederick B. Peters Scholarship Endowment will provide two annual scholarships to business majors who work while attending college. Gould has committed \$175,000 to the endowment. Pictured from left, are: Fred Peters and his wife Dorothy, Tom Gould and Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough.

THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA

5 MONDAY

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

6 TUESDAY

- ♦ Executive Council — 9 a.m., A 192
- ♦ BCM Lunch — 12 Noon, Cafeteria
- ♦ Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., Z116
- ♦ Faculty Meeting — 2:30 p.m., Z116

7 WEDNESDAY

- ♦ Baptist Collegiate Ministries — 10 a.m., H108
- ♦ Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104
- ♦ Phi Beta Lambda — 10 a.m., M204

8-11 THURSDAY-SUNDAY

- ♦ FJCCSGA State Conference — St. Petersburg, FL

8 THURSDAY

- ♦ BCM Bible Study — 2 p.m., D120

9 FRIDAY

- ♦ CAAP Registration Deadline

10 SATURDAY

- ♦ ACT Test
- ♦ CC Basketball vs. Pensacola — Women 5:30 p.m., Men 7:30 p.m., R

11 SUNDAY

- ♦ Chipola Show Choir Performs for Snowbirds — 2 p.m., Okaloosa Walton College, Niceville

Chipola hoops squads lead Panhandle Conference

The Chipola's men's and women's basketball teams host Pensacola, Saturday, Feb. 10 in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The women tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m.

Both squads travel to conference rival Tallahassee on Tuesday, Feb. 6, for games at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (EST).

The Indians (6-1) moved into first place in the Panhandle Conference with a 74-63 win over OW on Jan. 30. Jamarcus Ellis led Chipola with 23 points, 8 rebounds, and 7 assists. Victor Dubovitsky had 13 points and 4 rebounds. Skyler Williams had 10 points and 3 rebounds. DeAndre Thomas had 10 points and 2 rebounds.

As of Feb. 3, Chipola (6-1) is in first place in the conference, just a half game ahead of Tallahassee (5-1). OW is third at 3-3. Gulf Coast is 1-5 and PJC is 1-6.

The Indians are first in the FCCAA State Poll, ahead of number two Tallahassee and third place OW. Chipola is third in the NJCAA National Poll. OW is ranked sixth and TCC is number 13.

Chipola scored an 89-78 win at Pensacola on Jan. 27. Mario Little led Chipola with 17 points. PJC jumped out to a 12-2 advantage in the first minutes of the game. Chipola led 45-28 at the half, but PJC made 14 three-pointers in the second half to keep the game close.

The Lady Indians (as of Feb. 2) are locked in a three-way

tie for first place in the league with Gulf Coast and TCC, all at 6-2. OW is one game back at 5-3. PJC is 2-7 and NFL is 0-9. The top three teams in the Panhandle Conference earn a berth to the state tournament. Chipola was scheduled to host North Florida in a 2 p.m. game on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Chipola picked up a big 68-48 win over OW on January 30. Shawnta Pope had 14 points and 10 rebounds off the bench. CJ Pace had 12 points. Gekeela Clemmons also scored 12. The OW Lady Raiders played without the benefit of a full roster following a bench-clearing brawl at TCC on Jan. 27. Several OW and TCC players were hit with suspensions ranging from one to three games.

The Lady Indians scored a 70-65 win over Pensacola on Jan. 27. Crystal Campbell led Chipola with 22 points. Lesheria Stevens had 16 points. Clemmons added 11.

Chipola scored a convincing 66-49 win over arch-rival Gulf Coast on Jan. 23. Pace led Chipola with 18 points. Stevens had 16. Campbell scored 11 points and RaShawna Sippio added 10. Chipola whipped Tallahassee, 65-48, on Jan. 20. Sippio led Chipola with 13 points. Clemmons had 11. Latoya Brown added 10.

Chipola men's and women's basketball games are broadcast by Deep South Sports on WJAQ (100.9). The Feb. 21 game will be broadcast on WTOT (101.7). Live video web-casts and radio-simulcasts of home games are available at www.chipola.edu

For the latest scores, call 718-2CJC.

Theresa Larsen Hirt Scholarship established at Chipola

The family of the late Theresa Larsen Hirt has established a scholarship endowment in her memory through the Chipola College Foundation.

Theresa was a long-time elementary school teacher in Jackson County. The Theresa Larsen Hirt Scholarship was created to help other education majors.

The first scholarship will be awarded in the Fall Semester of 2007. Applicants from Jackson County will receive first preference, followed by those from the college's five-county district. A high school GPA of 3.0 is required with a 2.5 college GPA to maintain the award. Application deadline is June 15.

Additional contributions to the Theresa Larsen Hirt Scholarship may be mailed to the Chipola College Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL, 32446.

For information, call the Chipola Foundation at 718-2478.



Pictured from left, are: Theresa's husband, Homer Hirt, daughter, Meredith Tharpe, and Foundation Director Julie Fuqua.

Throssell-Literature/Language Festival slated for Feb. 16

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

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. Many of the participants will also see a preview of Chipola's upcoming production of *Oklahoma!* Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, said, "We are looking forward to hosting our seventeenth festival. It is always a pleasure to have area high school students on our campus for a day of rigorous academic competition."

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Prior to the merger, Hart was vice president of public affairs, for PanEnergy where his responsibilities included internal and external communications, media relations, public relations, advertising, employee and financial publications, design graphics and printing, community relations, and corporate contributions.

Previously, Hart was senior vice president and general manager of the Denver office of Hill & Knowlton, Inc., one of the nation's largest public relations firms. He served Gulf Oil Corporation as senior director of public affairs for 10 years and was responsible for all U.S. operations until 1985 when the company was acquired by Chevron. Prior to Gulf; Hart was executive director of the American Petroleum Institute (API) in Alabama for 13 years. He also served as TV anchor and news director for WSFA-TV, the NBC affiliate in Montgomery, before joining API.

While vice president of PanEnergy Corp and Duke Energy he was a member of the American Gas Association's Industry Communications and Public Relations committee and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America's Public Affairs Committee. He was a director and chairman in 1997 of the Public Affairs Council and served as a director and as president of the Texas Public Relations Association (TPRA) in 1996. He also served as a director and 1998 program chairman of the Houston Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). In addition, he served on the Texas Research League and the Texas Council on Economic Education. Hart has served on the boards of the Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scouts of America, where he was presented the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award that a Council can confer upon an adult volunteer.

Hart was named Outstanding Texas Public Relations Practitioner by TPRA for 1991 and National PR Practitioner of the Year in 1997 by a vote of his peers and he is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Public Relations*. He also received the TPRA Golden Spur Award in 1999 and was the first recipient of the Houston Chapter, PRSA Excalibur Legacy Award. TPRA named their Intern of the Year Award after him, and the Houston Chapter, PRSA, created the James W. Hart Academic Scholarship in his honor. Both awards are presented annually to an outstanding student who is pursuing a degree in communications or journalism.

Hart retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1995, as a Brigadier General. He served for seven years as reserve director of public affairs for the Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon. He is a Certified Flight Instructor with single engine, multi-engine and instrument ratings. He has more than 5,000 flying hours in over 25 military and civilian aircraft.

He has received numerous Air Force commendations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Alabama's Jones School of Law in 1973. Hart also completed the Senior Executive Management Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1982.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, Marianna Rotary Club, Elk's Club and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, as well as a life member of the Air Force Association and the Retired Officers Association.

Hart was born in Greenwood, Florida, in 1935. He and his wife, Patty, have two children and six grandchildren and they reside today at his grandfather's old homestead in Bascom, Florida.

Divorce art exhibit showing Feb. 5-23

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 tells the world about divorce – each in her own way. The various stages of grief and healing present themselves: mourning, anguish, desolation, regret, anger, depression, ambivalence, acceptance, recovery, and renewal. Some artists depict the process with intensity, others with a cool distance. In this exhibition, the story of divorce is rendered through a wide range of media.

Artist Mariann Berenice Kearsly, says, "Half of all marriages in the U.S. end in divorce. The phenomenon touches everyone in our culture – as husbands and wives, as children, as parents, as friends and colleagues, as citizens. Contemporary exhibitions deal with nearly every issue of the times in which we live, yet it is difficult to find artwork that deals with this prevalent and modern event. This exhibition begins to fill that void."

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

For information, contact Joan Stadskev at 718-2301.

Stone is Employee of the Month



Michelle Stone accepts the February Chipola College Career Employee of the Month award from college president Dr. Gene Prough. Stone is a Senior Programmer Analyst. She has worked in the college's Information Systems department since 1986.



DESIGN CONTEST. The new Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) at Chipola is holding a logo design contest open to Chipola students and staff. The contest ends Feb. 5.

The winning logo will receive a \$200 cash award.

For more information and design specifications, contact Gail Hartzog at 718-2342.



MAT MEMBERS WANTED.

Mu Alpha Theta is a national honorary mathematics club for students who have completed or are currently enrolled in any second math course above the level of MAC 1105. Membership is contingent on a minimum 3.0 GPA in all Math courses MAC 1105 or higher with a minimum overall 3.0 GPA in all college work.

Information and application can be found on the math department page of the Chipola website. The application form and the \$7 membership fee must be submitted to MAT Sponsor Brenda Alford in D123 by **Friday, Feb. 9.** Checks should be made payable to Chipola College. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, March 7.



BSU VALENTINE'S BALL.

The Black Student Union will host a Valentine's Ball, Friday, Feb. 9, from 7 to 11 p.m., at the American Legion Hall on Highway 90 in Marianna.

Tickets are \$10, and photos will be available from 8 to 10 p.m. Semi-formal attire is requested. No smoking or alcohol is permitted on the premises. Tickets will also be available at the door. Refreshments will be provided.

For advance discounted tickets, call (850) 718-2319.



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.

BSU president Sylvianna Garrett, says, "We have worked diligently to prepare a program that will be educational, informative and entertaining for the young and the young at heart. We invite community members who wish to go back in time and reminisce about the historical greatness of the African American Culture."

For information, call 718-2232.



PBL MEETS.

Phi Beta Lambda will meet Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. in M204. Members will select homecoming representatives, sign up for state competition, and make homecoming decorations. Members not able to attend, should contact Mrs. Roberts before Feb. 7. Members need to sign up to attend the PBL state conference, March 22-25 at the Sheraton World Resort in Orlando before Feb. 7. Those interested in attend the conference should see Mrs. Roberts as soon as possible to complete necessary registration requirements.



FREE TAX PREPARATION.

Chipola business instructor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation, including free electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Fridays, through April 13.

To make an appointment, call 526-2761 x 3268.



CNA DEADLINE. Application deadline is **Feb. 8** for Chipola College's next Certified Nursing Assistant class.

The six-week course will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Applicants must complete a college application and take the TABE test.

For more information, call Tracey Kitts at 718-2316.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 14 Intro of Homecoming Candidates & Voting
- 15 Homecoming Court Voting
- 16 Last Day to Vertically Transfer for Spring Term
- 16 Literature/Language Festival
- 17 CLAST Exam
- 20 Building Decoration Judging
- 20 District Board of Trustees
- 21 SGA Talent Show
- 24 HOMECOMING DAY
- 27 Night Student Social

THIS WEEK

"Chipola This Week" is a weekly publication of the Chipola PR Office.

Deadline for the next issue is noon, **Wednesday, Feb. 7.** Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.

- 6-Feb Mark Ebel
- 6-Feb Roger Holley
- 8-Feb William Ingram
- 8-Feb Rene Tharpe
- 9-Feb Jayne Roberts
- 10-Feb Julie Fuqua
- 10-Feb Shanda O'Bryan
- 11-Feb Margie Williams



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.cefe.usf.edu. The Testing Center is located in the new Student Services Building on Indian Circle.

For information, call Angie Tyler at 718-2284.

Homecoming 2007 plans underway

Chipola will celebrate **Homecoming 2007** the week of **February 19-24.** The Indians will host the Tallahassee Community College Eagles on Saturday, Feb. 24. In accordance with the college's diamond anniversary, this year's theme is "Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence".

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.

More about Homecoming will be issued at a later time.

LOCATOR

A- Student Services/ Administration	H- McLendon Fine Arts	Q- Health Science
B- Library	I- Arts Center	R- Johnson Health Center
C- Social Science	J- Theater	S- Continuing Ed/Conference Ctr
D- Fink Natural Science	K- Cafeteria, Bookstore	T- Pool
E- Physical Plant Office	M- Business/Cosmetology	U- Foundation House
F- Residence Hall	N- Workforce Devel Labs	Y- Public Service
G- Math Annex	O- Workforce Devel / Electronics	Z- Literature/Language
	P- Automotive Tech	BC/SC - Baseball/Softball Complex