Baseball Alumni Weekend and Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic set for Feb. 8-10

Several major league ball players are scheduled to appear at Chipola College’s first annual Baseball Alumni Weekend, Feb. 8-10.

The weekend’s events begin at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8, with a Chipola Baseball Golf Outing at Indian Springs Golf Course, followed by a 6:30 p.m. Night Social.

The alumni events are scheduled in conjunction with the Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic. Chipola, the 2007 JUCO National Champion, will play host to three of the top JUCO teams in America—Walters State (TN), the 2006 JUCO National Champion; College of Southern Nevada, former National Champion and St. Petersburg College, 2006 JUCO National Runner-Up.

The Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic begins Friday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. with Chipola vs. Walters State. At 1 p.m., the College of Southern Nevada takes on Walters State. St. Petersburg College and the College of Southern Nevada meet at 4 p.m.

The action heats up Saturday, Feb. 9, with a 9 a.m. game featuring Chipola and Walters State. An Autograph session is set for Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Chipola field. Major league players scheduled to appear, include: Russell Martin (LA Dodgers), Adam Loewen (Baltimore Orioles), Jose Bautista (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Jeff Mathis (LA Angels). Mathis was drafted out of Marianna High, but he has many friends from Chipola, including his brother Jake Mathis.

Other professional players slated to appear, include: Alan Horne (New York Yankees), Cole Armstrong (Chicago White Sox), Mat Gamel (Milwaukee Brewers), Tyler Flowers (Atlanta Braves), Rene Tosoni (Minnesota Twins) and many others.

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

Walters State CC and St. Petersburg play at noon at the Marianna High School field. Chipola plays the College of Southern Nevada at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday, Feb. 10, games include a 9 a.m. game between the College of Southern Nevada and St. Petersburg. Chipola hosts St. Pete in the final game of the weekend at noon on Sunday.

For information, call Chipola Baseball at (850) 718-2332.
Chipola hosts Tallahassee Saturday

Chipola hosts Tallahassee Saturday, Jan. 26, in a pair of big conference games. The women’s game tips off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men’s contest at 7:30 p.m.

The Indians defeated Tallahassee, 86-58, in the league opener on Jan. 5.

The Chipola men’s squad kept their perfect (22-0) record intact on Jan. 19 with an 80-58 over Pensacola. Malik Alvin came off the bench to score a team high 16 points for the Indians. Four-time defending Panhandle Champion Chipola (4-0) leads the league. OW (4-1) is in second. TCC (2-3) and Gulf Coast (2-3) are tied for third. PIC is (0-5).

Chipola is again No. 1 in the latest edition of the NJCAA Division I Men’s Basketball rankings.

This is the seventh-straight week at No. 1 for the Indians who received 14 of 16 first place votes in the poll.

Chipola, with a 22-0 record, is followed again by College of Southern Idaho at No. 2 and Salt Lake CC at No. 3. All three teams are still undefeated this season.

THE LADY INDIANS

The Lady Indians improved to 3-3 in conference play and 17-4 overall with a 75-41 win over North Florida on Wednesday. Latoya Williams and Ashley McCray led Chipola’s offense with 16 points apiece. Gekeela Clemmons scored 14, and Jamia Atkins added 13 points off the bench. The Lady Indians led 35-12 at the half and outscored FL 40-29 in the second.


Chipola (3-3) is tied for third in the conference with Tallahassee (3-3). Gulf Coast (6-0) is on top. OW (4-2) is in second place. PIC is (3-4) and North Florida is (0-7).

Chipola is ranked fifth in the FCCAA state women’s poll and number 24 in the NJCAA National Poll. Gulf Coast tops both the state and national polls. OW is fourth in the state poll. TCC is sixth and Pensacola is seventh.

Chipola to host reunion of Coach Johnson’s teams from Chipola and Campbellton High

Chipola College is hosting a reunion of Coach Milton Johnson’s Chipola and Campbellton High School basketball teams, Feb. 16, at the college.

All of Johnson’s former players, assistant coaches, managers, and their guests are invited to a luncheon with Coach Johnson on Saturday, Feb. 16, at from noon to 2 p.m. (CST) in the old college gym, now known as the Arts Center. The luncheon will feature a program highlighting Johnson’s legendary career, followed by a time to visit with old friends.

Event organizer Robert Trammell, said, “Not many people earn the title of legend during their lifetime, but Coach Milton Johnson has done just that. In addition to his phenomenal records on the court, the contributions he made to the lives of so many young people are tremendous.”

Trammell says he expects some 75 former team members to attend the reunion, including two father and son sets who played for Johnson: Cody and Zack Taylor from Bonifay and Sydney and Greg Granger from Blountstown.

ABA star Red Robbins is expected to return along with many of his 1965 teammates. The Hines brothers—Kevin, Keith and Sammy—who played for Johnson in the early 1990’s are also expected to attend.

Former Chipola player Ronnie Myers and his wife Kitty will host a 4 p.m. reception and 5:30 p.m. dinner at their home in Marianna on Saturday.

All returning players and their guests will sit in a special section during Chipola’s men’s game with Okaloosa-Walton at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 16. During halftime, Coach Johnson and former team members will be recognized in a special ceremony.

The Feb. 16 celebration follows the Chipola Night of Champions last September which brought University of Florida Coach Billy Donovan to the college to raise money for an endowment in honor of Coach Johnson.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough said, “Chipola has developed a national reputation in athletics, and no one has contributed more to our success over the years than Coach Milton Johnson. His basketball teams won more than 800 games during his 32 years at Chipola. We are proud to honor Coach Johnson’s legacy by establishing a special scholarship in his name.”

For information, call 850-510-2187 or email kaytram@yahoo.com
Chipola designated an “ETA” electronics testing site

The Chipola College Electronics program is now an official testing site for the Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA).

Professionals and students can take a variety of examinations in electronics, computers, fiber, telecommunications, FCC licensure and ETA specialty areas on the Chipola campus.

Electronics instructor James Bailey, says, “So many areas in the electronics and technology now require credentials for employment. Having these certification exams on campus should help a lot of people with job opportunities.”


ETA works with schools, colleges and electronics industry professionals to promote excellence in electronics through certification. ETA recognizes all industry standards and is dedicated to upholding the highest degree of professionalism in examination development and administration. A fundamental premise of ETA’s member-eligibility requirements is that certification programs are non-discriminatory, objective, and reasonably priced.

Chipola Dean of Workforce programs, Bud Riviere, says, “This service will provide industry professionals and students with the opportunity to become industry-certified without having to travel to a larger city to sit for an examination.”

For information, call James Bailey at 850-718-2452.

Math and science workshop set

Chipola College will host a workshop for area teachers and education students on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Chipola students in the teacher education program, with assistance of math and science education faculty, will showcase some of the activities students learn to use in their future classrooms.

The workshop will be held in Building D on the Chipola Campus from 8:00 am until 12:15 pm. Students will present hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom along with samples for teachers and education majors to take with them.

The workshop is centered on middle and high school mathematics and science education; however, many of the activities can be used in earlier grade classrooms. Presentations will include: Algebra tiles, an InterWrite demonstration, Inspiration, science experiments, “I have, Who Has,” Flip Chutes, Pick-A-Hole and the Ellison Letter Machine.

Teachers and students interested in an education career are invited to attend the workshop to learn what’s new in education and to meet students and faculty in Chipola’s education program. Refreshments will be served throughout the morning.

Reservations are suggested. Contact Joan Lasseter at 850-718-2396, lasseterj@chipola.edu or Dr. Cherry Ward at 850-526-2761, Ext. 3265, wardc@chipola.edu.

Michael West’s Sculpture on display at Chipola

Original sculptures by Michael West of Tallahassee are on display through Feb. 8 in the Gallery of the McLendon Fine Arts Building on the Chipola College campus.

“Anhinga” is one of the sculptures by Michael West on display through Feb. 8 in the Gallery of the McLendon Fine Arts Building on the Chipola College campus.

ACE to host Open House Tuesday

Chipola’s ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE (ACE) will host an Open House, Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ACE offers free peer tutoring in almost every course. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College Public Service will hold a 16-hour Firearms Familiarization course Feb. 18-21 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.

Pre-registration and payment of the $55 fee is due prior to the first class meeting. Registration forms are available at the front desk of the Public Service Building.

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

Homecoming 2008 set for Feb. 18-23

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming the week of February 18-23, 2008. The Indians will host the Gulf Coast Community College Commodores on Saturday, Feb. 23. This year’s theme is “On Top of Our Game”.

Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the Arts Center. You must be a currently enrolled student to vote. Voting for the candidates will take place on Feb. 13 at the following locations:

- 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. 14 in the Student Activities Office (K-104) until 12:00 noon. Chipola’s 2008 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned at halftime of the men’s basketball game on Feb. 23.

More about Homecoming will be issued at a later time.

Nancy Johnson
Student Activities Director

Cheerleading Extravaganza set for Feb. 10

The Chipola College Cheerleaders will be hosting their annual Cheerleading Extravaganza on Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m. at the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Squads from Houston County, AL, and Panama City will join several squads from the Chipola district as they compete at the middle school, junior varsity, and varsity levels.

New this year will be the Grand Champion winner, which will be the squad with the highest overall score of all the competing squads.

Several all star squads from the JAGS and MEGA cheer gyms will also perform exhibition routines.

Admission will be $5.00 for everyone school age and up.

Spirit trophies will be awarded to the squads with the best crowd involvement techniques in their routines.

JOIN US. Students interested in joining a Debate/Oral Interpretation group are encouraged to contact Erin Witt at 850-547-5065 or email eronos.lookfar@yahoo.com or Carol Saunders at 526-2761, Ext. 3280, or email saundersc@chipola.edu. The group plans to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons in Z-107.

REP ON CAMPUS. Dr. Charles Woosley from the Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn will visit Chipola on Thursday, Feb. 14. Dr. Woosley will have an information table set up in the hallway of Building D from 9 a.m. until Noon. All students interested in pursuing a degree in Pharmacy are encouraged to stop by.

BLOOD DRIVE. Southeastern Community Blood Center will be on campus Feb. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The bloodmobile will set up in front of the Health Sciences building. All students and employees are welcome.

GATOR AID, the University of Florida Financial Aid Application Guide has arrived. These guides will assist students applying for financial aid for the fall 2008, spring 2009, and summer 2009. The “On-Time” UF Financial Aid Application Deadline is March 15, 2008, but UF recommends applications be filed “weeks early” to meet this deadline. Applications are available in Student Services.

FINANCIAL AID $$$. Expected disbursement of Financial Aid checks (Pell, Bright Futures, etc.) is February 18.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
28-Jan Harry Fleener
31-Jan Cherry Ward
1-Feb Belinda Hendrix

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