Chipola officials look forward to historic year

Students can expect some positive changes at Chipola Junior College this Fall.

Since 1947, Chipola has provided two-year degrees and workforce training for the citizens of the area. On Aug. 18, the Chipola board is expected to approve changing the name of the institution to Chipola College in order to begin offering bachelor’s degrees in Secondary Education with majors in Mathematics and Science. Chipola has been given permission by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to begin classes in January of 2004.

Dr. Kitty Myers, Associate Vice President of Instructional and Bachelor’s Degree Program Development, says, “Chipola’s teacher education program has been approved by the Florida Legislature and we have initiated the accreditation process. Our graduates will be certified to teach middle or high school mathematics or science upon receiving their degree.”

All aspects of Chipola’s community college mission, such as athletics, performing arts and AA and AS degrees will remain unchanged. College officials expect only positive changes for the student body.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, says, “We’re excited about the opportunities the new four-year degrees will provide for students in those majors. The addition of these programs will serve to enhance our two-year programs that have helped so many students over the years.” Just one of those enhancements is additional money for the CJC library for new books and research materials to support the four-year programs. These materials and other enhancements will benefit all Chipola students.

Additional faculty also will be needed for the four-year programs. Chipola recently hired Dr. Irma Cruz-White as an instructor in the new math program. She also will teach math courses available to all CJC students. A new science instructor should be on board later this summer.

Following double-digit enrollment increases in the Spring and Summer of 2003, college officials are preparing for large numbers of students this Fall. To avoid long lines, CJC students who were enrolled during the Spring or Summer of 2003, are encouraged to take advantage of early registration set for Tuesday, July 22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday, July 23 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify and all students are advised to complete the free application for federal student aid. The application may be completed online. Forms also are available on campus and at most area high schools.

Regular returning student registration and new student testing is Aug. 20. New student registration is Aug. 21 and 22, with classes beginning Aug. 25.

Chipola’s open-door policy guarantees acceptance to all students with a high school diploma. Testing is required to enroll in certain academic courses. Chipola offers hundreds of college credit courses leading to the Associate in Arts degree, a two-year program that guarantees acceptance to Florida’s public universities.

Chipola also offers several Associate in Science and Workforce Development programs that provide training for high wage jobs. Enrollment in the college’s Workforce programs also is expected to increase in the coming school year.

The dean reports that students in Chipola’s Culinary Management Program will learn in a new training kitchen courtesy of Jackson Hospital which is a partner with the college through Morrison Health Care. Chipola’s electronics programs will offer new transfer possibilities with FSU and UWF as well as a new Associate in Applied Science in Electronics. Equipment enhancements will complement curriculum in Electronics, Cosmetology, Welding and Automotive Technology. Most Workforce programs feature open-entry enrollment which allows students to enroll at any time during the semester.

In addition to Chipola’s own four-year program, three Florida universities offer classes leading to bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and educational doctoral degrees.

UWF offers Bachelor’s degrees in Criminal Justice, Special/Elementary Education, and Social Work, Master’s degrees in Public Administration, Curriculum and Instruction, and Educational Leadership, and Educational Specialist and/or Doctorate degrees in Curriculum and Instruction and Ed. Leadership. Florida State University offers the BS in Nursing to students who are practicing RN’s. FSU will also begin a Master’s in Social Work this fall and are considering offering a Master’s in Nursing as well. Troy State University delivers a Master’s degree in Counseling and Psychology. All programs are accepting students for the fall semester.

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Numerous on-line degrees are referenced on the University Center Web-page: www.chipola.edu/universitycenter.

Chipola students also can expect some changes in facilities this Fall. In addition to the usual summer spruce-up of campus buildings and grounds, several offices formerly housed in the Administration have been relocated to nearby Building L. College officials are in the planning stages of a major renovation of the administration building. Completion is expected by December of 2004.

As parking is a major concern of students, college officials are working to add more spaces. Students will find additional parking near the Tennis Courts and adjacent to the Residence Hall when they return.

To learn more about fall classes, call the CJC Registration Office at 718-2211, or visit CJC on the web at www.chipola.edu

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**FASHION SHOW.** The CJC Cheerleaders will host a Back to School Fashion Show on Thursday, July 24, at 7 p.m. in the Continuing Education Conference Center.

Cheerleaders will be modeling fashions from Vanity Fair Factory Outlet and Factory Connection, both located in Graceville. Advanced tickets—$5—may be purchased from any cheerleader. Tickets will be available at the door for $7.50. Proceeds will go toward uniform costs.

For more information, call Geraldine DeFelix at 718-2322.

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**CONGRATULATIONS.** Best wishes to Mark and Heather Mitchell, daughter of Jayne Roberts, Dean of Enrollment Services, on the birth of a daughter, Elise Sanders Mitchell on July 15. Elise weighed 6 lbs and 9 oz and is 20 inches long.

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

7/21 Carol Jean Crawford
7/25 Vickie Jones
7/25 Shirley Reid
7/26 Vikki Milton

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

4  Last Class Day – Summer II
6  Application Deadline – Fall Term
18  Return to regular work week
20  New student testing
21-22 New & returning student registration & drop/add
25  Classes Begin
25-29 Late registration & drop/add
28  Distance Learning Orientation

**SUMMER HOURS.**

Library hours are:
- Monday - Wednesday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Thursday 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Closed Friday-Sunday

Tech Center hours are:
- Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Closed Friday-Sunday

Testing Lab hours are:
- Monday - Wednesday 8 - 11 a.m.

The testing lab has moved to the Success Center (Bldg. O).

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**SUMMER PROGRAMS AT CJC**

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**FACC’s looking for CJC items**

FACC needs your help. If you have any Chipola paraphernalia that you are thinking of discarding or are no longer using, please donate it to the FACC Back to School Luncheon.

We can use items such as: plastic cups, coffee mugs, megaphones, pencils, pens, old publications, t-shirts, plastic basketballs, hats, signs— anything with our college logo on it.

Also, if you have items that you would like to loan to the luncheon, we will try and return these items. However, please do not send anything that cannot be replaced in case of loss.

For more information, or to donate items, call Evelyn Ward at 718-2265 and we will gladly pick up the articles.

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**FACC wants your gently used items**

FACC will be sponsoring a yard sale September 5-6 in the Arts Center. Donations of gently used items in good, clean condition are needed. Items can be brought in on Thursday, September 4.

All monies raised will go toward the FACC Scholarship Fund.

Everyone is asked to clean our closets, garages, and hiding places and donate the items to the sale, so we can continue providing scholarships for our children.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Collins, Dana Johnson or myself. Thanks again for your continued support.

Lou Kind
FACC Fundraising Chair