HUTCHINSON, KS—The Chipola Indians captured second place in the NJCAA National Tournament Saturday, March 24, following a 94-75 loss to Midland (TX) College.

The runner-up trophy matched Chipola’s second place finish in the 1974 national tournament.

Chipola was led in scoring by Jamarcus Ellis with 27. Ellis was named to the All-Tournament team and was the unofficial point leader in the tournament more than with 100 points in four games. DeAndre Thomas scored 22 in the finals to earn a spot on the All-Tournament team. Victor Dubovitsky scored 11. Ed Berrios added 10.

Chipola trailed Midland 46-37 at the half but pulled to within two midway through the final period. The Indians kept the game close, but Midland outscored Chipola 30-15 in the last nine minutes.

Chipola was very effective from the free throw line, shooting 88%, but three-point shots proved to be the difference in the game. The Midland squad was 13 of 26 from three-point range.

Chipola’s run up to the championship game included a 96-90 semi-final win over the College of Southern Idaho. The Indians whipped Three Rivers, 78-59, in the quarter-finals and Georgia Perimeter, 75-64, in the opening round.

The Indians finished the season with a 33-3 record tying the 2004-05 Chipola team for most wins in a season with 33.

In three seasons at Chipola, coach Greg Heiar has amassed a 95-11 record. Heiar has led the Indians to three consecutive Panhandle Conference titles and two of the last three state championships. The Indians finished fourth in the 2005 national tourney.

LADY INDIANS FINISH FIFTH IN NATION

SALINA, KS—The Chipola Lady Indians finished fifth in the NJCAA National Tournament with a 73-59 win over Copiah College on March 24.


The Lady Indians defeated Salt Lake, 53-45, in a third round game.

Chipola was forced into the consolation bracket with a 76-60 loss to Odessa on March 21. The Lady Indians defeated Tyler Junior College, 66-63, in a first round game.

RaShawna Sippio scored a total of 46 points in the tournament. CJ Pace scored 43 points in four games. Lesheria Stevens scored 36 points and pulled down 28 rebounds in the tournament.

Chipola finished the season with a 30-7 record. Lady Indians head coach David Lane has a 112-30 record in four seasons at Chipola. He has led Chipola to the school’s only three women’s state championships in four seasons.

The Lady Indians finished fourth in the 2006 national tournament.
Orlando Opera Company Artist Series tickets on sale

The Orlando Opera Company will present “Passion, Power, and Peril,” Monday, April 9, in the Chipola College Theater.

The performance is the final offering of the Chipola Artists Series. Passion, Power and Peril is a two-act musical extravaganza comprised of celebrated arias and ensembles from both operas and musicals that will delight audiences. Fully-staged highlights include selections from Il Barbiere di Siviglia, Die Fledermaus, Les Misérables and Candide.

Audiences will experience extraordinary vocal music in this full-featured program, highlighting great classics from Opera, Operetta, and Broadway. Starring Orlando Opera’s Resident Artists, these young, rising stars bring the magic and power of opera to audiences across Florida. The show offers the overall spectacle of Grand Opera, featuring beautiful costumes, sets and props, as well as some of the most endearing operatic and musical theater selections ever written.

The Chipola 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.

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

For ticket information, call 718-2220.

Optimist Club establishes Mellie McDaniel Memorial Scholarship

The Optimist Club of Jackson County has established a scholarship in memory of Mellie McDaniel, the late wife of Sheriff John McDaniel.

The Optimist board of directors presented a check Tuesday to Chipola Foundation Director Julie Fuqua to establish the Mellie McDaniel Optimist Club of Jackson County Memorial Scholarship Endowment. McDaniel was an active member of the Optimist Club.

The scholarship will be awarded to a child or grandchild of a law enforcement officer who is a student in the 14th Judicial Circuit (Washington, Holmes, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf or Bay counties). Applicants must be full-time students with a 2.0 GPA pursuing a criminal justice degree or attending the law enforcement academy. Applicants must show evidence of participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be submitted by May 1. A personal interview will be scheduled with the scholarship committee.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the endowment may send a check to the Chipola College Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL, 32446 earmarked for the Mellie McDaniel Scholarship or to the Optimist Club of Jackson County, P.O. Box 6294, Marianna, FL, 32447.

For information, call 850-718-2478.

OPTIMISTS ESTABLISH MELLIE MCDANIEL SCHOLARSHIP—The Optimist Club of Jackson County has established a scholarship in memory of Mellie McDaniel, the late wife of Sheriff John McDaniel. Pictured from left, are: (front) Rene Hollis, Debbie Gochenaur, Karen Keesee, Shellie Hollis, Sylvia Stephens, (back) Sheila Glover, Betty Demmon, Chipola Foundation Director Julie Fuqua, Steven Cullifer, Sylvia Henry and Mary Pettis.
Board approves plans for new access road to college

The Chipola District Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved plans for a new access road to the college.

The road will provide a new entrance to the college from River Forest Road which intersects Caverns Road. The proposed road will bring visitors from River Forest Road to a destination between the child care center and swimming complex.

The most popular stop along the new roadway is certain to be a new Performing Arts Center which is also in the planning stages. The center will accommodate more than 600 theater-goers. Proposed features include an art gallery, reception area, and a “black box” theater for smaller performances.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, says, “This new road will be a major factor in changing traffic patterns around the college to relieve much of the burden on College and Kelson Streets. In addition to providing a second major entrance to Chipola, the project should improve safety and increase parking for our students.”

The new road will be well-lighted with sidewalks which will be great for walkers. The project will also include an attractive water feature in the form of one-acre retention pond.

Chipola hoopsters are State Champs

Before their respective trips to the national tournament, Chipola captured both the men’s and women’s state basketball championships March 10 in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

The Lady Indians defended their state title to pick up a third straight championship in a 60-57 win over Gulf Coast.

Tournament MVP C.J. Pace spurred Chipola’s offense with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Ra’Shawna Sippio had 8 rebounds and 5 points. Lesheria Stevens scored 9 and pulled in 8 rebounds. All three Lady Indians were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The game marked the third year in a row that the Lady Indians had to overcome perennial favorite Gulf Coast to take the state title. Fourth year Chipola coach David Lane led Chipola to its first-ever women’s championship in 2005, then followed up with two more titles in 2006 and again this year.

The Lady Indians also scored a 76-61 win over Miami Dade in the opening round of the tournament, and a 73-62 win over Tallahassee in the semi-finals.

The Indians captured the men’s state championship with an 84-67 win over Central Florida. Chipola has won the men’s state title three of the last four years.

Tournament MVP Jamarcus Ellis led Chipola with 22 points. Ed Berrios, DeAndre Thomas and Mario Little all were named to the All Tournament team.

Chipola whipped Indian River 98-68 in the opening round of the tournament. The Indians slipped by St. Petersburg, 80-73, in the semi-finals.

Chipola finished fourth in the 2005 national tournament. Chipola’s best finish was second place in 1974.

Chipola baseball and softball teams lead Panhandle Conference

The Chipola baseball team hosts Okaloosa-Walton, Friday, March 30 at 5 p.m.

The Indians improved to 7-2 in conference play with a 6-5 win over Pensacola on Saturday and an 8-1 win over PJC on Friday.

The Indians (7-2) lead the Panhandle Conference. OW and PJC are tied for second, both at 5-4. North Florida and Gulf Coast are tied at 3-5. TCC is 3-6.

Chipola is ranked fifth in the FCCAA State Poll. OW and PJC are seventh and eighth.

The Chipola Lady Indians softball team hosts TCC in a double-header on Wednesday, March 28, at 4 p.m.

Chipola hosts Pensacola Friday, March 30, at 1 p.m.

The Lady Indians are out to a great start with a 33-4 overall record and a 5-1 conference mark. Chipola is the top ranked team in the FCCAA Poll and number two in the NJCAA National Poll.

Chipola swept Okaloosa-Walton in a pair of weekend games. Cassie Lassiter was the winning pitcher in game one which ended with Chipola on top 7-0. She allowed only two hits and gave up no runs.

Amber Weeks and Brittany Minton shared pitching duties in game two, with Chipola taking the 10-5 win.

For the latest scores, visit www.chipola.edu, or call 718-2CJC.
ECLECTIC MUSIC

An Evening of Eclectic Music will be presented by the Chipola Chamber Chorus under the direction of Lenore Hample and the Chipola Rock & Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Daniel Powell on Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Chipola Arts Center.

The free evening of delightful music will range from choral works by Dufay, Mendelssohn, to spirituals and folk songs to Jazz Band selections including Li’L Darlin, Blues in the Night, Tequila, ‘S Wonderful and many others.

The public is invited to enjoy this evening of very listenable music at no charge.

For information contact Joan Stadsklev at 718-2301 or stadsklevj@chipola.edu

FLORIDA AG AND LIFE SCIENCES MEETING SET

The University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will hold an informational dinner meeting, Thursday, March 29.

The event will take place at 6 p.m. in the Chipola Continuing Education Conference Center. The purpose is to provide information on career opportunities available through the UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Dr. Kirby Barrick, Dean of the UF CALS and other UF faculty will be on hand to share information with prospective students and local educators.

High school counselors, graduating seniors, Chipola students and parents are invited to attend.

Reservations for dinner may be made by calling Bud Riviere at 718-2270.

SPRING FROLICS IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Spring Frolics is Wednesday, April 4, from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. at the Chipola Pool. All classes are dismissed. Free food and drinks and door prizes will be available.

Spring SGA Elections and a Blood Drive also will be held during the event.

Relay games, mechanical bull and other soft-play games will be available.

Call Nancy Johnson at 718-2314.

PBL STUDENTS WIN AT STATE COMPETITION

Four Chipola students represented the college at the 2007 Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Competition in Orlando March 22-25.

Students competed with PBL members from community colleges and universities across the Florida in business competitions.

Chipola students won the following awards: Desktop Publishing 5th place Kayla Baxter and Rachael Douglas; Job Interview 1st place Kayla Baxter. Placing first in the state entitles Baxter to compete at the national level June 23-26 in Chicago.

STUDENT IDS. All students are required to have a Chipola ID in their possession while on the Chipola campus. ID’s must be presented for students to have access to the library and computer labs, to receive free or reduced admission to the fine arts or athletic events, to pick up checks from the business office, and to take final exams. Student ID’s are made only on Tuesdays (8:00 – 11:00 and 1:00 – 3:30) and Wednesdays (8:00 – 11:00) in A-107.

EARLY REGISTRATION SET FOR SUMMER I & II

Early registration for Summer I and II is April 10 and 11 for students with 30+ hours.

The last day to withdraw from all Spring term classes is April 9. Be advised that students are not automatically withdrawn from classes for failing to attend. A grade of “F” is assigned for students who do not complete a course.

FSU COLLEGE OF LAW

The Florida State University College of Law invites undergraduate students to take classes in the College of Law, to learn about the Law School Admission Test, meet with prominent attorneys, and learn about the law school admissions process.

There is no cost. Room and board will be provided and selected students will receive a $500 stipend. Students are responsible for their travel to and from Tallahassee.

This program begins May 21 and runs through June 15. Application deadline is March 30. For information, contact Dr. Willie E. Spries in C-106 the Social Science Building.

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