State Basketball Tournament begins Wednesday at Chipola

The local motels and restaurants will be filled with some very tall people as Florida’s best junior college teams invade Marianna for the Men’s and Women’s FCCAA/Region VIII state Basketball Tournament which begins Wednesday, March 7, at Chipola’s Johnson Health Center.

Teams will begin arriving on Tuesday to settle into their hotel rooms at the I-10/Hwy.71 Exit. Most teams will attend a 6:30 p.m. banquet Tuesday in the Chipola Arts Center. Team practices in the Johnson Center run Tuesday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to Noon.

The **women’s tournament** tips off Wednesday, March 7, at 1 p.m. (CST) with Indian River and Seminole. At 3 p.m., Gulf Coast takes on Santa Fe. **Chipola** plays Miami Dade at 6 p.m. Central Florida plays Tallahassee in the 8 p.m. nightcap on Wednesday. **Men’s action** begins Thursday, March 8, at 1 p.m. as Miami Dade takes on Central Florida. At 3 p.m., Tallahassee meets Hillsborough. Game three at 6:00 p.m. features Santa Fe and St. Petersburg. **Chipola** plays Indian River in the 8 p.m. nightcap on Thursday.

Men’s and women’s semi-finals are set for Friday, March 9, with women’s games at 1 and 6:00 p.m. and men’s contests at 3 and 8 p.m.

The State Championship title games are set for Saturday, March 10 with the women at 5 p.m., and the men at 7:30 p.m. Champions advance to the NJCAA National Tournaments, March

Waste Management is continuing its long-standing partnership with Chipola by once again sponsoring the State Basketball Tournament. Here, Waste Management and Chipola Appreciation Club officials pose with the $10,000 check. Since opening its operations in Jackson County, Waste Management has contributed more than $130,000 to Chipola’s academic and athletic programs.

Chipola Brain Bowl Team invited to national tournament

The Chipola College Brain Bowl Team has been awarded one of the 32 spots in the Division II field of the National Academic Quiz Intercollegiate Championship Tournament. The National Tournament will be held on the University of Minnesota campus April 13-14.

Chipola is one of eight community college teams invited to the national championship. Chipola will compete with numerous universities including Alabama, Dartmouth, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech and Yale.

Chipola’s invitation to the national tournament is based on the team’s performance at the 2007 Georgia NAQT Sectional. Chipola team members are: Anthony Bennett, Mark Hodge, Tyler Land and Trey Paul. Anthony Bennett earned MVP honors at the Georgia Sectional with the highest individual score with a total of 600 points.

Chipola math professor Stan Young coaches the Brain Bowl team with Humanities professor Dr. Robert Dunkle.

The Chipola team travels to the Florida FCCAA state tournament March 29-31 at Gulf Coast Community College.

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**THIS WEEK AT CHIPOLA**

**5 MONDAY**
- Student Government Association — 2 p.m., A156

**6 TUESDAY**
- Oklahoma!, for Selected Audiences
- BCM Lunch — 12 Noon, Cafeteria
- Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., Z116
- Faculty Meeting — 2:30 p.m., Z116

**7 WEDNESDAY**
- FCCAA State Basketball Tourney — 1/3/6/8 p.m., R
- Chipola Women vs. Miami Dade — 6 p.m., R
- Baptist Collegiate Ministries — 10 a.m., H108
- Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104
- Phi Beta Lambda — 10 a.m., M204
- Oklahoma! — 7:30 p.m., J

**8 THURSDAY**
- FCCAA State Basketball Tourney — 1/3/6/8 p.m., R
- Chipola Men vs. Indian River — 8 p.m., R
- BCM Bible Study — 2 p.m., D120
- Oklahoma! — 7:30 p.m., J

**9 FRIDAY**
- ACT Registration Deadline
- FCCAA State Basketball Tourney — 1/3/6/8 p.m., R
- Spring Production, Oklahoma! — 7:30 p.m., J

**10 SATURDAY**
- FCCAA State Basketball Tournament — 5:30/7:30 p.m., R
- Oklahoma! — 7:30 p.m., J

**11 SUNDAY**
- Spring Production, Oklahoma! — 2 p.m., J

“Oklahoma!” **SOLD OUT**
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20-24, in Hutchinson, KS, and Salina, KS.

More than 2,000 visitors are expected to contribute more than $250,000 into the local economy during the four-day event. Chipola’s Karan Davis, who coordinates motel rooms for the tournament, reports that more than 175 rooms will be reserved for teams and game officials.

Waste Management, Inc., long-time corporate sponsor of the event, recently donated $10,000 to sponsor the tournament. The Florida Credit Union League with help from Community South Credit Union in Chipley and Jackson County Teachers Credit Union in Marianna contributed a total of $7,000 in corporate sponsorships.

The Jackson County Tourist Development Council awarded a $5,000 grant to help promote the tournament. Tournament administrator Ronnie Myers, a former Chipola player, said, “The tournament is a huge undertaking which requires many volunteers and financial support. We could not host this event without the generous support of our corporate sponsors and the TDC.”

Bill Davis, Chipola Appreciation Club president, said, “Chipola has one of the best junior college athletic programs in the country and our people put on one of the finest tournaments anywhere. The great traditions established here by coaching legend Milton Johnson are evident today in the quality of this tournament.”

Tournament passes—good for all 14 games—are $25 for adults and $15 for students. Session tickets (two games) are $10 for adults and $6 for students. Ticket sales chairman Robert Trammell, says, “The tournament passes are the best deal and they guarantee you a seat for the championship game.”

Chipola games will be broadcast on WJAQ, 100.9 FM, and online at www.chipola.edu. A live webcast of all tournament games is available at www.cybersportusa.com.

For information, call Tournament Coordinator Alice Pendergrass at (850) 718-2370, or visit the official website at www.chipola.edu

Chipola players and coach named All-Conference

Thirteen Chipola basketball players have earned All-Panhandle Conference honors for the 2006-07 regular season. Chipola also boasts the men’s coach of the year and men’s player of the year.

Chipola’s Jamarcus Ellis is the Panhandle Men’s Player of the Year. He joins four other Chipola players on the First Team All-Conference list: DeAndre Thomas, Victor Dubovitsky, Ed Berrios and Johnnie Harris.

Three Indians were named Second Team All-Conference: Mario Little, Mario Edwards and Michael Vogler.

Chipola coach Greg Heiar was named Panhandle Conference Coach of the Year after his Indians captured the Conference Championship with a 100-87 Homecoming win over Tallahassee on Feb. 24. Ed Berrios led Chipola with 19 points. Jamarcus Ellis had 18 points and 5 rebounds. Victor Dubovitsky had 17. Mario Little had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Johnnie Harris had 14 points and 3 rebounds.

Chipola announces art, music and theatre scholarships

Scholarship Audition dates for Music and Theatre scholarships for 2007-08 are set for March 8, April 12, and May 10.

Show Choir auditions are set for April 26. Students majoring in art should submit their application, letters of recommendation, and portfolio no later than April 20 to the Office of Fine and Performing Arts.

Applications in all areas may be obtained by phoning Chipola’s Fine and Performing Arts Department at 718-2277 or 718-2301. Applications are available online at www.chipola.edu by going to Departments and clicking on “Fine and Performing Arts.”

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. Show Choir auditions are open to all students in all majors. Rock and Jazz scholarships are available upon audition for instrumentalists who are not music majors.

Scholarships in various amounts, up to full tuition and fees, are awarded on the basis of talent and academic record.

For information, call 850-718-2277 or 850-718-2301.
Chipola automotive to offer Thursday evening series

The Chipola College Automotive Technology will present a Thursday night series entitled, “Automotive Training at its Best,” March 8 through April 26. All classes will meet from 6 to 9 p.m.

Registration and orientation is set for Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m., in the Automotive Building (P). An agenda and full outline of classes will be available at registration.

The series will include: John Gardner—Strategy Based Diagnostics, CAN Data Bussing with Multiplexing Computerized Scan Tool Data Diagnostics; Jamie Streetman—Electrical Diagnosis, Fuel Controls; and Gladdin Summerland—Tire Pressure Monitor Systems.

Video Presentations will include: Jim Linder—Fuel System tips with proven test procedures and service techniques (accompanied with workbook); and David Hobbs—How Electronic Modules Communicate (accompanied with workbook).

For information, contact John Gardner at 850-718-2306.

Harts recognized

Chipola College’s 2007 Alumnus of the year James Hart and his wife Patricia were the special guests for Homecoming 2007. Here, they are congratulated by Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough (right).
SCHOLARSHIPS. The Panhandle Gator Club has scholarships available for community college transfers that will be attending UF for the first time this year.

The Bright Futures Plus Scholarship is for students transferring to the UWF College of Business.

Any post-secondary student attending a Florida college and planning to major in a computer science/information technology field may apply for the Dr. Robert W. Sims Memorial Scholarship.

GATOR AID. The 2007-08 UF Financial Aid Guide is here. Financial Aid applications are now being accepted by UF. The deadline to be considered “on time” is March 15. Late applicants are considered for aid that remains after “on-time” applicants have been awarded.

All of these applications may be obtained in A-107A.

BLOOD DRIVE. The bloodmobile will be on campus, Monday, March 5, in front of the Health Science Building from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DRAW ME A PICTURE. Caricaturist Steve Gipson will be on campus Wednesday, March 7 in the lobby of Building D from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by and have your picture drawn. This event is sponsored by SGA and is FREE!

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 718-2368.

PBL MEETING. PBL will have a short business meeting on Wednesday, March 7, at 10 a.m. in M204 to plan and prepare for spring activities. Special attention will be spent with students competing at state Phi Beta Lambda competition.

TROY REGISTRATION. Troy University offers classes in the field of Counseling and Psychology at Chipola College.

Registration for Troy’s Term 4 continues through March 9. Classes begin March 12. Students may register with an advisor at the Troy office in the Chipola University Center, Mondays or Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or online at www.troy.edu.

Florida residents qualify for in-state tuition.

For information, call 718-2352, or contact Lisa Kitto at 283-4449, or email lkitto@troy.edu.

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. Spires in C-106 the Social Science Building.

JUCCO TEAM HOSTS—Several local families have volunteered to serve as hosts for the 16 teams who will be in town, March 7-10, for the State Junior College Basketball Tournament at Chipola. Pictured from left, are: (front) JoAnn Everett, Vickie Curry, Eulice Bryant, Eddie Hilton, Merle Houston, Careatha Everett, Mary McClendon, Tracey Dudley, (back) Jay Mitchell, Willie Spires, Waymon Moneyham, Patrick Bryan, Leroy Boone, John Ellerbee, Hubert Williams and Ralph Harrison.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH**

19-23 Spring Break Holidays
26-27 Auditions for "The Golden Goose"
27 District Board of Trustees
31 CAAP Exam for AA Spring Grads
31 Deadline to Apply for McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship for Summer 2007

**APRIL**

3 Chamber Chorus and Jazz Band Concert
4 Spring Frolics - Classes Dismissed
9 Last Day to Resign from all Classes
9 Artist Series: Orlando Opera Co
10-11 Early Registration Summer I & II for Currently Enrolled Students
11 SGA Blood Drive
12 Night Students Social
17 District Board of Trustees
19 Awards Ceremony
20 College Application Deadline - SSI
21 Florida Teachers Certification Exam
24 Early SSI Reg Payment Due
27 Last Class Day Spring Term
30 Final Exams

**MAY**

1-2 Final Exams
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3 Graduation

**THIS WEEK**

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

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.**

7-Mar Matt White
11-Mar Janice Holley
11-Mar Amanda Suggs
11-Mar Kathy Wheeler