Chipola Brain Bowlers finish second and sixth at nationals

For the second straight year, the Chipola College Brain Bowl A team finished second in the Community College NAQT National Championship.

Chipola A and Chipola B finished second and sixth respectively in the 24-team field at the national championship held Feb. 28 at Valencia Community College.

Chipola A finished second in the nation for the second year in a row. Teams were initially bracketed into three brackets of eight. The top two finishers in each bracket then advanced to the top bracket, where they played each other in another round robin. Chipola A finished the initial round undefeated, but lost two of the four matches in the re-bracket, giving them a 9-2 overall record. J. Sargent Reynolds College finished with a 10-1 record, giving them a place in the finals. Northeast Alabama and defending champion Valencia also finished with a 9-2 record, making it a three way tie for second place. Chipola A then defeated Northeast Alabama and Valencia in back-to-back games in a jam packed auditorium to advance to the championship game, where they lost to J. Sargent Reynolds.

Chipola B may have been the real story of the tournament. Entering as the number three team in their bracket, Chipola B knocked off number two seed Snead State and top seed J. Sargent Reynolds in the initial round robin. This was the only loss in the tournament for the eventual champion, J. Sargent Reynolds.

By finishing with a 6-1 record in the first round robin, Chipola B also made their way to the top bracket of six. Chipola B had a tougher time in the top bracket, losing all four games, including the game against Chipola A, but the all-freshmen team had a very impressive tournament.

This was the first separate community college national championship that has ever been held. It is not affiliated with the FCCAA State Championship. Therefore, both Chipola A and Chipola B still have a chance to win the Florida state championship, which be held at Brevard Community College on March 27-28. Chipola is the defending state champion.

By virtue of their success at the community college national tournament, both Chipola teams now advance to the Division II Championship which will be held in Dallas, Texas on April 3-4.

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Tickets still available for Chipola’s ‘Back to the 80’s’

Tickets are still available for Chipola Theater’s totally awesome musical, “Back to the 80’s,” which opens a five-day run March 18. “Back to the 80’s,” is straight from the era that brought the world The Rubik’s Cube, Michael Jackson, Madonna and The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles all set to the biggest hits of the 80’s. Tickets are available in the college Business Office, or by phone at, 850-718-2220.
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The top six finishers at the community college championship automatically qualify for the Division II Championship, which will include first and second year players from four year colleges including Cornell, Davidson, Northwestern, Ohio State, Princeton, UCLA, Vanderbilt and Yale.

Chipola A Team Members and their high school alma mater, are: Jordan Belser (Holmes County High), Anthony Garrett (Marianna High), Brad Wells (Altha High) and Ryan Wells (Altha High). Chipola B Team Members are: Anthony Berkley (Holmes County High), Ethan Hewett (Sneads High), Nathan Hooppell (Sneads High), Drew Padgett (Graceville High), and Cody Pickens (Sneads High).

Chipola Brain Bowl coaches are Stan Young and Dr. Robert Dunkle.

Chipola baseball and softball at home this week

The Chipola Indians baseball hosts Hibbing CC, Monday, March 9, at 2 p.m.

Chipola opens the conference season at Pensacola, Friday, March 13, at 5 p.m. The Indians host Tallahassee on Saturday, March 14, at 1 p.m.

Chipola (9-7) as of March 3, is ranked sixth in the FCCAA state poll. The Indians are the defending conference and state champions. Miami-Dade is first in the poll. PJC is second and Gulf Coast is fourth.

The Indians scored a big 13-2 win over Wallace-Dothan on March 3.

For information about Chipola baseball, visit www.chipola.edu

Gold team members are: Brad Wells, Anthony Garrett, Jordan Belser and Ryan Wells.

The Chipola Lady Indians softball team hosts several games this week beginning with Hibbing CC, Monday, March 9, at 2 and 4 p.m.

The Lady Indians host Hartland College, Tuesday, March 10, at 2 p.m., and Middle Georgia, Saturday, March 14, at 1 p.m.

The Lady Indians are (9-7) as of March 3 and ranked fourth in the FCCAA state poll. Chipola is the defending conference and state champion. Miami-Dade is first in the state poll. PJC is second and Gulf Coast is fourth.

Chipola begins their defense of the conference title, Tuesday, March 17, when they host Northwest State in a pair of games at 4 and 6 p.m.

Chipola split a pair with Darton College on March 3. The Lady Indians won the first game, 7-2, behind winning pitcher Rayna McClinton. The Indians dropped the second game, 8-7.

For information about Chipola softball, visit www.chipola.edu

Blue team members are: Nathan Hooppell, Ethan Hewett, Cody Pickens, Anthony Berkeley and Drew Padgett.

Chipola College to offer free tax preparation

In order to help more local citizens get the most refund due them, Chipola College business instructor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Wednesdays, through April 15.

Other times may be scheduled by appointment.

The free service usually takes no longer than 30 minutes. For faster refunds, taxpayers are asked to bring a personal check which has routing information needed for electronic refunds.

To make an appointment for free tax assistance, call Lee Shook at (850) 718-2368.

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Chipola’s Riviere appointed to FFA foundation board

Bud Riviere, Chipola College Dean of Workforce Development, has been appointed to the Florida FFA Foundation Board for a three year term.

The primary mission of the FFA Foundation is to strengthen and expand the FFA’s youth leadership program to help prepare members to meet the future challenges facing the agricultural industry.

Riviere said, “To be asked to serve on the Foundation Board is a signal honor and I look forward to continue serving the FFA members from Florida. My role will be to provide guidance and direction from our profession based on my experience and involvement in the FFA organization.”

Riviere has had a lifelong involvement with FFA leadership training activities. He served as State FFA President in 1964-65, and was a teacher of vocational agriculture and FFA advisor at Santa Fe High School in Alachua, Florida. He also served as State FFA Program Director with the Florida Department of Education.

The FFA Foundation board is comprised of a diverse group of dedicated individuals representing, agriculture, agribusiness, education and allied industries.

Supers meet at Chipola

School superintendents and high school principals from the five-county area met recently at Chipola College to discuss a variety of issues affecting high school and college students. Pictured from left, are: Lee Miller, Jackson County Superintendent; Sandra Cook, Washington County Superintendent; Tommy McClellan, Calhoun County Superintendent; Sue Summers, Liberty County. Superintendent and Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough. Not pictured is Gary Galloway, Washington County Superintendent.

Classical pianist to perform for Chipola Artist Series

The Chipola College Artist Series will present classical pianist Christine Yoshikawa in concert Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m., in the college theater. Individual tickets—$12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under—will be on sale beginning March 10 in the Chipola Business Office (850-718-2220) or at the theatre box office immediately prior to the performance.

Yoshikawa is a Canadian pianist who has enjoyed a multi-faceted international career performing as soloist with orchestras, recitalist, chamber musician, and teaching masterclasses throughout North America, Europe, and Asia.

Critics have praised her as an artist of “impeccable artistry, radiant lyricism, and virtuosity” for her interpretation of traditional and contemporary repertoire. A prize-winner of national and international competitions, recent concert engagements have taken her to the United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Spain and France.

She holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Arizona State University under the tutelage of Robert Hamilton and is the 2000 Toradze Institute Charter Fellow of Indiana University South Bend. She is on the Roster of Recording Artists for Eroica Classical Recordings.

More information is available at www.christineyoshikawa.com

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.

For more information, contact Joan Stadsklev at 850-718-2301 or stadsklevj@chipola.edu
CRAA to hold monthly meeting in Bristol

The Chipola Regional Arts Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Apalachee Restaurant in Bristol, on March 17.

The meeting will convene at 11 a.m. CST. Cost of the Dutch-treat buffet is $8.55, or guests may order from the menu. Those wishing to car-pool should meet at the Marianna Winn Dixie parking lot at 9:50 a.m.

The program, “The Arts are Alive and Well in Liberty County,” will be presented by the Liberty County Arts Council. A train ride at the Veterans Center may be possible. The Veterans Memorial Railroad ride will include the additional ½ mile of new track around the depot/museum as well as a 250 foot trestle through the wetlands and cypress swamp area.

For information contact Anita Adams at 850-718-2277 or shealya@chipola.edu

Continuing ed courses set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer a variety of short courses in the coming weeks.

The following Mandatory training for Child Care Facility Personnel and Family Child Care Home is scheduled: Special Needs Appropriate Practices, April 11, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Costs is $43.

An Observing & Recording Child Behavior course will meet Monday & Wednesday, May 13 through June 22 from 6 to 9:20 p.m. Cost is $191.

Chipola also offers custom workshops. The following are available: Eat That Frog: Stop Procrastinating and Get More Done; Whale Done: The Power of Positive Relationships; The Pygmalion Effect: Managing the Power of Expectations; Discussing Performance; The Attitude Virus: Curing Negativity in the Workplace; Team Building: What makes a Good Team Player?; and After All, You’re the Supervisor!

Gatlin Education Services (GES) offers, open enrollment, online courses in: health care, internet graphics/web design, business, law and travel. Register online at www.gatlineducation.com/chipola.

Education To Go offers online programs in: computers, photography, languages, writing, entertainment, grant writing, business, sales, accounting, test prep, finance, health, child care, parenting, art, history, psychology, literature, statistics, philosophy, engineering, law and nursing. For dates and course outlines, visit www.ed2go.com/chipola. For information about any of these non-credit courses, call 850-718-2395.

Caricaturist on campus

Caricaturist Steve Gipson will be on campus Wednesday, March 18 in the Lobby of Building D from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by and have your picture drawn. This event is sponsored by SGA and is FREE!

GATOR SCHOLARSHIP.
The Northwest Florida Gator Club is offering scholarships to entering juniors at the University of Florida’s West Florida Research Education Center in Milton, FL. Applicants must have applied, been accepted, and plan to attend the University of Florida at WFREC during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Applications are available in Student Services. They must be completed and mailed directly to the Northwest Florida Gator Club and must be received no later that Monday, April 6, 2009.

The University of Florida Center in Milton offers degrees in Golf and Sports Turf Management, Natural Resource Conservation, and Landscape and Nursery Horticulture (formerly known as Environmental Horticulture). For information, see an advisor in Student Services.

FCA MEETS. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle meets Thursday nights at 7 pm in H-108. Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship. All students are welcome.

BCM INVITES. Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) will sponsor a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in A-156. They will hold a Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. in the Dorm Lobby. Everyone is invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH
17 District Board of Trustees
18 Caricaturist Steve Gipson
18-22 “Back to the Eighties...
20 Last Day To Withdraw from a Class
23 Deadline to Apply for McLendon Scholarship for Summer 2009
23 Auditions for Children’s Show
24 Artist Series: Christine Yoshikawa
25 Night Students Social
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APRIL
1-3 SPRING BREAK

THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 11. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
11-Mar Janice Holley
11-Mar Kathy Wheeler
15-Mar Marti Coley

ATTENTION! Students are cautioned to not leave books and valuables unattended.

UCA INFO. Transfer scholarship applications for the University of Central Florida are available in Student Services, room 107A.

STUDENT IDS. Student ID’s will be made on Tuesdays from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8-11 a.m. in Building A. All students must obtain a student ID. Replacements are $10. Bring the white copy of your Fall fee receipt to get