Chipola Brain Bowl teams perform well at FSU and Faulkner

The Chipola Brain Bowl team scored big wins in a pair of recent tournaments at Faulkner State and Florida State University.

The Chipola Gold Team finished third in the Faulkner State ACBL Tournament on Oct. 3. Chipola Gold lost to the eventual champion Northeast Alabama (240-225) in the semi-finals, but it won the consolation game over Bevill State CC. Anthony Garrett and Brad Wells finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in individual scoring. Gold Team members are: Anthony Garrett, Brad Wells, Jordan Belser and Ryan Wells (captain).

The Chipola Blue Team finished with a 3-3 record in round-robin play and made the eight-team playoff round, where they lost in the quarterfinals. Blue Team members are: Drew Padgett, Cody Pickens, Nathan Hooppell and Anthony Berkeley. Of 64 participants in the tournament, all eight Chipola players finished in the top 32 in individual scoring.

The Chipola Gold Team competed with four-year and community colleges in the FSU Early Fall Tournament on Oct. 4. Chipola finished with a 6-2 record with highlight wins over Georgia Tech (205-200) and defending national champion Valencia Community College (215-80). Chipola Gold won all of its junior college matches with its only losses against eventual champion, University of Georgia, and runner-up, University of South Florida.

Gold Team members are, from left: Anthony Garrett, Brad Wells, Jordan Belser and Ryan Wells (captain).

Anthony Garrett finished the tournament as the tenth overall individual and second overall among junior college players.

Chipola’s ‘Bus Stop’ opens Nov. 6

The Chipola Theater is in full rehearsal for the dramatic comedy, “Bus Stop,” which opens a four-day run, Nov. 6.

Theater director Charles Sirmon recently cast local actors in the following roles: Brenna Kneiss as Elma, Dianna Glaze as Grace, Aven Pitts as Will, Kyndall Covington as Cherie, Nathan Hauser as Dr. Lyman, Aaron Moore as Carl, Garrett Brolund as Virgil and Ben Grande as Bo. Keith Watford and Sarah Martinez are the Stage Managers. The behind the scenes crew includes Haley Barfield, Stephanie Lawson, Courtney Corbin, Kylene Shores, Sarah Lovins, Austin Pettit and Kristina Lopez.

“Bus Stop” is set in a howling snowstorm with a busload of weary travelers holed up at a roadside diner. A nightclub singer named Cherie (played by Marilyn Monroe in the movie adaptation) has been kidnapped by a young cowboy who is ready to sling her over his shoulder and carry her, kicking and screaming, down the aisle. As a counterpoint, the cafe owner and the bus driver at last find time to develop a friendship of their own; a middle age scholar comes to terms with himself; and a young waitress also gets her first taste of romance.

Tickets go on sale Oct 23. For information, call 718-2220.
Chipola seeking donors for First Generation Scholarship

The Chipola College Foundation is seeking donations for the First Generation in College Scholarship for the 2009 Spring Semester.

The Florida Legislature created the scholarship program and appropriated funds for each community college to match dollar for dollar with private contributions. These new scholarships, which will be funded for the upcoming Spring 2009 semester if the local matching dollars are raised, will be awarded to students whose parents did not complete a bachelor’s degree.

Foundation Director Julie Fuqua, says, “Chipola serves many first generation college students and the potential impact this scholarship program can have on their lives, as well as their families, is tremendous. Last year through the generosity of donors and state matching funds, Chipola was able to award 25 students with First Generation scholarships.”

Chipola is eligible to receive up to $12,597 in First Generation in College Scholarship state matching funds this year. Donations will be matched dollar for dollar to enable Chipola to award over $25,000 to first generation in college students during this school year.

First Generation in College Scholarship donations must be received by Nov. 14 to qualify for the dollar for dollar match. Donations may be mailed to: Chipola College Foundation, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446.

For information, call the Foundation Office at (850) 718-2478.

December graduation deadline Nov. 1

Students planning to graduate in December 2008 must complete an application for graduation by Nov. 1.

The following requirements apply to specific degrees:
AA students must have a 2.00 gpa and have completed 60 semester hours. Students must have taken the CAAP or registered to take it in November and have passed the CLAST or registered to take it in November, or completed the CLAST Exemption. Contact an advisor for a graduation check.
AS, AAS, College Credit Certificate students must have a 2.0 gpa and have completed all courses on the curriculum guide for the chosen degree field. Contact an advisor for a graduation check.
Workforce Development Certificate students must complete hours required for specific program of study. Contact program instructor to complete an application.
BS and BAS students must contact an advisor for a graduation check and complete an Application for Diploma during the first month of the term prior to your graduation term.
Application for graduation forms are available in the Admissions and Records Office. For information, call 718-2311.

Chipola to offer Paramedic program

Chipola College now offers a Paramedic training program.
Application process must be completed by Dec. 3. Classes begin in January.
Applicants must possess a current EMT Basic Certificate and have successfully completed EMS 1159C, Emergency Medical Technician. Course descriptions are available at www.chipola.edu
Due to the unique responsibilities involved in the delivery of health care services, students seeking admission must meet certain selection and admission criteria. Applicants with the best qualifications will be selected for this limited access program. The program also has special attendance requirements, grading policies, dress codes and fees.
Licensure to practice is dependent upon passing a state licensing or certification examination. Acceptance may be denied based on background check.
For information, contact Keith Maddox at (850) 718-2403.

Singers invited to join Chamber Chorus

The Chipola College Chamber Chorus invites all area singers to join with the chorus in singing a portion of their Fall Concert on Monday, Nov. 24.
Rehearsals will be held Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 3, 10, and 17. An extra rehearsal may be scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 22, at 9 a.m.
Literature will include Thanksgiving octavos, a Jewish folksong about peace and Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham.
The Chamber Chorus is under the direction of Lenore Hample and accompanied by Dr. Joshua Martin.
According to Joan Stadsklev, Director of Fine and Performing Arts, “It is always such a pleasure to have community members participate with us.”
Music, rehearsal CD’s, pronunciation guide for Christmas Cantata and other information is available in the Music Office in the Fine Arts Building. Material may be mailed by contacting Joan Stadsklev at stadsklevj@chipola.edu or phone her at 850-718-2301.

Dr. Myers work part of Sunday in the Arts

Dr. Kitty Myers, vice-president for the baccalaureate programs at Chipola, is one of the artists participating in the 4th Annual Sunday Afternoon with the Arts on Nov. 2, from 1 to 5 p.m.
The primary medium she uses is oils but she also paints in acrylics as they dry more quickly than oils. “My favorite subjects have been my children/grandchildren and still lifes, but recently I have begun to do more landscapes,” she explains. She paints on canvas and large tiles. “I also love to draw and to use watercolor pencils for some subjects”, she stated. Three of her oil paintings will be on display at the Chipola Arts Center Nov. 2-13 with a variety of works by other local and regional artists.
The afternoon artists’ reception features artists demonstrating their art styles, live music by professional musicians, door prizes, refreshments and an opportunity to meet the artists.
The event is sponsored by the Chipola Regional Arts Association in partnership with the Artists Guild of Northwest Florida and the Chipola Fine and Performing Arts Department.
Chipola offers free tuition for four-year nursing degree

Chipola College is offering free tuition to the first 20 Registered Nurses admitted to the college’s new Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Known in health profession as the RN to BSN, the program is open to Registered Nurses (RN) with licensure in Florida, Alabama, or Georgia.

The Beall Tuition Scholarship Fund in the Chipola Foundation is guaranteeing free tuition to the first 20 RN’s admitted at the junior level for the Spring semester which begins in January. The Beall Fund pays for tuition, but does not cover the cost of textbooks.

Applicants must be licensed RN’s, with an AA degree and have completed all prerequisites before being admitted. Applicants must apply for federal financial aid by completing the FAFSA at www.chipola.edu/financialaid/index.htm or by visiting Chipola’s Financial Aid Office. The process takes a few weeks.

RN to BSN classes are offered in the evening and online. Application deadline for the Spring 2009 semester is Dec. 3.

Chipola’s BSN curriculum also has an emphasis in community health that is not included in the Associate Degree Nursing program of study. Graduates of Chipola’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program have an advantage over graduates of other programs. Chipola graduates must complete only 30 upper-level semester hours to earn the BSN degree.

Admission requirements to the BSN program include: RN licensure in the state of Florida, Alabama, or Georgia; an AA degree from a Florida public institution; a cumulative grade point average of 2.5; and completion of all prerequisite courses.

For information about Chipola’s RN to BSN program, call Dr. Kitty Myers at 850-718-2260.

Cosmetology to host Open House

The Chipola College Cosmetology program will host an open house, Thursday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to enjoy complimentary hand massages, paraffin wax treatments, aromatherapy hand towels, refreshments and door prizes. Students in the program offer a full lineup of services for the cost of materials. Services include: shampoo, blow dry styles, haircuts, color, highlights, waxing, manicures, pedicures, relaxers, perms and up–styles. Here, student Heather Comerford (left) and instructor Paige Vanderwerf style Amanda Chesteen’s hair. For information, contact Giles at 850-718-2392.

Certified IT Tech program offered at Chipola

If you can install a printer or DVD burner, or if you know how to install a new operating system after a crash or use free software to remove a computer virus, you may be able to turn those skills into a career in Information Technology.

The Chipola College Computer Systems Technology Program prepares students for jobs in the information technology field. Program curriculum prepares students for industry certifications with world wide recognition. Students can earn CompTia A+ certification, recognized as the industry standard for PC support technicians, or the CompTia Network+ certification in network support. Students may also earn certification as a Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA).

Students may begin the program any time classes are in session and complete the degree in less than two years. Tuition costs run approximately $1,000 per semester. Financial aid is available.

In addition to technology courses, students must meet math and language proficiency levels by graduation.

Full-time classes meet Monday through Thursday and schedules can be adjusted to accommodate work schedules.

For information, contact instructor Dean Giles at 718-2392.

Pictured from left, are: Chipola student Jeremy Lewis of Cottonwood, instructor Dean Giles and student Eric Holmes of Greenwood. For information, contact Giles at 850-718-2392.
Firearms course set at Chipola

Chipola College Public Service will hold a 16-hour Firearms Familiarization course Oct. 27-30 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 $60 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.

Temporary closure of River Forest Rd

River Forest Road will be closed to through traffic Monday, Oct. 13 through Oct. 23, for construction of drainage culverts.

A marked detour route has been established for those who normally travel on River Forest Road.

Eastbound traffic on River Forest will detour south on College Street to Watson Drive, turn East on Watson Drive to Woodbrook Drive and turn on Woodbrook Drive to SR 167 (Jefferson Street).

Westbound traffic on River Forest Road will detour south on SR 167 (Jefferson Street) to Woodbrook Drive, turn West on Woodbrook Drive to Watson Drive, left on Watson Drive to College Street and North on College Street to River Forest Road.

The project includes replacement of cross drains and the addition of a westbound left turn lane on River Forest Road at the intersection of the new Chipola College entrance road which is currently under construction. The overall road project is scheduled to be completed in December.

Corrections course set at Chipola

Application deadline is Nov. 6 for Chipola’s next Basic Corrections course.

A day class is scheduled to begin Nov. 12. The course meets weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applicants must be at least 19 years of age, be of good moral character, possess a valid driver’s license, earn a passing score on the Florida Basic Abilities Test (FBAT) and meet FDLE requirements. Students are encouraged to apply before Nov. 6 due to the extensive application process. For information, call 718-2394.

FSU pre-health information available

Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), the pre-health honor society at FSU, has announced Dean’s Day to be held Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008.

This day pre-med students are able to hear presentations from Deans of the Florida Medical Schools, attend workshops geared towards volunteering opportunities, learn about the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation, get help for your AMCAS Application, and meet other pre-med and medical students.

Dean’s Day will be held at the FSU College of Medicine. Registration is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and there is a $5.00 registration fee which includes lunch and much more.

Students who would like more information may contact aedfsu@yahoo.com or go to www.aedfsu.com.