Chipola College offering Term C

Chipola officials have added a new “C” term during the Fall semester to give students another opportunity to enroll in classes. Deadline to submit a financial aid application for Term C is Oct. 1. Early registration is on Oct. 15. Classes begin Oct. 16 and run through Dec. 16.

Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Senior Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, says, “The ‘C’ term has the potential to help students who missed the deadline at the beginning of the semester.” Clemmons says that condensing coursework into a shorter term also is a better fit for some people. “There are students who prefer to work intensively on one course for a few weeks, and then move on to the next course. We’re always trying to improve our schedule of courses to help meet people’s needs in terms of life and family situations.”

Four courses will be offered during Term C based on prior demand. As student demand and adjunct professor availability increases more courses may be offered in future terms.

The following courses will be offered: American History to 1865, (AMH 2010), 3 hours, online; Introduction to Biological Science (BSC 1005), 3 hours, 12-1:50 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; Communications Skills I, (ENC 1101), 4 hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; Introduction to International Business (GEB 3356), 3 hours, online; Humanities with Writing (HUM 2216), 4 hours credit, online; College Algebra (MAC 1105), 3 hours, 5:30-8:30p.m., Monday and Thursday; Math for Liberal Arts II (MGF 1107), 3 hours, 12-1:50 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; Business Statistics (QMB 2100), 3 hours, 4-5:50 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; Advanced Reading (REA 1205), 2 hours, 12-1:50 p.m., Monday and Wednesday; and Intermediate Spanish I (SPN 2220), 4 hours, 2-3:50 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

For information, call 850-718-2311, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Former House Speaker to address Chipola Honors group

Allan Bense, former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, will address Honors students at Chipola College, Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m., in Jackson Lecture Hall in Building Z. The public is invited.

Bense is a businessman from Panama City. He is a partner in several companies with interests in road building, contracting, insurance, golf courses, and farming.

Bense holds a BS and an MBA from Florida State University. He served in the Florida Legislature from 1998 through 2006. He was Speaker of the Florida House from 2004 through 2006. He is a member of the following Boards: Vice Chairman, Enterprise Florida; Chairman of the Board, James Madison Institute; Chairman of the Board, Gulf Coast Community Hospital. He is also member of the Florida Council of 100 and the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

Bense is also on the Board of various local charities and is Chairman of the Bense Family Foundation which makes significant contributions to numerous state and local not-for-profit causes.

Bense married his wife Tonie Johnson Bense in 1975 and they have three children, Courtney Weatherford, Jason Bense, and Taylor Bense. Courtney’s husband, Will Weatherford, is a member of the Florida House of Representatives. Jason Bense works in Bense’s Road Building Company, and Taylor Bense is a senior at the Berklee College of Music in Boston.
Busy weekend set for Chipola Athletics

Chipola College Athletics has an exciting weekend of events planned for Sept. 18-20. Fans will be able to catch a sneak peek at several teams and support athletics with all six sports coordinating or hosting events this weekend.

On Friday, Sept. 18, fans are invited to Indian Springs Golf Club for the first annual Chipola Athletics Golf Classic. This threeman scramble will serve as the official kickoff for the new athletic season. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch provided and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Golfers of all ages are encouraged to attend. Proceeds will go to support Chipola Athletics.

Starting Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m., the Indians host the annual Chipola Fall Baseball Classic. Eleven teams will participate in the following games: Friday, 10 a.m., Chipola vs. Pensacola; 12:30 p.m., Pensacola vs. Northwest Florida State; 3 p.m., Middle Georgia vs. Northwest Florida State; and 5:30 p.m., Chipola vs. Middle Georgia.

Saturday, Sept. 19 games are: 1 p.m., Tallahassee vs. Central Alabama (at Marianna HS); 3:30 p.m., Central Alabama vs. Shelton State, and 6 p.m., Shelton State vs. Tallahassee.

Sunday, Sept. 20 games are: 10 a.m., Gulf Coast vs. Wallace-Dothan; 10 a.m., Darton vs. Lurleen B. Wallace (at Marianna HS); 1 p.m., Gulf Coast vs. Lurleen B. Wallace; 1 p.m., Alabama Southern vs. Wallace-Dothan (at Marianna HS); and 3:30 p.m. Darton vs. Alabama Southern.

On Saturday morning, at 9 a.m., the baseball team will conduct the annual Chipola Select High School Showcase for collegiate prospects. Several college and professional scouts are expected to attend. A total of 31 participants from last year’s showcase signed college scholarships.

Also on Saturday, the Chipola Softball Team will open their season with the annual Chipola Round Robin event. The Lady Indians will bring their high-power offense for four games Saturday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m.

The Chipola Cross Country team travels to Dawson, GA, Saturday, to participate in the Darton College Invitational.

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

Chipola announces cast for “Murders of 1940”

Chipola College Theater Director recently announced the cast for the upcoming, “Musical Comedy Murders of 1940.” Performances of the show are set for Nov. 5-9.

Several local actors were cast in the following roles: Sarah Lovins as Helsa Wenzel, Piper Williams as Elsa Von Grossenkrulen, Austin Pettis as Michael Kelly, Ben Grande as Patrick O’Reilly, Mark Lent as Ken De La Maize, Breanna Kneiss as Nikki Crandall, Aven Pitts as Eddie McCuen, Kristina Lopez as Majorie Baverstock, Matthew Van Buren as Roger Hopewell, Kayla Todd as Bernice Roth and Joe Evans as the radio voice.

This ingenious and wildly comic romp pokes fun at the more ridiculous aspects of “show biz” and the corny thrillers of Hollywood’s heyday. The play is a nonstop barrage of laughter as those assembled (or at least those who aren’t killed off) untangle the mystery of the “Stage Door Slasher.”

As the actors and director prepare their performance, a blizzard cuts off any possible retreat, bodies start to drop in plain sight, knives spring out of nowhere, masked figures drag their victims behind swiveling bookcases, and accusing fingers point in all directions. The bumbling police inspector snowshoes in to investigate and the mystery is solved in the nick of time. The “Slasher” is unmasked, but not before the audience has been treated to a side-splitting good time and a generous serving of the author’s biting, satiric and refreshingly irreverent wit.

For information, call Theatre director Charles Sirmon at 850-718-2227, or email sirmons@chipola.edu

FSU student art on display in McLendon Art Gallery

Original paintings by two Florida State University art students are currently on display at Chipola College. Laura Tanner and James Graham are artists in the FSU Bachelor of Fine Arts program. Their show of recent paintings is called “White After Labor Day.” The show can be seen weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Oct. 4 in the gallery of the McLendon Fine Arts Building.
Important information on the H1N1 Flu Virus

The H1N1 Flu Virus or “Swine Flu” has been the topic of a great deal of media attention. We are aware that H1N1 Flu cases have been reported in public schools in the Chipola district. We also know it has already spread to some college and university campuses; thankfully Chipola College is not in that group…yet!

The Center for Disease Control reports the groups with the highest infection rates and hospital admission rates per 100,000 are ages 0-4 years and 5-24 years. It is also reported that many underlying medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and pregnancy place individuals at greater risk of serious flu-related complications. Symptoms of the H1N1 Flu Virus are very similar to the symptoms for various flu outbreaks we experience annually. Symptoms, by percentage, as reported by the CDC include:

- Fever 93%
- Cough 83%
- Shortness of Breath 54%
- Fatigue/Weakness 40%
- Chills 37%
- Runny Nose 36%
- Body Aches 36%
- Sore Throat 31%
- Headache 31%
- Vomiting 29%
- Wheezing 24%
- Diarrhea 24%

The CDC has provided guidance for institutions of higher learning and the H1N1 Flu Virus. Accordingly, Chipola College requests that students not come to campus if they have symptoms as outlined above. We further request that students not return to campus until a full 24 hours after any fever drops below 100 degrees. Students are encouraged to work with their individual instructors concerning related absences.

Please remember that implementing the following prevention tips, as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control, will help control the spread of H1N1 and other infections:

- Wash hands properly and often
- Use alcohol wipes or gels to clean hands
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow; throw tissue into trash
- Follow public health advisories

To get the latest information on the H1N1 Flu Virus, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/h1n1/flu/.

Dr. Joan Miller, Dean of Student Services.

Chipola PTK promotes literacy with free books

The Chipola College Nu Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is promoting literacy by reading to area students and donating a book to each first grader in Jackson County.

Members of the honor society purchased copies of “The One and Only Magnificent Me,” a children’s novel celebrating the uniqueness of every person.

Project coordinator sophomore Jessica Bradley and PTK advisor Pam Rentz recently visited Grand Ridge School and Sneads Elementary School to read the book to first grade classes and to present each first grader with their own copy.

PTK Advisor, Pam Rentz, says, “Jessica has done an excellent job in coordinating this project. She is passionate about promoting literacy for all age groups and she should be commended for her dedication in serving school age children in the Chipola district.”

Rentz also thanked the principals and teachers for allowing the Chipola students the opportunity to visit the campuses and classrooms. “What a joy it was reading to the students,” she said.

Phi Theta Kappa members will be visiting all first grade classrooms in Jackson County over the next several weeks to encourage reading and to present books to the students.

For information about the project, email jessica.bradley91@yahoo.com.

Fall Festival to be held Sept. 30

Chipola College’s annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Health Center. If it is raining, it will be in the Health Center. Students will be excused from classes to participate in this fun event!

SGA has some great activities lined up including soft play blow up games. There will also be music, door prizes, and hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone. There should be several universitie-
Pay tuition on-line now at Chipola

Chipola College is now accepting tuition payments online. Students can pay tuition with credit/debit cards via the College’s website at http://www.chipola.edu/student-records/Fee_Payment.htm. Several links entitled ‘Online Fee Payment’ have been established on the Chipola website.

Some items to consider:
· Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted.
· Partial payments are not allowed. Fee balances must be paid in full. Any payments from Financial Aid and Scholarship awards must be posted to the student’s account prior to making the online payment. Payments already posted will be reflected in the “Fees Paid” field. If awards have not posted, students should call the Business Office at 718-2204.
· Student ID (SSN) and PIN numbers are required. For PIN help, students should contact the Help Desk at 718-2200 X-4357.
· Online payments may take 1 business day to post to the student’s tuition account at Chipola.
· Do not confuse this payment option with the Nelnet Installment Payment Plan, which is NOT yet available.

For problems with online payment processing, students should call the Business Office at 718-2204.

Caricaturist on campus September 24

Caricaturist, Steve Gipson will be on campus Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Lobby of Building D from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by and have your picture drawn.

This event is sponsored by SGA and is FREE!

Public invited to October 8 meeting of Blue Springs Group

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the Jackson Blue Spring Basin Working Group, Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Continuing Education Building Conference Room at Chipola College.

Presentations begin at 9 a.m. and run until 1 p.m.
Chuck Hatcher, Director of Jackson County Parks and Recycling, will give an update on Blue Springs Park. Edd Sorenson will discuss Cave System Exploration.
Russell Williams, Jackson County Springs Ambassador, will give an update of the ambassador program.
Chipola science professor Allan Tidwell, Working Group Project Coordinator, will present the Springs Champion Award.
Charles Pattison will present the Community Steward Award and give an update on 1000 Friends of Florida Springs Activities.
Deanna Green, Planning Technician for Wakulla County, will discuss Wakulla Springs protection.
Jackson County Commissioner Jeremy Branch will report on Blue Springs related issues.
Chipola professors Santine Cuccio and David Hilton will provide an update on the Chipola Area Groundwater Outreach Project.
For information, contact Allan Tidwell at 850-718-2761, Ext. 3248 or email tidwella@chipola.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
30 Fall Festival - Classes Dismissed

OCTOBER
1 Last Day to Withdraw from a Class for Fall Term B
6 Last Day for Vertical Transfer for Fall Term A
8 Last Day to Resign from All Classes for Fall Term B
9 CAAP Reg Deadline for Nov Test
14 SENIOR DAY
15 Registration & Drop/Add-Fall Term C; 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
15 Last Class Day for Fall Term B/Grades Due by 3 p.m.
15 FACCFall Membership Meeting
16 Classes Begin Fall Term C
16 Deadline to Apply for McLendon Educational Trust Scholarship for Spring 2010 - Chipola Foundation
16 Late Reg for Fall C, Drop/Add, & Employee Fee Waiver Reg
19-20 FALL BREAK
24 Florida Teacher Certification Exam
27 Night Students Social
27 District Board of Trustees
28-30 FACC Silent Auction
30 Deadline to Apply For Fall Graduation All Degrees

THIS WEEK

“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola PR Office.
Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
21-Sep Dennis Kosciw
22-Sep Melinda Sherrill
23-Sep Richard Vann

$$$$. Expected disbursement date of Financial Aid checks (Pell grant, Bright Futures, etc.) will be October 15, 2009.

Locators

A- Student Services/Administration
B- Library
C- Social Science
D- Fink Natural Science
E- Physical Plant Office
F- Residence Hall
G- Teacher Education
H- McLendon Fine Arts
I- Arts Center
J- Theater
K- Cafeteria, Bookstore
L- ACE Lab
M- Business/Cosmetology
N- Workforce Devel Labs
0- Workforce Devel/ Electronics
P- Automotive Tech
Q- Health Science
R- Johnson Health Center
S- Continuing Ed/Conf Ctr
T- Pool
U- Foundation
Y- Public Service
Z- Literature/Language
BCSC - Baseball/Softball Complex