Chipola College enrollment up for Fall semester

Enrollment is up three percent this Fall at Chipola College continuing a positive trend that began in the Fall of 2002.

According to Dr. Jayne Roberts, Dean of Enrollment Services, a total of 2,191 students were enrolled through the final day of late registration, compared to 2,132 last Fall. College officials expect this figure to rise once high school dual-enrollment registrations are added. Many of the college’s Workforce Development programs also will continue to enroll students throughout the semester.

Fall and Spring enrollment has remained above the 2,000 student-mark since 2002. Roberts reports that the addition of bachelor’s degrees to the Chipola curriculum and the presence of university programs on the Chipola campus have contributed to the increase in students. Roberts said her office fields numerous inquiries about the college’s bachelor’s degree programs in Secondary Mathematics and Science Education.

Chipola College president Dr. Gene Prough said, “We are pleased that so many students are taking advantage of the opportunities available at Chipola. It is our goal to make college more accessible to the citizens of our district.”

Of the 2,191 students enrolled, 60 percent are freshmen. One-third of all students are completely new to the college experience, classified as first-time freshmen. Females constitute 60 percent of the student body. Half of all students fall in the 18-19 age range.

Roughly half of the students are enrolled on a full-time basis, with the other half taking less than 12 semester hours. The majority of students take courses only during the day; while 300 students attend only evening courses. Another 400 students are enrolled in a combination of day and evening courses.

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5 MONDAY
• LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - College Closed

6 TUESDAY
• Student Ambassadors — 1 p.m., A156
• Faculty Meeting — 2:30 p.m., Jackson Hall - Library Services

7 WEDNESDAY
• SACS Visiting Team On Campus
• Club Day — 10 a.m., Front of Bldg. Z
• Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104
• Baptist Campus Ministry — 10 a.m., H108
• Phi Beta Lambda — 10 a.m., M204

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Chipola Artist Series season tickets on sale

Season tickets for the 2005-06 Chipola Artist Series go on sale Monday, Aug. 29, in the college Business Office located in Building A.

The four-event series opens Sept. 26 with “Solid Brass.” Sophisticated, inspiring and entertaining describe the Solid Brass ensemble which is recognized by audiences and critics alike as one of the premier brass groups in America. Members of the ensemble are some of the New York’s finest musicians who have performed at Lincoln Center with the Metropolitan and New York City Opera orchestras and N.Y. City Ballet orchestra. With ten brass players and a percussionist, Solid Brass is the only ensemble of its kind in North America.

The glorious sound of Solid Brass and its rapport with audiences provide a great concert experience. 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.

Season tickets—$40 for all four events—entitle holders to same seat reserved seats, invitations to the “Meet The Artist” receptions, subscriptions to the CRAA arts calendar, and early ticket-renewal next year. A limited number of individual event tickets—$12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under—will be available prior to each performance at the Chipola Business Office.

For season tickets, call the Business Office at 718-2220.

Social Workers Association meets at Chipola

Social Work professionals and students met recently at Chipola College for an organizational meeting of the local unit of The National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

NASW has a Florida Chapter and an Emerald Coast Unit that includes members in Calhoun, Liberty, Bay, Jackson, Washington, and Holmes counties. The group of 40 discussed social work issues in the state and in the panhandle and to discuss service activities and continuing education opportunities for local social workers.

Those present represented a variety of occupations including corrections, elder care, drug abuse treatment, mental health, hospice, children’s services, physical and developmental disabilities, Department of Health, Juvenile Justice, and community support services.

Sherri Stone, program coordinator for the University of West Florida Social Work Program on the Chipola campus, said, “Social Workers take an active and positive role in improving the lives of the residents of our counties. They enter the workplace with training and skills specifically focused on assessing needs, locating resources and providing assistance.” BSW students in the UWF program at Chipola will be entering field placements in the spring. MSW students from FSU Panama City are also completing internship hours in local agencies.

Agencies interested in student interns should contact Sherri Stone, at 526-2761, Ext. 3356. Area social workers interested in joining the local NASW unit should email their contact information to sstone@uwf.edu. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 19.

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The college’s new Student Services Building was warmly-received students registering this Fall. Thanks to the $4 million renovation/construction project, students now have the full range of student services—from admissions to graduation—in one place for the first time in the college’s 58-year history. “They were pleasantly surprised to find that they could take care of all their business in a matter of steps,” said Roberts.

Chipola offers college credit courses during the day and evening, and also through independent study. The college awards the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree, a two-year degree that guarantees acceptance to Florida’s 11 public universities. The college also awards bachelor’s degrees in Secondary Education with majors in mathematics and science. Chipola’s University Center offers classes on the Chipola campus leading to bachelor’s degrees and advanced degrees from the University of West Florida, Florida State University and Troy University.

Chipola also offers Associate in Science degrees and certificates in Workforce Development programs that provide training for high wage jobs. Several Workforce programs feature open-enrollment throughout the semester.

The Continuing Education Department offers lifelong learning opportunities in a variety of areas ranging from computers to real estate. Custom courses and workshops also are available for businesses and organizations.

For admission information, call 850-718-2211, or visit www.chipola.edu.
Chipola employees awarded for service

Employees of Chipola College were recognized for years of service during the first staff meeting of the school year on August 15.

Employees were awarded certificates in five-year increments. The following were recognized:

Five years: Penny Bevis, John Gardner, Mark Panichella, Laurie Berry, Nell Donaldson, Boris Granberry, Nancy Johnson, Sheila Mercer, Jeremy Smith, Mandy Suggs.

Ten years: Dr. Jeff Bodart, Byron Quivey, Allan Tidwell.

Fifteen years: Bruce White, Alice Pendergrass, Gayle Duncan, Annie Graham.

Twenty years: Betty Broome, Dr. Steve Shimmel, Diane Timmons.

Twenty-five years: Wayne Herring, Jane Walker.

Thirty years: Sybil Cloud, Carole Edenfield, Mary M. McClendon.

Chipola to host high school baseball showcase

Chipola College Baseball will host its Fourth Annual High School Showcase, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Chipola field.

The event is open to all high school juniors or seniors who are current members of a varsity baseball team.

Chipola head coach Jeff Johnson says, “This is a great opportunity for players to showcase their skills and to gain national exposure while being evaluated by JUCO and Division I coaches, as well as professional scouts.” Johnson says he is expecting from 50 to 100 pro and college scouts to attend.

Check-in opens at 8 a.m. on Sept. 17. The event will continue rain or shine with indoor facilities available.

Registration deadline is Sept. 9. Participants must provide proof of insurance and sign a waiver of liability. Cost is $85.

For information, call coach Johnson at 850-718-2237, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Club Day

SGA will sponsor Club Day, Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., outside the Lit/Lang Building-Z. Students are encouraged to drop by to learn about the various organizations on campus. All organizations are encouraged to participate, or to bring flyers or information sheets to the Student Activities Office by Tuesday, Sept. 6. For more information call 718-2308.

SGA Fall Elections

SGA Fall Elections will be held Sept. 14-15. The positions available are: SGA Vice President, Sophomore Class Vice President, Freshmen Class President and Vice President, and Six Freshmen Senators. Students may vote for their favorite candidate on Sept. 14 in front of Buildings C&D from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and in the Lobby of Building Z from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. On Sept. 15, students may vote in the Student Activities Office, Bldg. K - Room 104. To apply for SGA Vice President, you must have a 2.5 GPA. All other offices require a 2.0 GPA. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 9 in the Student Activities Office.

The Student Government Association hosts meetings every Monday at 2 p.m. in Bldg. A Room 156. Everyone is invited to attend.
“All My Sons” auditions Sept. 12 & 13

Chipola College will hold auditions for the Arthur Miller drama “All My Sons,” Sept. 12 and 13 at 6 p.m. in the college theater.

The Pulitzer-Prize winning Arthur Miller play chronicles the life of businessman Joe Keller. During World War II he obtained lucrative contracts from the Army to build engines for fighter planes, but one batch of cylinders turned out defective, but there wasn’t enough time to fix the engines. “All My Sons” explores the dangers of unprincipled greed, the limits of family loyalty and the importance of taking responsibility.

The Chipola production will run Nov. 3-6. Scripts are available for 24 hour check out in the Chipola library.

For information, contact director Charles Sirmon at 718-2227.

Continuing Education courses set

Chipola College will offer a variety of short courses. A Cake Decorating II class will meet Thursdays, Sept. 29 through Oct. 20, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $41.

A 10-Hour Childcare Training (developmentally appropriate practices, 3-5 year olds) course will meet Sept. 10 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $38. A 20-Hour Childcare Training course will meet Sept. 17 and 24 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is $76.

An Introduction to Computers with Internet for Seniors call will meet Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is $24.

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call 850-718-2395.

LOST IDS. Student ID’s that have been left behind in the Tech Center are available for retrieval in the Library.

BLOOD DRIVE. A Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on College Street. All blood donated will go to the Southeastern Community Blood Center in honor of Hurricane Katrina victims. Please donate.

VALID IDS. Returning students must have a current semester sticker on your Chipola ID for it to be a “valid” ID. Valid ID’s are necessary for free admittance to Chipola athletic events, student activities, access to the the Tech Center, and to check out library materials. Semester stickers are available at the Business Office.

HURRICANE $$$$. Chipola Clubs will sponsor a fundraiser to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. You can make donations in the Student Activities Office, Bldg. K, Room 104 until Friday, Sept. 16 or come by the SGA table at Club Day on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in front of Bldg Z. The clubs will have free boiled peanuts, candy and drinks to give out and ask that a donation be made at this time.

HURRICANE RELIEF DONATIONS BOXES are located in Building M and N. Needs include: baby food, baby wipes, blankets, bleach, bug repellent, cleaning supplies, drink cups, disposable diapers, duct tape, extension cord, first aid kits, non-perishable foods, paper towels, paper plates, pillows, pet food, plastic utensils, rubber/work gloves, sports drinks, stuffed toys, sunscreen, tarps, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush, and water.