Chipola maintains positive enrollment growth

Enrollment at Chipola College continued an upward trend this Fall following last year’s double-digit increase.

A total of 2,132 students were enrolled through the final day of late registration for Fall academic classes compared to 2,110 last year. While this figure represents only a one percent increase over last year, enrollment has grown 18 percent over the last two years and more than 28 percent since the Fall of 2000 when only 1,667 students were enrolled.

Full-Time Equivalency (FTE), an average calculation of the number of hours students take, is virtually the same as last year at 694, compared to 695 in 2003.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough said, “I’m very proud of our faculty and staff who worked so hard to help our students enroll this Fall. Our goal is to make college more accessible to every person in our district. These numbers show that many students are taking advantage of the opportunities available at Chipola.”

The college is still enjoying the positive impact of adding four-year degrees and changing its name to Chipola College in August of 2003. The 57-year old institution now awards B.S. degrees in Secondary Education with majors in Mathematics and Science. College officials report increased interest in all areas related to these new programs which began in January.

While new programs may have generated interest, the issues of cost and personal service continue to drive community college enrollment across the nation. Dr. Jayne Roberts, Dean of Enrollment Services said, “There is definitely a trend of more high school students enrolling in community colleges rather than universities. At Chipola, we attribute this to our reasonable costs, increased recruiting efforts and the helpfulness of our faculty and staff.”

Quality instruction and a strong academic program also are cited as reasons for the college’s continued growth. Dr. Sarah Clemmons, Vice President of Instruction says, “Recent surveys have shown greater student satisfaction with academic instruction. And the data we are receiving from the transfer schools show that our students are performing better than ever at the universities. This positive information has been valuable in recruiting students.”

Other factors which have contributed to Chipola’s growth in recent years include: increased retention efforts, the presence of university programs on campus and the offer of in-state tuition for Alabama and Georgia residents.

Students may continue to register for many of Chipola’s Workforce Development programs and Continuing Education courses throughout the semester.

For more information, call the Chipola Admissions and Records Office at 850-718-2211.
Chipola Artist Series opens with “A Manhattan Cabaret”


The show is described as a vivacious concert in cabaret form: witty, intimate, engaging. Torch songs, ballads, rousing anthems, songs to warm the heart, lift the spirits and raise the roof. Selections from Rodgers and Hart, Gershwin, Gertrude Stein, William Balcom and more plus a generous helping of Broadway showstoppers as well as award-winning favorites from the theater, vintage and contemporary cabaret classics, jazz improvisation and a touch of grand concert hall magic.

Icarus Musicworks features bass baritone John Cimino, who delighted Chipola audiences last year with selections from Man of La Mancha and Porgy and Bess last season. Principal artists include Broadway and Cabaret soprano, Dianne Legro and percussionist Richard Albagl, a frequent guest performer at the Manhattan School of Music and the Eastman Conservatory. Concert flutist Donna Wissinger makes a cameo appearance, and premier pianist Jon Klibonoff who has played mainstages worldwide rounds out the evening with classical virtuosity and Cabaret flair.

Season tickets for all four events of the 2004-05 Artist Series are on sale in the college Business Office located in Building L. Individual event tickets for “A Manhattan Cabaret” are also available.

Three other big events are scheduled for the 2004-05 season. “The Hot Club of San Francisco” plays Chipola, Oct. 12. Hot Club is an ensemble of versatile musicians celebrating the music of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli’s pioneering Hot Club de France. From festivals in Mexico and France to concert halls across North America, The Hot Club of San Francisco keeps this historic music fresh and alive.

“A Trumpeter’s Dream” is set for Jan. 18, 2005. Trumpeter Ron Romm and pianist Avis Romm enthrall audiences with selections from Chamber Music, Opera, Orchestra and Musical Theater.

The Cashore Marionettes bring their internationally-acclaimed art of puppetry to the Chipola stage, Feb. 7, 2005. The program is a series of touching portrayals and poignant scenes from everyday life set to a succession of stunning classical music. From humorous to tragic, the performance spans the range of emotions with characters and actions that are amazingly convincing. The marionettes are engineering marvels and the quality of movement is extraordinary. The show is recommended for adults and children age 8 and older.

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, corporate donors, and through ticket sales.

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. Individual event tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under.

For ticket information, call 718-2220.

Chipola Theatre to host Improv Workshop

Sammy Wegent, a professional comedian, actor and improv performer will put on an improvisation workshop for Chipola College students Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 1 p.m., in the Chipola Theater.

Wegent has been teaching, performing, and directing improvisation professionally for seven years. He holds an M.F.A. in Acting from Catholic University in Washington D.C. and a B.F.A in Theatre from Shorter College. A recent graduate of the San Francisco Comedy College, Sammy has performed stand-up all over the Bay Area, including showcases at the San Jose Improv, Cobb’s Comedy Club, and Rooster T. Feathers Comedy Club.

Wegent is the Associate Artistic Director of the Seaside Repertory Theatre in Seaside, FL, as well as the Artistic Director of SPF 7, the 2-Time World Record Holders for the longest improv show by a single troupe (35 Hour Show and 70 Hour Show).

He has performed across North America at such venues as the St. Louis Fringe Festival, The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington D.C., the Destin Punchline Comedy Club, the Gulf Coast Comedy Festival, and the Toronto International Improv Festival.

Wegent has taught improvisation and acting at numerous universities, comedy festivals, and theatre conferences. He is the creator and Executive Producer of the Gulf Coast Comedy Festival and the Improv Instructor of the San Francisco Comedy Festival.

Wegent is one of the many guest artists Chipola theater director Charles Sirmon hopes to bring to the college this year to expose theatre majors to different areas of study in theatre arts.

For information, call Sirmon 718-2277.
Student Activities slated

Club Day

SGA will sponsor Club Day, Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 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 7. For more information go by the SGA Office in Bldg. K-104 or call 718-2308.

SGA Fall Elections

SGA Fall Elections will be held Sept. 15-16. 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. 15 in front of Buildings C&D from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and in the Lobby of Building Z from 5-6 p.m. On Sept. 16, 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. 10, in the Student Activities Office.

The Student Government Association (SGA) hosts meetings every Monday at 2 p.m. in Bldg. Z Room 116. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fall Festival

Chipola College’s annual Fall Festival will be Wednesday, October 6, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 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 universities attending that day to display recruiting tables for people that are interested.

Don’t forget about the match up between campus clubs. There will be relay and tug of war competitions to see which club rules the campus. Everything is FREE, so come join the fun!

Questions, call 718-2308 or come by the Student Activities Office, K-104.

MOD Shoes For Sale

Chipola College Organizations will be selling the March of Dimes Walk America, Saving babies together, tennis shoes. For a donation of $1 your name will be placed on the shoe and displayed. Funds raised from this sale will provide public education materials for schools and clinics, or can help researchers find the causes of birth defects.

Nancy Johnson has MOD shoes available for any Chipola College organization that wants to participate. The organization which sells the most shoes will be treated to a pizza party by student activities. All money must be turned in by September 21st to the Student Activities Office in Bldg. K-104.

Chipola to host high school baseball showcase

Chipola College Baseball will host its third annual High School Showcase, Saturday, Sept. 18, 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. 18. The event will continue rain or shine with indoor facilities available. Skill evaluation for running, hitting and fielding begins at 9 a.m. Skill evaluation for hitting, pitching and catching begins at 12:30 p.m. Players should wear baseball pants and bring their own bats, spikes, gloves and hats.

Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 10. Participants must provide proof of insurance and sign a waiver of liability. Cost is $75.

For information, call coach Johnson at 850-718-2332, or visit www.chipola.edu.

Short Course Offerings

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For information about any of these non-credit courses, call the Office of Continuing Education at 718-2395.
CRAA HOSTS. Author Dr. Diane (DK) Roberts is the special guest for the Chipola Regional Arts Association Dutch-Treat Luncheon, Tuesday, Sept. 21, at Jim’s Buffet and Grill in Marianna.

This meeting is open to the public with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the program to follow at noon.

Roberts is the author of two books, *Faulkner and Southern Womanhood* and *The Myth of Aunt Jemima*, and has contributed several volumes and scholarly journals on Southern culture, including pieces on the Confederate lady, Eudora Welty, and Southern Living magazine.

She holds degrees in English and Creative Writing from FSU and a D.Phil. in literature from Oxford University. She has contributed to several volumes and scholarly journals on Southern culture, including pieces on the confederate lady, Eudora Welty, and Southern Living magazine.

Roberts also is a journalist, writing for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and *Orlando Sentinel* and working as a commentator for National Public Radio and is a contributor to the BBC and *The Times* in England. She is currently writing a book on secret societies and American culture.

Call 718-2301.

SUCCESS CENTER HOURS: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Testing Hours are 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon. - Thurs. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information concerning specific tests available, call 718-2284.

Instruction in basic skills and GED preparation is offered.

REP ON CAMPUS. A representative from Florida State University, Panama City Campus will be in the hallway of the Social Science Building (C) from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. on September 9.

LOST AND FOUND. FOUND: Keys Report to C-106A for information.

Lost and Found is located in Student Services, Bldg. G.

SUCCESS CENTER OFFERS HELP. The Success/Testing Center can assist individuals who would like to return to school or to train or retrain for a career.

The center offers Computerized Placement Test, required for entrance into academic programs; the Nurse Entrance Test, required for entrance into Chipola’s nursing program; and the Test of Adult Basic Education, required for work force development programs.

Success Center staff can assist students with weaknesses detected in areas such as reading, English, or mathematics.

The staff may also help students locate scholarships and/or grants once program or major is chosen.

Call 850-718-2457.

BOOKSTORE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

THEY’RE HERE! The 2004 Chipola College Yearbooks are here and are on sale in the College Bookstore. Get yours today for only $7.

BUILDING L PARKING. The Building L parking lot is closed to all but handicapped parking due to the construction congestion, entrance and exit difficulties. The workforce development parking lot is also closed to all but faculty, staff, and cosmetology patrons. Please be patient during this time.

PARKING REMINDER. White and unpainted spots are for Chipola employees. Green parking spots are for Chipola employees. Red designates fire lanes and blue is for disabled persons. Parking fines are $20 and up. Students are required to display parking decals. Failure to pay fines will result in a hold on registration and student records.

HANDICAP PARKING. New handicap parking permits are available in the Office for Students with Disabilities in Building G, Room109. The new permit is to be displayed on the rearview mirror. Only students with the special permit will be allowed to park in handicapped parking on campus. If you have a documented disability, whether or not you currently possess a college handicap sticker, you should pick up your permit right away. Students parked in the handicapped parking spaces without the proper permit will be ticketed.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

14  Artist Series: ICARUS MUSIC WORKS
15-16  SGA Fall Elections
20  Night Student Social
22  Caricaturist Steve Gipson

**OCTOBER**

2  CLAST Test
5  Last Day For Vertical Transfer
6  Fall Festival
12  Artist Series: HOT CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO
20  Senior Day
21  Opening Night Gala
21-24  Fall Theatre Production
27-29  FACC Silent Auction

**NOVEMBER**

3  SGA Blood Drive
5-6  Milton Johnson Classic
7  Music Faculty Recital
8-11  Early Spring Reg For Current Students
10  SGA Seminar
17  Career Fair
Last Day To Resign From All Classes For Fall Term
18-20  Chipola Classic
24-26  Thanksgiving Holidays - College Closed

**THIS WEEK**

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

During the summer we will be printing an abbreviated issue. Deadline for the next issue is noon, Wednesday, Sept. 8. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

9/7  Wayne Herring