Both Chipola hoops teams are looking to make it to the state tournament set for March 1-4 at Chipola.

As of Feb. 3, both the Chipola men’s and women’s teams are tied for second place in the Panhandle Conference. The top two men’s Panhandle teams will earn berths to the state tournament. Due to some reorganization in women’s leagues throughout the state, the top three women’s Panhandle teams may appear in the tournament.

The Chipola Indians suffered a 59-50 loss in a defensive struggle with top-ranked Okaloosa-Walton in Niceville on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Will Campbell led the Indians with 12. Kevin Paige, Marcelle Davis and Charles Sanders each had 9. The Indians were unable to score during the first several minutes of the contest, but battled back in the second half.

Head coach Ryan Cross says, “We got down early and struggled to score. But I’m happy with the way we battled back. I’m proud that we held OW to 40 points under their game average.”

The loss puts the Indians in a tie with Tallahassee for second place (as of Feb. 3) in the conference, both at 4-3. The tie will be settled on Saturday, Feb. 5, when Chipola hosts TCC for Homecoming.

The Lady Indians improved to 16-8 and 5-4 in the league, with a 79-75 win over Okaloosa-Walton on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Tina Stapleton led CJC with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Keelee Traylor had 17.

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Chipola hoops teams vying, continued

points and 17 rebounds. Sheerah Clark had 17 points and 11 assists. Lacey Tolbert added 13 points. The win puts Chipola in a tie for second place in the conference with OW. The Lady Indians host TCC on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 5:30 p.m.


During a pre-game ceremony on Jan. 29, retired CJC coach Milton Johnson presented coach

Chipola’s Paige is team player

Chipola’s Kevin Paige is the quintessential team player who gives up personal recognition night after night for the good of his team.

Chipola coach Ryan Cross says, “Kevin has probably been our most solid player throughout the conference season. He does a lot of little things that don’t show up in the stats. He defends well and gets a lot of loose balls. If we need him to get 15 rebounds or 12 points, he does that too.” Paige is listed among the top 30 rebounders in the state averaging 6.2 per game.

In addition to being a great talent, Cross is most pleased with Paige’s unselfish play. He says, “Kevin could have scored a lot more, but he sacrifices his own glory for the good of the team. He is a key ingredient to our success.”

Paige signed early with Northeast Louisiana University, in Monroe, LA. He transferred to Chipola from Middle Georgia College where he averaged 12 points and seven rebounds a game and led the

CRAA awards grants to local school districts

The Chipola Regional Arts Association recently awarded five mini-grants of $200 each for the improvement of Instruction in the Arts in Schools in the Chipola District (Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties).

CRAA president Shelley Walker announced the following recipients: Kate M. Smith Elementary (Chipley) for posters of composers and musical instruments, submitted by Amy E. Parker; Holmes County High for Potter’s Wheel and supplies, submitted by Bobby Newsom; Bethlehem High School for supplies for theatre set construction, submitted by Clayton Carroll; Marianna Middle School for supplies to frame and display students art work, submitted by Muriel Turner and Graceville Elementary School to assist in their yearlong study of the Middle Ages including “Quest Day” and “Beast Feast,” submitted by Barbara Mixon.

The arts organization hopes to offer these Mini-Grants each year to encourage continuation and improvement of arts programs and activities in the schools. CRAA offers Chipola scholarships to talented students from each county in the CJC district. CRAA also supports the Chipola Artist Series and underwrites special cultural programs for area school children.

The importance of arts in education was the subject of a Business Week article several years ago: “Study of the arts helps students to think and work across traditional disciplines. They learn both to integrate knowledge and to think outside the boxes.” Local citizens are encouraged to include CRAA in their charitable contribution plans.
Applications are currently being accepted for certain programs offered by the Chipola Junior College Health Sciences Department.

The following limited enrollment programs have special requirements: Emergency Medical Technician, Patient Care Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing. Due to the unique responsibilities involved in the delivery of health care services, students seeking admission to these programs must meet certain admission criteria. Applicants with the best qualifications will be selected.

The programs also have special attendance requirements, grading policies, dress codes and fees. Curricula for these programs are prescribed by the Department of Education, Health Rehabilitation Services-EMS Division, and the State Board of Nursing. All who satisfactorily complete these programs will earn certificates; however, licensure to practice is dependent upon passing a state licensing or certification examination.

The Associate Degree Nursing (Registered Nurse, RN) Program is a limited enrollment, 72-semester-hour program, approved by the Florida Board of Nursing. Applications are due by May 15.

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For information about any of these programs, call 718-2316.

Chipola opens baseball season

The CJC baseball team opens the 2000 season with a full slate of games this week.

The Indians opened at Lake City on Wednesday, Feb. 2. Chipola hosted South Georgia in a doubleheader on Friday, Feb. 4 and Darton College on Sunday, Feb. 6.

Chipola plays six on the road from Feb. 8 through Feb. 15, before returning home to host seven straight games, from Feb. 17 to 20, and on Feb. 24.

The Indians are very optimistic about their chances for an outstanding season. With ten returning players along with a talented group of freshmen, the team hopes to improve on last season’s 43–12 record. But head coach Jeff Johnson needs some players to step up and replace the offensive firepower lost from the 1999 team, which broke numerous CJC hitting records. Key players missing from this year’s roster include the Dees brothers, Charlie and Brennan, and Cameron Likely. Charlie set the single season and career records for homeruns with 24 last season and 41 for his career. He signed with the Baltimore Orioles organization. Brennan, who hit .338 with 16 HRs, is now at the University of South Carolina. Likely, a speedy leadoff hitter who batted .346 last season, is now at the University of South Alabama. Other losses include three important players, Lane Floyd (Kennesaw State), Eric Rankin (.378), and Johnny Booth.

Chipola is hoping that returning sophomores Fernando Isa and Moises Feliz, along with early signees Drew Miller (Troy State), Michael Brown (Mississippi State), Richie Smith (Florida State), and Jake Mathis (University of Alabama-Huntsville) will have excellent seasons.

An exciting group of freshmen are expected to play a big role in 2000. Jonathan Swearingen (INF) and Jose Bautista (OF) both had a productive Fall season. The Indians also expect first baseman Matt Ames (39th round pick by Boston) and outfielder Kellan Dedge (43rd round pick by Seattle) to put up big offensive numbers for the Indians.

Although the 2000 pitching staff lacks depth, it has the potential to be the strength of this team if the pitchers remain healthy. Returnees Blake Taylor (Univ. of South Carolina), Caleb Crosby (Univ. of South Alabama), Justin Lord, Max Havel, and Nathan Marks form a solid nucleus of leadership and experience. Newcomers David Wolensky, Morgan Copeland and Matt Bynum are expected to solidify the Indians’ pitching.

Johnson says he expects the Indians to have great sophomore leadership and team chemistry- -two key factors necessary to win championships.

He says, “If our players can stay healthy and continue to develop their potential, then Chipola Baseball should enjoy an exciting and successful season.”

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Almand named Faculty/Administrator of the Month

Warren Almand of Marianna has been named the Faculty/Administrator of the Month for February.

Almand has worked at Chipola since 1964, and is currently an English instructor in the Arts & Letters Division. He also serves on the Catalog/Class Schedule Committee, Honors Committee, and coordinates the Freshman Honors Program.

“Reading for Life,” a program developed by Almand was selected as one of the top three programs in the Optimist International Flagship Program. This program was presented at the Optimists’ International Convention in Toronto in July and includes programs for reading to children in libraries, hosting summer reading contests, and book list contests.

Almand’s supervisor Dr. Sarah Clemmons says, “Warren is very deserving of this award. He is a very competent, compassionate instructor. He has been an asset to the department and college for over 30 years, and he is a pleasure to work with.”

Almand’s wife, Lydia, is retired from the Jackson County School where she taught English at Marianna High School for many years. Their two daughters, Carol May Hall and Mary Almand, both reside in Marianna. Almand is an active member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriner’s Organization, and Optimist Club. He also enjoys fishing in his spare time.

Patient Care course set at CJC

The Chipola Health Sciences Department announces a Patient Care Assistant (PCA) class beginning Feb 23.

The course will meet Wednesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Interested persons are asked to visit the Allied Health Office on College Street to pick up an application. Applicants must score at least a 10th grade level on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE), which is available at the CJC Success Center.

For more information, call Angie Thomas at 718-2316.

Continuing Education offers variety

The Chipola Junior College Office of Continuing Education offers a variety of courses.

Six computer short courses are scheduled:

- **Word I**, Feb. 7 and 8, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.;
- **Microsoft Word II**, Feb. 21 and 22, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.;
- **Introduction to Excel**, March 13 and 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.;
- **Introduction to Excel II**, March 27 and 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.;
- **Internet**, April 10 and 11, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.;
- **Introduction to Windows 95**, April 24 and 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost for each computer course is $45.

- **20-Hour Childcare Training** will meet March 10 and 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. and March 11 and 18, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is $62.

- **Signing Level I** course will meet Mondays, Feb. 7 through May 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is $33.

- **CPR** will meet Feb. 8 and 9 from 5 to 9 p.m. Cost is $34. A **First Aid course** will meet Feb. 22 and 24 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is $40.

- A **Real Estate Salesman** course will meet Saturdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, March 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $175.

- **Introduction to Directional Boring** will meet Feb. 7 through Feb. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is $49.95.

- A **40-Hour Insurance Pre-Licensing Home Study** course is available. Cost is $295.

For more information on any of these non-credit courses, call the CJC Continuing Education Office at 718-2395.

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