Chipola hosts Tallahassee on Wednesday

Chipola hosts Tallahassee in a pair of games on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The women play at 5:30, followed by the men at 7:30. Both CJC squads travel to Okaloosa-Walton on Saturday, Jan. 20. Men’s games are broadcast by Clint Cox and Russell Register on WJAQ (100.9).

The Indians—third in the state and number 20 in the national poll—are off to a great start with a 2-0 league record and an 18-2 overall mark. Chipola slipped by Pensacola 95-93 on Jan. 17, battling back from a 19-point halftime deficit. Janerio Spurlock made two big free throws to give CJC the lead with less than one second left in the game. Michael Wilder led Chipola with 23. Lavelle Felton scored 20. Spurlock hit 18. John Andrews contributed 15, and Kareem Johnson added 10.


Michael Wilder was named Honorable Mention Player for the Week of Jan. 8-15. He averaged 26 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals in CJC’s wins over Santa Fe and Gulf Coast. He is the state’s ninth-leading scorer with a 19.8 average, and twelfth in steals with 44 total.

Several Indians also are among the state’s top players. Spurlock is the state’s third leading scorer with 22.3 points per game. Felton is number 14 in scoring with a 17.2 average, seventh in free throw percentage with a .848 average, and ninth in assists with a 5.5 average. Kareem Johnson

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leads the state in field goal percentage with a .776 average, and is the state’s eighth-best rebounder with an 8.4 average. Lance Buoncristiani is sixth in assists with a 6.2 per game average.

The Lady Indians improved to 2-1 in the league and 11-7 overall with a 65-52 win over the Lady Pirates on Jan. 17. DLiesha Cockerham led Chipola with 13 points. Temecca Barnes had 11. Sowo Varney scored 10. Barnes also led Chipola’s defensive effort, holding PJC’s Kim Moore—the state’s second leading scorer—to only 14 points. The Lady Indians scored an 85-72 win at North Florida on Jan. 10, but suffered a 76-46 misfire at Gulf Coast on Jan. 13.

Several Lady Indians are among the state’s top performers. Spates is number 19 in scoring with a 4.35 average, and eighth in assists with a 3.88 average. Chipola received votes for the state’s top 10, which is led by Gulf Coast.

Chipola signs top baseball players

Chipola Junior College recently signed four of the nation’s top baseball prospects to scholarships for next season. All four are listed among the top 100 high school players by the Team One Baseball Recruiting Service.

Kellen Ludwig is a right-handed pitcher and catcher from Lee County High School in Leesburg, GA. The 6’4, 230 pound senior throws in the 87-90 mph range. He recently competed with Team USA high school players in Australia.

Clay Wehner is a catcher and right-handed pitcher from Thomasville, GA. The 6’1, 210 pound pitcher throws 90-91 mph, and is a top-rated hitter.

Chad Farr is a left-handed pitcher and first baseman from Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, one of the top baseball schools in Tennessee. He throws 93 mph from the left side and has great power with the bat.

TJ Large is a right-handed pitcher from Seminole High School in St. Petersburg. He throws 87-90 mph range. Seminole is the number one ranked high school team in America. Large’s Seminole teammate, Casey Kotchman, is son of former CJC player Tom Kotchman, a pro baseball scout.

CJC head coach Jeff Johnson reports that all four players will likely get offers in the upcoming professional baseball draft.

Chipola to offer short courses

Chipola Junior College will offer a variety of short courses during the months of January and February.

The following computer courses will be offered: Introduction to Computers, Jan. 22 and 23; Windows 98, Jan. 25 and 26; Word I, Jan. 29 and 30; Windows 98, Feb. 12 and 13; Word I, Feb. 19 and 20; and Word II, Feb. 26 and 27. Computer classes meet from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $45.

A CPR course will be offered Jan. 23 and 25, from 5 to 9 p.m. Cost is $34.

ACT Preparation will be offered Saturday, Jan. 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $45.

A Real Estate Sales course will be offered Saturdays from Jan. 27 to March 3. Cost is $195.

A Fiber Optics Course will be offered Monday—Thursday, Feb. 5 through 15 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The registration fee of $1,100 includes books and materials.

Beginning Sign Language and Advanced Sign Language will meet Tuesdays, Feb. 6 to April 17. The Beginning class meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Advanced class is 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $33.

An Intermediate Photography with Darkroom course will be offered Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m., Feb. 8 through April 23. Cost is to be announced.

A 10-Hour Childcare Training class will meet on Friday, Feb. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cost is $31.

First Aid will meet Feb. 20 and 22 from 5— 9:30 p.m. Cost is $40.

A Speed Reading course is will be offered. Cost and dates are forthcoming.

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

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call the Office of Continuing Education at 718-2395.
Spooner tapped as Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar

Joseph “Jody” Spooner, an instructor of English at Chipola Junior College, has been selected as a Faculty Scholar for the 2001 Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar Conference and 2001 Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute.

Applicants must be Phi Theta Kappa advisors who demonstrate exceptional knowledge of the current Honors Study Topic, “Customs, Traditions and Celebrations: The Human Drive for Community,” as well as academic excellence.

The Faculty Scholar Conference, sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be held at Phi Theta Kappa’s Center for Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi, February 1-4. The conference serves as preparation for the Faculty Scholars to serve as group facilitators at the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute. Faculty Scholars will hear presentations on a variety of issues concerning community and participate in discussion groups throughout the four-day conference. They will also read recommended materials and prepare annotated bibliographies.

The 34th annual Honors Institute will be held at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, June 17-24. During this conference, Spooner and the other Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholars will each lead 12-15 honor students in seminar discussions of the issues presented throughout the week.

Phi Theta Kappa, founded in 1918, serves 1.2 million students inducted each year. Phi Theta Kappa’s operations are global in scope with chapters located in all 50 United States, U.S. Territories, Canada, Germany and Japan. Nearly 1.5 million students have earned membership in Phi Theta Kappa since its founding, with more than 80,000 students inducted each year.

CJC Workforce programs have openings


Most Workforce programs feature open enrollment, which means that students may enroll at any time and complete programs at their own pace. All programs offer excellent job placement potential. Financial aid and remedial assistance is available to qualified individuals. Instructors can tailor programs to meet a student’s schedule and career goals.

Chipola’s Office of Continuing Education also offers a number of programs that are ongoing throughout the year. Participants can learn just for fun or to improve their job performance in a variety of programs ranging from computers to crafts. The Continuing Education Department also can design customized courses for area businesses.

For information about any of these programs, call 718-2270.

Chipola automotive students pass national ASE test

Four students from Chipola Junior College’s Automotive Technology program recently passed the national Automotive Service Excellence Test (ASE).

The students are: Mike Tiller of Chipley, and Andrew Pitts, Cornelius “Neil” Smith and Donny Grantham, all of Blountstown.

The ASE exam is the nationally recognized, industry standard for automotive technicians. Most repair facilities prefer ASE Certified Technicians and pay more for their services.

According to John Gardner, CJC Automotive Technology instructor, “The ASE test is a benchmark for automotive technicians and is an outstanding achievement for our students. Most technicians do not attempt the ASE test before working in the automotive field and completing extensive education.”

The students’ success also will help Chipola’s Auto Tech program reach its goal of becoming an ASE Certified Program. This designation assures employers that rigorous standards and guidelines set by the industry are being taught within a program.

Gardner says, “I am very proud of the hard work that our students perform daily which affords them the opportunity of passing the ASE exam. With excellent students and the support of our college administration, the Chipola Automotive Technology program is second to none.”
Homecoming plans underway

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming the week of February 14-21.

Candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10 a.m. on Feb. 14, in the Arts Center. There will be only one chance to vote for Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola. Voting will take place on the 14th, at the following locations. You must have your Chipola ID to vote.

- Arts Center 10 a.m. until Noon
- Student Services Noon until 5 p.m.
- Bldg. C 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

There will be a Talent Show on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m. in the Arts Center. Anyone that is a currently enrolled Chipola student may enter. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Sign up in the SGA Office by 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16. For information, call the SGA Office at 718-2308 or 718-2314.

Fall Dean’s list correction

The following names were inadvertently left off of last week’s dean’s list article. We apologize for any inconvenience.

To be placed on the Dean’s List, a student must take 12 or more semester hours of courses and make an average of 3.25 (B+) to 4.0 (A) in all courses.

Students who earned grade point averages ranging from 3.25 (B+) to 3.99 (A) and their hometowns are:

- Bristol—(A’s and B’s) Jason Strickland and Justin Ford.
- Out-of-District—(A’s and B’s) Jose Bautista of Santo Domingo, DR, Russell Martin of Montreal, CN, Troyce Haynesworth of Washington, DC, Jason Cross of Iron City, GA, Jason Coffee of Leesburg, GA, Joshua Nichols of Starke, FL, Virginia Spencer of Tallahassee, FL, Jamie Bassett of Chattahoochee, FL, and Jennifer Sewell of Telogia, FL.

Additional student activities are being planned and will be publicized at a later date.

The alumni celebration is Wednesday, Feb. 21 with a 4:30-5:30 p.m. Alumni Reception in the Chipola Appreciation Club Room located in the lobby of the Johnson Health Center. College president Dale O’Daniel and his wife Judith invite all alumni and friends to attend the free reception. No reservations are necessary.

The Homecoming Games will pit the Indians against conference rival Pensacola Junior College. Tip-off for the women’s game is 5:30 p.m. CJC’s 2001 Homecoming Queen will be crowned at halftime of the men’s game which begins at 7:30 p.m.


For information, call the CJC Public Relations Office at 718-2375.

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