State Tourney begins Wednesday

Sixteen junior college basketball teams will begin arriving in Marianna on Tuesday to compete in the 2001 Florida Community College Activities Association Basketball Tournament which begins Wednesday at Chipola’s Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Chipola hosted and won the first men’s state tourney in 1961, and CJC has won seven state titles—more than any Florida school. The men’s tournament returned to CJC in 1996 after 35 years. Chipola also hosted the first ever, combined men’s and women’s tournament in 1997 and again in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Women’s action begins Wednesday, March 7, with four first round women’s games. The afternoon session begins at 1:00 p.m., when Palm Beach meets Central Florida. In the 3:00 p.m. game, Miami Dade plays Tallahassee. The evening session will pit Seminole against Okaloosa-Walton in the 6:00 p.m. game. Gulf Coast will face Daytona Beach in the 8 p.m. nightcap.

Men’s action begins Thursday, March 8, with four first round games. Indian River plays Sante Fe in the 1:00 opener. Daytona Beach meets Pasco Hernando in the 3:00 p.m. game. Evening session action will see Hillsborough vs. Okaloosa Walton in the 6:00 p.m. game. Top-ranked Tallahassee will play Palm Beach in the 8:00 p.m. game.

Friday, March 9 begins with a women’s semi-final game at 1 p.m., followed by a men’s semi-final game at 3:00 p.m. The evening session will include a women’s semi-final match-up at 6 p.m. and a men’s semi-final match-up at 8 p.m.

The women’s championship game is slated for 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, followed by the men’s championship at 7:30 p.m.

More than 2,000 visitors are expected to converge on Marianna during...
Tickets going fast for Joseph Musical

"Get your tickets early," is the advice of Charles Sirmon, director of Chipola's "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," which opens a four-day run Thursday, March 8 in the college Theater.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

As of March 1, Thursday's opening night show and Sunday's matinee were nearly sold out. A handful of tickets may be available at the door 30 minutes prior to each performance.

"Joseph" is a Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber Broadway musical adaptation of the well-known Biblical tale of Joseph and his coat of many colors. The score features an eclectic, contemporary selection that is a tongue-in-cheek blend of calypso, '50s rock and country-western.

Jonathan Basford is cast in the title role of this student and community production. Joseph's brothers will be portrayed by Chris Kirkland, Rusty Miller, Christopher Bishop, Chris Manasco, Luke Shores, Mitch Simms, Daniel Tennille, Eric Rodriguez, Adam Moxley, Matthew Lero and Jaromy Henry.

Angie White will play the part of the narrator. Other major roles include David Culpepper as Jacob, Charles Sirmon as Potiphar, Michelle Williams as Potiphar's wife. Girl players include Amber Williams, Kristen King, Tiffany Nichols, Brianna Glezer, Casi Parmer and Jamie Bassett.

Children's chorus members are Amy Carroll, Mary Ann Osiecka, Ashton Williams, Janna Wise, Andrew Stradley, Katie Jeter, Kylie Shores, Mackenzie Willis, Joy Wallace, Sable McFatter, Russell Register and Murphy Sims.

Behind the scenes people include: Chris Manasco, choreographer; Dawn Blount, stage manager; Courtney Kirkland, assistant to the director; Hope Rister, pianist; Dr. Ed Lyon, musical director; and Dr. Allen Molineux, orchestra director.

Tickets--$7 adults, $5 for students--are available in the CJC Business Office. CJC students and employees get one free ticket. For information, call 718-2341.

Domestic Violence Conference at CJC March 14-16

The Fourth Annual Rural Domestic Violence Conference will be held March 14-16 at the Milton H. Johnson Health Center on the campus of Chipola Junior College.

Chipola's Department of Continuing Education is co-hosting the event with State Attorney Jim Appleton, Jackson County Sheriff John P. McDaniel and the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The conference begins Wednesday, March 14 at 8 a.m. and runs through Noon on Friday, March 16.

The program is expected to attract some 500 participants, including law enforcement officers, nurses, social workers and judges from across Florida. Registrations have also come in from Arkansas, New Jersey, Alabama, Georgia and Texas. Margie Williams, CJC director of Continuing Education, reports that the meeting is the largest rural domestic violence conference in the U.S.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Gaynell Colburn, a physically-challenged, wellness consultant, who works as a vocalist and percussionist for Bill Cosby and Stevie Wonder.

Colburn's motivational and educational programs for all ages have had tremendous success in at-risk communities, schools, colleges and rehab centers. She is a frequent presenter at national conferences and organizations. A passionate victim's advocate, Colburn was the recipient of the 1998 Essence Award, a salute to distinguished African-Americans, some of whom are well known and others whose achievement often is unrecognized. The public is invited to attend her speech on Wednesday, March 14, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Johnson Health Center. Williams says, "I promise that this will be some of the most inspiring time you will spend this year!"

Seminars are slated on specific areas of the domestic violence problem, ranging from case management to law enforcement issues. Participants from various professions may earn continuing education credit for attending the conference.

For registration information, call the Chipola Office of Continuing Education at 718-2239.
Chipola begins baseball and softball homestand

The Chipola baseball and softball teams host a string of home games in March.

The Lady Indians softball team hosts: Marquette University (DH), Monday, March 5 at 2 p.m.; St. Louis CC (DH), Wednesday, March 6 at 2 p.m.; Iowa Western (DH), Sunday, March 11 at 1 p.m. Chipola hosts Iowa Central (DH), on Monday, March 12 at 2 p.m. and again on March 15 at 2 p.m. The Lady Indians begin conference play with Pensacola (DH), on Tuesday, March 20 at 4 p.m.

The Indians play seven straight at home March 7-12. Chipola hosts: Florissant Valley (DH), Wednesday, March 7 at 3 p.m.; Grand Rapids, Thursday, March 8 at Noon and again Friday, March 9 at Noon; Meridian, Saturday, March 10 at 5 p.m., and again on Sunday, March 11 at 1 p.m.; and Muscatine Monday, March 12 at 4 p.m. The Indians open conference play March 16 at Tallahassee.

The Chipola baseball team improved to 17-5 on the year with a 5-1 win over Mississippi Gulf Coast in Parkinson, Mississippi on Feb. 27. Winning pitcher was Sam Taulli who went 5 innings, allowed four hits and one run, and struck out two. He was relieved in the sixth by Josh Nicholas who threw 3 perfect innings. Jose Bautista came in the ninth to strike out one and allow no hits.

Leading hitters for CJC were Scott Wearne who was 2 for 4; Jose Bautista was 2 for 3 with a solo homerun. Jonathan Swarening was 1 for 3 and Ivan Naccarat was 1 for 3. Chipola had 5 runs on 7 hits and committed one error. Mississippi had 1 run on 4 hits and committed 4 errors. CJC head coach Jeff Johnson says, “They made a couple of mistakes that allowed us some runs. We played very good defense today - fortunately we got a win - we feel really good about that.”

The Indians were scheduled to play at Sante Fe CC in Gainesville on March 2.

The Lady Indian softball team swept a double-header over L.B. Wallace on Feb. 28 to improve to 17-5 on the year. Chipola won the first game, 4-0, behind the pitching of Tanya Teague. She threw 12 strike outs and gave up one hit to earn the win.

Stephanie Gray was the winning pitcher in Chipola’s 15-0 route in game two. Erin Flater got the save, and was also the leading hitter for Chipola. She was 5 for 7 on the day with a homerun and 5 RBI’s. The Lady Indians travel to Monroeville on March 3 to play Alabama Southern.

Chipola baseball and softball games feature good music, good food and free admission. For more information, call the CJC Hotline at 718-2CJC, or visit the CJC website at www.chipola.cc.fl.us

Chipola hoopsters named All Conference

Five Chipola basketball players were recently tapped for All-Panhandle Conference honors.

Three Indians were named to the All Conference team: Michael Wilder, Lavelle Felton, and Janerio Spurlock. CJC sophomore David Howell was an Honorable Mention pick.

Michael Wilder originally from Decatur, IL, led Chipola in scoring with 20.4 points per game. He was the team’s leading three-point shooter with a 45 percent average. He also averaged 4.1 rebounds and 3 assists per game. Lavelle Felton from Milwaukee, WI, averaged 16.5 points and 6 rebounds, and led the Indians in assists at 6.2 per game. Janerio Spurlock from Cincinatti, OH, averaged 19.2 points, 5.1 rebounds. He scored 1,082 points in two seasons at Chipola. Wilder and Felton both signed with Louisiana Tech. Spurlock signed with Kansas State.

Two Lady Indians-Satoya Spates and Temecca Barnes-were named to the women’s All Panhandle Conference team. The Lady Indians finished the regular season with a 15-15 overall record. Spates was Chipola’s leading scorer with 11.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. She shot over 50 percent from 3-point range. Barnes averaged 11 points per game and was fourth in the state in steals at nearly 4 per game. CJC’s D’Leisha Cockerham also received votes for the All-Conference team.

Both Chipola basketball teams wrapped up their seasons with sophomore night on Monday, Feb. 26.

First year Lady Indians head coach Jason Keene recognized sophomores Tasha Mathis, Hillary Taylor, Nacole Beaudion, Ashley Whiston and Carrie Titus. The Lady Indians finished the season at 15-15 on the year with a 6-9 conference mark.

Indians head coach Ryan Cross recognized sophomores David Whittaker, David Howell, Michael Wilder, Ryan Lewis, Lance Buoncristiani, Lavelle Felton and Janerio Spurlock. The Indians finished the season 20-10 overall with a 4-8 conference record.

CJC cheerleader sponsor Geraldine DeFelix recognized sophomores Becky Collins, Nancy Goodman, Mandy Aukema, Amy Brown, Mary Beth Crutchfield, Holly DeLaura, Nicole Delsignor and Holly Blane.

WINNERS

Homecoming 2001 was a big success. Several student organizations participated in the talent show and building decoration contests.

The winners of the talent show were: 1st place - Mavis Flowers and April Wester ($75); 2nd place - Amber Williams ($50); 3rd place - Allison Hartzog, Chris Hughes, Rick Herman, Carson Fellows, Mitch Sims, and Trey Pleas ($25) and Honorable Mention - Rafael Savory.

The Building Decoration Contest winners were: 1st place-CJC Cheerleaders for decorating the Library; 2nd place - Science Club (Fink Natural Science); and 3rd place-Baptist Campus Ministries (Fine Arts).

Blood Drive

SGA will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, March 7 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The South Eastern Community Blood Mobile will be parked on campus next to the Arts Center on Indian Circle. All of the blood donated stays in this region. Please donate. Thanks for your support!

Smile Please!

Caricaturist Steve Gipson will be on campus Wednesday, March 14, in the Lobby of Building D from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This free event is sponsored by SGA.

Chipola Family

CJC custodian, Willie Godwin, was recently hospitalized. Willie is in Room 526 of Flowers Hospital. Our prayers are with Willie and his family.
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Things You Might Not Have Known

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn’t beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

THIS WEEK

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

Deadline for this issue is noon, Wednesday, March 7. Articles will be printed as space permits. Call ext. 2265, or e-mail Evelyn Ward.

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the tournament.

Sixteen teams, with coaches, cheerleaders and hundreds of fans will visit Jackson County and contribute a significant amount of money to the local economy. Tournament officials estimate that more than $250,000 will flow into the area during the tournament from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses.

CJC Human Resources director Karan Davis, who coordinates motel rooms for the tournament, reports that more than 175 rooms will be reserved for teams and game officials.

Waste Management is corporate sponsor for the event. District manager Len Necaise recently presented a check for $10,000 to the Appreciation Club to help fund the event. The Jackson County Tourist Development Council also awarded a grant in the amount of $10,000 to help Chipola promote the tournament.

Dozens of key supporters are working with the Appreciation Club to sell advance tickets. Tournament passes—$25 for adults and $15 for students—will get fans into all 14 exciting tournament games. Single session tickets are $10 each.

For information, call 718-2370, or visit the official tourney website at: www.chipola.cc.fl.us

Public invited to hear prominent astronomer at CJC

Dr. Terry D. Oswalt, professor of Physics and Space Sciences, and Associate Dean for Research at Florida Institute of Technology, will deliver two public lectures at Chipola on Wednesday, March 7.

Dr. Oswalt will present, "Prospecting in the Stellar Graveyard" at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, in the Arts Center. Specifically, he will discuss white dwarf stars and the life cycles of typical stellar objects.

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, in Jackson Hall of the Literature/Language Building, Oswalt will present "Star Bright, Sky Brighter: The Problem of Light Pollution" Oswalt says, "Today almost everyone lives in or near a moderately large city. The spectacular view of the night sky enjoyed by our grandparents no longer exists; few people have even seen the Milky Way on a cool summer's evening! The growth of urban areas contributes to a rapid increase in what astronomers term 'light pollution'. The growing brightness of the night sky has an adverse impact far beyond the concerns of professional astronomers. Light that ends up in the night sky is wasted energy; energy generated by the consumption of fossil fuels that is seriously affecting the environment in more than esthetic ways." During a photographic tour of Kitt Peak National Observatory, Dr. Oswalt will describe the nature of "light pollution," how it impacts astronomical research, and cost-effective solutions to the problem.

Dr. Oswalt, who served the last two years as program officer for Stellar Astronomy and Astrophysics at the National Science Foundation, is visiting Chipola as part of the Harlow Shapley Visiting Lectureship program.

For information, call CJC physics instructor, Dr. Jeff Bodart at 526-2761, Ext. 3252.

CHIPOLA HOMECOMING COURT

Nancy Goodman was crowned Homecoming Queen and Jacob Baxter was crowned Mr. Chipola during Chipola's 2001 Homecoming on Feb. 21. Members of the Homecoming Court are, from left: (front) Heidi Daffin, Nancy Goodman, Holly DeLaura, Amber Williams, and Karen Gwaltney; (back) Brian Parker, Chris Hughes, Jacob Baxter, and Chris Massey. Not pictured is Bruce Smith.