Chipola mourns the loss of alumnus Malcolm Gillis

Chipola alumnus Malcolm Gillis, the sixth president of Rice University, died Oct. 4 at age 74. Gillis is a native of Marianna who graduated from Chipola in 1960.

He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. For the first 25 years of his professional life, he taught economics and helped some 20 countries apply economic analysis to public policy. His first faculty post, as an assistant professor of economics at Duke, was followed by a 15-year stint at Harvard. He returned to Duke, where he served as dean of the graduate school, vice provost for academic affairs and dean of arts and sciences.

Gillis served as a president of Chipola’s SGA in 1960. Friends recall him as an extraordinary student who entered the college at the age of 17 and worked 35 hours a week while maintaining outstanding grades.

He was named Chipola’s 1992 Alumnus of the Year. In an interview that year, Gillis said, “I am very much in debt for the educational opportunity provided me by Chipola. Without that opportunity, higher education would probably not have been an option for me.” Gillis returned to Chipola in 2008 to deliver the college commencement address.

Gillis served as president of Rice from 1993 to 2004. “Malcolm served Rice as its president for 11 years with extraordinary distinction and dedication, raising the university to new heights,” Rice President David Leebron said. “His efforts bettered not only the university, but the city of Houston, the state of Texas, the nation and the world. He continued to serve Rice in many capacities in the 11 years since his presidency, including as teacher, scholar and global ambassador.”

Gillis is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, three children – Nora, Heather and Stephen – and grandchildren. Details about a memorial service are pending.

Chipola Senior Day is Oct. 14

Chipola’s Student Ambassadors have invited 1,000 area high school seniors from Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties to visit our campus on October 14th.

The day will consist of performances by the cheerleaders, men’s and women’s basketball teams, show choir and theatre. The seniors will also have a tour of our campus and lunch before they depart.

The Student Ambassadors would like to thank everyone in advance for helping make Senior Day a success!

Nancy Johnson, Student Activities Coordinator
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof opens Nov. 5

The Chipola Theater is in rehearsal for Cat on a Hot Tin Roof which opens a four-day run, Nov. 5.

Chipola Theater director Charles Sirmon recently cast local actors in the following roles: Tra’Varous Boyd as Lacey, Sarah Liffick as Sookey, Shaylee Tharpe as Margaret, Walker Straun as Brick, Odra Chapman as Mae, Jared Standiford as Gooper, Elyn Sapp as Big Mama, Catherine Lewis as Dixie, Conner Bush as Buster, Kodibeth Bates as Trixie, Josiah Brooks as Big Daddy, Austin Spears as Rev. Tooker, Patrick Mathis as Dr. Baugh, and Saylor Novonlosky, Lindsay Miller, Chloe Gilbert, Katelyn Cannady as Party Guests and Domestic Help.

In photo (at right) Shayli Tharp as Margaret and Walker Straun as Brick, rehearse a scene.

Tickets go on sale two weeks prior to the performance. Theatre fans are invited to join the Applauding Chipola Theatre (ACT) VIP fund, which guarantees the best seats for all shows.

For information, contact Charles Sirmon, Director of Theatre, at sirmonc@chipola.edu or 850-718-2277. Learn more about Chipola Theatre at www.facebook.com or www.chipola.edu/theatre.

POPE WINS $100 AT CHIPOLA—Chipola College student Taj Pope won the $100 grand door prize at the recent Chipola Fall Festival. Here, Pope accepts the cash from Nancy Johnson, Student Activities Director, and Dr. Rachel West, English Professor. Students enjoyed a day off from classes and free t-shirts and giveaways from the Lottery Bright Futures program.
College Financing 101 set for Oct. 21

College Financing 101, a personal finance workshop for college students, is set for Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. (CST) in Jackson Hall of the Chipola Literature/Language Building.

The workshop is sponsored by First Commerce Credit Union and will be presented to Chipola Honors students; however, all students and employees are invited to attend.

The seminar will cover all aspects of paying for college from financial aid to loans and savings plans. College costs are rising rapidly, and not every parent can afford to subsidize tuition, much less room, board, and books for four or more years (not to mention dorm furnishings, clothing, and spending money).

All students and employees are welcome to attend this seminar to learn more about the options of paying for college.

Chipola Cross Country third at South Florida Run

The Chipola College women’s cross country team finished third at the Panther Invitational, Oct. 3, at South Florida State College.

The Indians were led by sophomore Margaret Wiedeman who finished seventh overall with a time of 21:37. Freshman Lydia Wiedeman was ninth overall at 21:52.

Freshman Jayde Smelcer improved her time this week with a 24:34. Conner Melvin posted a time of 28:33. Freshman Amber Raisebeck also scored for the Indians.

Chipola will compete Oct. 9 at LaGrange College in Georgia. Team members are, from left: Pictured from left, are: Margaret Wiedeman of Wakulla, Lydia Wiedeman of Wakulla, Jayde Smelcer of Chipley, Conner Melvin of Cottondale and Amber Raisebeck of Blountstown.

Graduating in December?

Students planning to graduate in December are encouraged to meet with an advisor or program instructor for clarification and guidance. Final responsibility for all graduation requirements rests with the student.

Students planning to graduate in December 2015 must complete and submit an Application for Diploma by Oct. 30. Chipola does not automatically award degrees or certificates; students must apply. Failure to apply by the deadline may affect your graduation term and delay the posting of your degree. There is no fee for graduation.

These are the steps:
1. obtain an Application for Diploma from the Admissions and Records Office in Student Services Building (A);
2. ask your advisor or program instructor to complete an Unofficial Graduation Check and sign the back of the form;
3. submit your Application for Diploma by Oct. 30 to the Admissions and Records Office.

Degrees will be posted and diplomas mailed at the end of the term.

Course Evaluations Online

All students are encouraged to complete course evaluations online in Canvas from Oct. 19 through Nov. 6. Your confidential feedback provides information on effective instructional practices and your instructional needs.

TRiO and SSS Events Scheduled

TRiO Society meeting, Oct. 14, 1:30 p.m., Chipola Cafe (Upstairs)
SSS-RSVP Deadline for UF Campus Tour, Oct. 17
SSS- FSU Tour and Football Game, Oct. 17
SSS On Course ‘College Survival’ Seminar, Oct. 20, 9 a.m., ACE 102/103
SSS Business and Career Day, Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m., ACE Career Center
SSS UF Campus Tour, Nov. 5
**Appreciating Counselors**

Counselors from five area counties recently attended Chipola’s annual Counselor Appreciation Day. Pictured from left, are: Tiffany McKinney, Chipley High School Counselor; Lisa Taylor, Vernon High School Counselor; and Melissa Cauley, Chipola Student Advisor and Dual Enrollment Liaison. The meeting included discussions of transfer requirements, testing, dual enrollment and financial aid. Counselors visited the college’s new Engineering Technology program and were treated to lunch.

**TALKING ICE CREAM**—Chipola alumna Meghan Austin, owner of Southern Craft Creamery, was the guest speaker for a recent Chipola Honors seminar. Pictured from left, are: Emaleigh Munn, Kelsey Gilley, Meghan Austin – Southern Craft Creamery and Cheyanna Clark.

**Chipola teammates Martin and Bautista reunited for Blue Jays Postseason Run**

TORONTO—Former Chipola teammates Jose Bautista and Russell Martin are reunited this year on the Toronto Blue Jays squad that is playing in the MLB postseason for the first time since 1993.

The Jays finished the regular season with the second-best record in the American League, and will host the Rangers when the AL Division Series opens Oct. 8, at the Jay’s own Rogers Centre.

Bautista and Martin last played together at Chipola in 2000-01, leading the Indians to a Conference title and a second place finish in the state tournament.

Chipola coach Jeff Johnson says, “We’re extremely proud of these two guys for what they do on and off the field. They are great players with a lot of class and excellent leadership skills. They’ve always been talented, but through hard work, they have developed themselves into All-Stars. I’m proud to see the fruits of their labor, and I can’t wait to watch them in the postseason.”

Bautista is a six-time All-Star. In 2010, he became the 26th member of the 50 home run club which includes Babe Ruth, David Ortiz and Mickey Mantle. He led the majors in homeruns in 2010 (54) and 2011 (43). He signed a five-year $65 million contract in 2011.

Martin is a four-time All-Star. In 2014, the 32 year-old signed a five-year, $82 million contract, with the Jays, the biggest free agent contract in team history. Pictured at left, are: (top) Martin and Bautista in Blue Jays uniforms (2015), and (bottom) Martin and Bautista at Chipola (2001).