



TWO PC STUDENTS MAKE ALL-CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC TEAM

It has become almost a tradition that PC students are named to the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Team, and this year it has carried on with students **Catherine Lane** and **Carlos Rivas** both earning that prestigious honor. Carlos was named to the first team and Catherine the second team.



Catherine is a 37 year old wife and mother of four. She and husband Craig have four children, Victoria, 10; Caitlin, 11; Cheyenne, 15; and Mitchell who is serving with the U.S. Army in Iraq. At the age of 35, Catherine decided that it was time for her to enrich her life through education. She enrolled at PC and on the first day of classes, she suffered from a lack of confidence in herself as she sat in Algebra and English composition classes. She listened to the teachers explain the assignments coming up and actually went to Admissions & Records to ask for a withdrawal slip with the idea of quitting. Luckily, she put the slip into her bag and decided to give it one more chance. That was over 2 years ago and she has amassed a 4.0 GPA eventually serving as a mentor for students in Math, English, and Physics. Her professors wrote letters about her enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge that became contagious among students in her classes. One professor said that she was the most enthusiastic and intellectually curious student he has had in his career. She has demonstrated leadership skills as President of PTK and in community involvement in the "Project Graduation" event as well as volunteering as a helper at the Rescue Mission. She said, "Even though I had a full life before, my life really took off when I enrolled at PC and gained the support of some wonderful instructors. I learned how to prepare meals and raise my children while still finding time for homework." A Porterville High graduate, Catherine admits to being an underachiever there, and proven that with dedication and hard work, there can be success in higher education. She hopes to eventually go to medical school

and qualify to help those who are less fortunate. Incidentally, she still has that drop slip that she never used in her bag...just to remind her to never give up.

Another Porterville High graduate, Carlos Rivas, has attained great success at PC. The former valedictorian at PHS is the son of Connie and Raul Rivas, both on the instructional staff at Olive Street School. Carlos has been very active on campus and in the community. His list of projects he's been involved in is too long to name, but some of the highlights include: President of the Rotaract Club; Senior Citizens Prom; Adopt-A-Star program; PAL youth program; "Read Across America" program for inner city elementary children; Food collection for Helping Hands; Rotary club packaging food for U.S. troops in Iraq; El Futuro Credit Union on a number of accounting and audit projects; Academic tutor at both Olive Street Elementary and PC in Reading, Language Arts & Mathematics; and working with migrant students reinforcing their oral language skills.

Carlos says "I am proud of the decision I made to attend PC instead of a larger four-year college for my first two years. I have come to appreciate the student to faculty ratio of 30-1, and the teaching staff exemplifies compassion, dedication, and professionalism. The



students who need help are actually tutored by professors instead of some grad student at a larger college, and they are more than just lecturers - they become friends."

He has not selected the college he will attend following his PC graduation, but will major in Finance and Economics.

Both All-State honorees will be given awards and recognition at a luncheon in Sacramento March 29. The Phi Theta Kappa students will also be recognized on the floor of the Senate and Assembly.

OUTREACH EVENT FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL MIGRANT STUDENTS

The fourth Annual Migrant Students visit to the PC campus was a big success, according to **Tony Luna**, Program Assistant, Health Careers, who coordinated the event. Fifty-five students who expressed interest in the Health Careers field were given a tour of the campus, snacks, drinks, and lunch. They were welcomed by **E. Sheli Silva**, Director of Migrant Education Programs in Region 8, and **Steve Schultz**, PC Vice President. The students were from Porterville, Monache, Granite Hills, and Exeter High Schools. Luna said they were a fantastic group that showed real interest in the presentations by various groups on campus. Presentations were given by Financial Aid, E.O.P.S., LISTO, Admissions & Records, C.A.R.E., and Mini-Corps.



Future PC Outreach Events

March 27
..... Cool Night South - Granite Hills High

April 28
... Porterville Celebrates Reading - Fairgrounds

April 28
..... Porterville Iris Festival - Downtown

April 17
... Tulare Co Job Fair - Visalia Convention Cntr.

May 8
..... PC Cash for College Night

May 16-20
..... Porterville Fair - Fairgrounds

May 25
..... John J. Cairns Alternative Ed School - Career Day



Brother & Sister Combo Team!

Two young student athletes present an interesting story this spring. They are brother/sister, **Sophia and Andres Borromeo**, and they are from the Philippines. They found out about PC from **Oscar Marcellino**, former assistant baseball coach and current international ambassador for major league baseball, who was in the Philippines conducting a baseball clinic. Sophia is a sophomore on the women's softball team and has been accepted to the Savannah College of Art & Design. She will leave PC at the end of this semester to pursue her career goals in Georgia. Andres, a freshman on the men's baseball team, plans on returning to PC and continue working towards his career goal of Sports Management. They have become very popular on campus because of their outstanding personalities, citizenship, and work ethics on their campus jobs and teams.



Let's Play Ball!!!



Yes, it is that time again.....time to get the PC softball season going. Coach **Vicki Dugan** is optimistic that it will be another successful one. After setting the team record for wins in a season last year, it will take some hard work and dedication to better that one, but Coach Dugan thinks this group has the determination and skills to do it. She said, *"It should be an interesting season with 9 freshmen and 4 sophomores. We can hit up and down the line and we have two returning pitchers, Ashley Block and Jasmine Cecil, plus Jennie Hatch, a freshman pitcher."*

There were strong performances by several of the players in the fall. Catcher, Monica Greenway, utility player, Rosy Campos, and Jennie Hatch, shortstop and pitcher were all good. Angela Nunez joined the team in January as an outfielder and Kelly Waites has shown strong hitting potential after she finished volleyball season. All in all, we are looking forward to the season."

A highlight of the early season was a double-header sweep over the rival Fresno City College team.



PC Pitchers: Jasmine Cecil, Jenny Hatch, Ashley Block

TEAM ROSTER:

Toni Becenti, Farmington, N.M.
Ashley Block, Frenchtown, MT.
Sofia Borromeo, Muntinlupa, Phillipines
Rosy Campos, Granite Hills
Jasmine Cecil, Farmington, N.M.
Monica Greenway, Layton, UT.
Kriston Gowan, Spring Creek, NV.
Jennie Hatch, Provo, UT.
Rebecca Meier, Clackamas, OR.
Corina Mincey, Truckee, CA.
Angie Nunez, Layton, UT.
Vanessa Rispoli, Granite Hills
Kelly Waites, Albuquerque, NM.

Pictures By Professor Published...

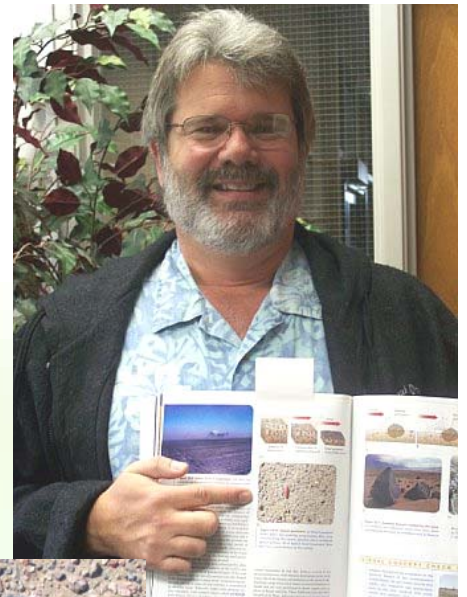
Richard Goode, Physical Science, Geology, Astronomy professor has had some of his pictures published in textbooks. The boy, who caused washing machines to break due to rocks he had in his pants pockets, has parlayed his love of rocks and fossils into an outstanding teaching career. He grew up around one of the state's best collections as his great uncle put together what has been called, "The Lubling Collection", which was donated to the city of Porterville, and is now displayed at PC, PHS, and a location in the city. It was inevitable that Richard would end up studying rocks and wanting to teach on the subject.

Richard always takes a camera with him on all kinds of trips, shooting pictures of geological wonders to post on his personal faculty website on the PC webpage, all in the hopes of making things more interesting and realistic for his students. Researchers 'surfing the internet' find his photos, and then contact him requesting to use them in their publications. To date, he has been contacted to purchase three photos for publication. His most recent entitled "Desert Pavement". Richard will receive remuneration each time the photo is used.

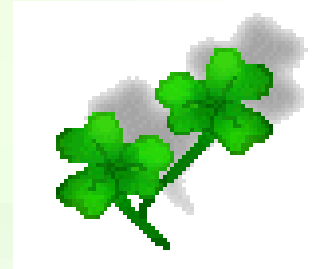
Desert Pavement is a phenomenon occurring on the desert when fine particles are progressively blown away, concentrating the coarse particles into a continuous gravel surface, which will remain in that condition forever if left undisturbed.

Some of his other pictures have been of underwater rock formations, and even fossils from southern France. Richard is a graduate of Cal State Bakersfield, where his main instructor was a geophysicist and a big influence on his chosen career.

PC students are very fortunate to have a professor who is so dedicated to making learning so interesting.



Professor Goode pointing to his photo in textbook. Left - actual photo of "Desert Pavement"..



Surprise! Surprise!



Olene with just a few of her flowers on her special day

A surprise birthday party was staged for the lady who is currently on her job the longest of any other classified employee on campus. An incredible number of flowers were delivered to her office and delicacies of many kinds were available to guests. Olene Burkhart celebrated her 30th year as a member of the classified staff and one of those unknown numbers of birthdays, (some said the numbers 0 and 6 might have applied here). Her position is that of Curriculum Specialist, and she is known to be the best ever.