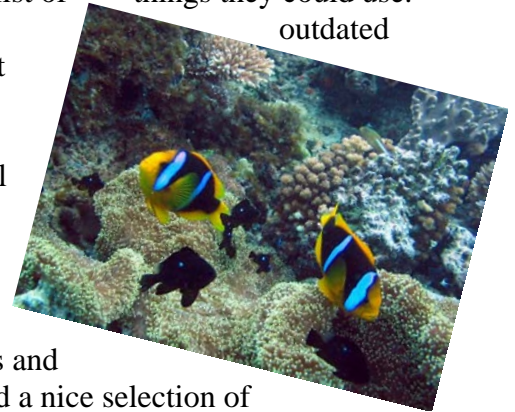


## PROFESSOR COMBINES VACATION WITH TEACHING

**Richard Goode**, Physical Science duty to reach out to a small school summer. It is the kind of story more proud of our faculty. We

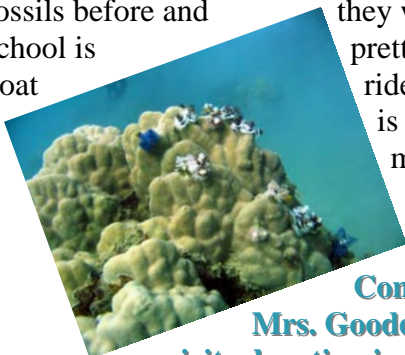
professor, went beyond the call of in the Fiji islands this that makes us even decided to let Richard tell the story "in his own words".

"My wife and I went to Fiji in June to dive. The people we went with have been several times and they were telling us of some of the side trips that are offered in the afternoons. One trip was to the local school. Since my wife and I are both teachers, we wanted to see if we could help with the educational stuff. I called the resort and they had one of the teachers email me with a long list of things they could use. My wife took several elementary school text books. The teacher informed me that they had no rock or mineral samples or geology information. Since I am changing texts in geology this year, I took several old books and



reference materials as well as a complete rock and mineral set and a nice selection of fossils. All together, we took 40 pounds of educational material. When we reached the school, the students sang and danced for us. We were asked to do something in return, that is when we gave them the books, rocks, and fossils. The students had never seen or handled fossils before and

school is they were very grateful. The pretty run down and is a 2 hour ride from the main island so it is lacking everything but the minimum. I have included some pictures of the school and classes we taught."



**Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Goode. That is what the real spirit education is all about!**

# Two Porterville College Icons Passed Away

*In the month of June, two of the most revered names from Porterville College history passed away. Dr. Orlin Shires and Estha Mae Hinton left indelible marks in the story of the development of PC.*

**Dr. Orlin Shires** was the longest reigning president of the college, serving in that position for 23 years from 1955 to 1978. Even after his retirement, he continued to serve a number of years on the college's behalf as a board member



Past President Dr. Shires and Past KCCD Chancellor (1968-1978) Dr. Edward Simonsen enjoy reconnecting in the President's Office at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Porterville College.

of the PC Foundation and as a member of the PC Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. His list of services to the local community is long, including American Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Centennial Committee, Porterville Museum, Boy Scouts, YMCA, Rotary Club, Big Brother Committee, American Legion, AAU Track and Field, Barn Theater Board of Directors, and his church, Evangelical Free Church.

Dr. Shires was 80 years old and he and his wife, Louise, had been married for 67 years. Funeral services were held in Porterville and burial in his native home of Nemaha County, Nebraska.



ABOVE —Dr. Shires as president in the 1950's.



RIGHT—Dr. Shires as Grand Marshal in the 2003 Porterville Veteran's Day Parade in his dress blues.



Dr. & Mrs. Shires enjoy catching up with PC Instructors at the annual Retiree's Celebration.



**Estha Mae Hinton** was one of the best known of all the PC alumni members as she stayed very active in college activities well after her graduation in 1930. She was the honored guest at the college's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on campus. She made the following statement on that occasion, "*Porterville Junior College gave me the opportunity to further my education. You have to remember, I grew up in a different world where most women were not able to go on to college. Of course, it was also a time when whole families got together for Sunday dinner.*" She worked as the society editor for the Porterville Recorder, but she covered more than that, writing about music events, Barn Theater productions, and obituaries. She grew up in Woodville and loved telling stories about how she had to get around the area on horses and even participated in herding cattle on her parents ranch. She met her husband, Carl, on a bus while on her way to PC. They were married for almost 60 years. Estha Mae was ninety-seven years young at the time of her passing.

*~~ These two well-known and highly respected people are definitely at the top of the list among those who helped make PC a prominent and important part of the Porterville community and will be missed.*

# National Scholarship for PC Student

**Carly Ranson**, sophomore student at Porterville College, has been awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Carly, a graduate of Monache High School, was one of 350 students in the nation to be honored for their academic success and participation in community service within the last 12 months. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honorary organization for two-year colleges.

“The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program gives support and encouragement to an under-served population of college students,” said J. Mark Davis, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. “This program is an extension of our long-standing commitment to college education throughout the United States. These

fine students, who often juggle school, work and family, continue to give back to their communities through volunteer service.” The program is one of the most recognized and respected corporate-sponsored scholarships in America. The Foundation was created in 1986 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coca-Cola and to establish a legacy for the education of tomorrow’s leaders.

Carly will graduate from PC next spring and plans to go to Pharmacy school, of which there are only five in the state of California. She says she will go to whichever one accepts her application.



## SMART LAB ~~~

The Porterville College SMART Lab had two Science Camp weeks this summer. Thirteen very enthusiastic and SMART kids had a lot of fun and learned some science. Life, earth and physical science topics

were covered. From making their hair stand on end with

static electricity, building parachutes for eggs, to the chemical reactions of making



“Silly Putty”, it was another “hair-raising”

experience for students

and SMART LAB director,

**Denise Goodman.**



# New Athletic Trainer

Porterville College president, Dr. Rosa Carlson, has announced the hiring of a certified athletic trainer. **Anja Goebel**, who has been the head athletic trainer at Redwood High School in Visalia for the past six years, will take over the PC position immediately.

Anja was born and raised in Germany and had a desire to come to the USA to play college basketball. Her dream came true with the opportunity to play at COS. She gained her Associate of Arts and Science degree in liberal arts, math and science and sports medicine. She transferred to CSU Fresno where she completed studies in Kinesiology and graduated with a BS degree in 2002. She earned a Master of Arts degree two years later. Anja had extensive playing experience on the German semi-professional teams on a national and international level. She spent summers there coaching at Reebok and Nike basketball camps, while providing athletic training services for youngsters.

At Redwood High School, she took care of approximately 700 student athletes in 20 interscholastic sports on her own. During the past two months, she also acted as interim head athletic trainer for Reedley College, and decided that she wanted to permanently work with college age student athletes. Anja said, *"I feel that my cultural diversity as well as my interaction with different kinds of students all over the world provides a solid background to enhance a student's education. I would like to guide these young people through their educational process. I feel it is important to highlight the strengths, identify the weaknesses, and increase the confidence of each student athlete."*

Dr. Carlson stated, *"Anja is a product of a community college and a former student athlete herself. Her experience and sincere concern for the welfare of athletes will allow her to develop a great program for Porterville College."*

Anja and her husband, Dennis, make their home in Visalia, where he is the Director of Sports Medicine at COS as a tenure faculty member.



## VOLLEYBALL!



New Lady Pirates' volleyball coach, **Dale Henderson**, opened practices with an enthusiastic group of new players. They opened workouts under the direction of the new PC Head Athletic Trainer, Anja Goebel, for their strength and conditioning exercises.

