

PROFESSOR FLIES WITH N.A.S.A.

“It was an awesome, life-changing experience!” That was one way **Richard Goode**, Division Chair, PC Natural Science/Mathematics, described a trip he recently made to the Space Center in Houston. He has served as a mentor to science students at Sequoia Middle School, a designated N.A.S.A. Explorer School, and two of the students created an experiment, one of only 14 in America to be selected to be tried out in the space center facilities. It was titled, “Could a magnet divert an asteroid?” Since the students were too young to meet the physical requirements needed to conduct the



experiment in zero gravity, Goode went with two teachers from the middle school, **Marti Phipps** and **Heather Zimmerman**, to Houston. They were treated royally, getting to go into areas of the astronaut training facility that very few see.



Goode said that this was the closest he would ever come to being an astronaut, and that it was incredible to walk under lunar gravity, exactly as it would be walking on the moon. He also found it extremely difficult to work in zero gravity, as they did while flying on the “Weightless Wonder” plane, which is used to train astronauts. He has a new admiration for what the astronauts do while spacewalking and working at the space station in orbit. He executed the boys’ experiment in that weightless environment and it worked to

perfection, earning a trip for the local boys to the Kennedy Space Center to explain it to the officials there. It showed that indeed an asteroid can be diverted.

The PC professor said the program and the trip are designed to outreach to future science specialists interested in space travel and experimentation, and it will be invaluable for the students at Sequoia Middle School, such as **Chris Buettner** and **David Ivancovich**, the creators of the winning experiment.



The 2nd Porterville Intensive Strings Workshop

The 2nd Porterville Intensive Strings Workshop was hosted between June 6th and June 10th on the PC Campus. Co-sponsored by the Porterville branch of the **American Association of University Women**, the **Porterville Unified School District**, and the **PC Music Department**, this event saw more than 75 local elementary, middle school and



PC Professor David Hensley enjoys some photo-op merriment with the nine Indiana University guest musicians as the 2nd Strings Workshop comes to a close.



high school string students in a



TOP: MHS graduate violinist Johnny Trevino performs in a recital

LEFT: Justice Carrillo, Sequoia Middle School student, tunes her cello prior to performing Thursday.

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“summer music camp” featuring nine guest musicians from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University as the faculty. These nine (themselves music students at IU) presented a Staff Recital on Tuesday, June 8th and coached and participated in the culmination concert on Thursday, June 10th. Participating students received private lessons, instruction on music theory and repertoire, chamber ensemble coaching and practice with their respective instruments, in addition to basic piano instruction. Parents of the participating students were quoted as being very impressed with their child’s musical improvement, highly praising the event.

PC Instructor Performs in Cairo, Egypt

Rob Hodges, a Porterville cellist, vocalist and PC Adjunct Faculty member, has been invited by the government of Egypt to perform at the Cairo Opera House in Cairo. The July two-week tour included the presentation of a workshop, shopping in Khan al-Khalili, climbing Bab el-Zuwayla minaret, touring the Giza pyramids, a Nile boat ride, visiting several museums, and performing at eight venues along the way. Hodges, who is a music instructor and reference librarian at Porterville College, has been a member of the University of California Santa Barbara Middle Eastern Music Ensemble since 1997. The ensemble - the largest Middle Eastern music ensemble in the country - includes instrumentalists, dancers and a chorus.

Scott Marcus, an ethnomusicology professor at UCSB and founder of the ensemble, was contacted and the planning for a trip began. They perform music and dance from Arab, Turkish, Persian, Armenian, Greek, Sephardic and Oriental Jewish, Kurdish, and Assyrian cultures. Performance items range from classical pieces to religious, folk, popular, and children’s songs, as well as folk, classical, and cabaret-style dances.

Following the workshop, the ensemble will visit Muhammad Ali Street — known as the musical instrument street, or a street which was once full of musicians and of shops making instruments — in Cairo’s Musical Quarter. But it is the Opera House experience that Hodges said he is looking forward to the most. “The highlight of the trip will be the performance at the Opera House,” Hodges said. “It is a historic venue where all of the great musicians of Egypt have performed.” Hodges is also a solo vocalist and will perform about six solos — all in Arabic. “We’ve selected some songs that will represent some of the great singers and composers — musical icons — of Egypt, singing songs from films of the 40s, 50s, and of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca,” Hodges said. “I don’t actually speak the language but fortunately some of the members of the ensemble are native speakers and native-language instructors and can help me with pronunciation.”



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New PC Baseball Coach Named

Porterville College has announced the hiring of Jake Kiser as its new head baseball coach. Kiser, a former assistant coach at College of the Sequoias and head coach at Golden West High School in Visalia, will also become a part-time adjunct instructor for PC's physical education division.

"I'm very excited about joining the Porterville College athletic department," Kiser said. "I appreciate the opportunity from the administration, and I'm looking forward to working hard and preparing for next season. Our goals will be to recruit quality talent from the Valley, field a team that is highly competitive, and prepare our students to be successful in life."

Kiser coached Golden West High School to West Yosemite League championship titles in 2005 and 2006. His 2006 team advanced to the Valley semifinals, the same season he was voted WYL and Tulare County Coach of the Year.

Following the 2006 season, Kiser accepted a position on the COS staff under head coach Jody Allen. As a Giants' assistant coach and adjunct faculty member, Kiser was responsible for recruiting, fundraising, summer camps, off-season conditioning – in addition to his on-field duties. During his four-year stint at COS, the Giants recorded three 20-win seasons, including a third-place finish in the Central Valley Conference in 2009 (27-16 overall).

"We had a lot of qualified candidates from across the state interested in the position, and to his credit, Jake was able to surface to the top," said PC Athletic Director Eric Mendoza. *"Jake has experience directing his own baseball program, and being a leader at COS has also prepared him for this level. Jake has demonstrated a commitment to helping student-athletes succeed, and his character as a person makes him a great role model for our program."*

Kiser is a Paso Robles native who played at Allan Hancock College before transferring to Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa. He earned a bachelor's in kinesiology and a secondary teaching credential in physical education in 2002. As a senior, Kiser ranked second in the nation in stolen bases, and was team captain, most valuable player, and Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference Player of the Year. Kiser later earned a master's in health and human performance from Fort Hays State in 2009.

At age 30, Kiser joins PC basketball coach T.J. Jennings (29) as the two youngest men's head coaches in the CVC in their respective sports. Kiser and his wife, Jae, reside in Visalia with their two children.

One...Two...Three...You're Out!! Nope...Just retired...AGAIN!

Monte Moore has retired from his third career as Porterville College's Public Information Officer after 10 years of dedicated service. Monte's first career started as a major-league baseball announcer for the Kansas City "A's" baseball team in 1962. He later moved his family to Oakland, CA when the team moved to California in 1968 becoming the "Oakland A's" as it stands today. He announced more than 3,000 games, including the "A's" three consecutive World Series championships in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

During his tenure with the A's he purchased KTIP/K100 radio station, continuing to commute between Porterville and Oakland and broadcast three more World Series for the "A's," before he retired from baseball announcing to totally commit to running the radio station and an active community member. He sold the station

and retired (somewhat) from his second career, coming to Porterville College in 2000.

Monte, quoted in a feature story by the Porterville Recorder, stated; *"The big difference [between the other careers and the position at the college] is, there's been no pressure by anybody on me to do this job. It's been a pleasant place that I can look forward to everyday. It gives me something to do where I can go home and feel a sense of accomplishment."*

As part of his duties, Monte teamed up with the president's Administrative Assistant, Carol Brown, to produce the college newsletter the "PC Update". His favorite part of this job has been highlighting stories on students and staff.

Since retiring, Monte has agreed to serve on the City Parks and Leisure Services Commission in which his son Donnie is the Superintendent, and spend time with his three young grandchildren who live in town - Mikayli, Tori and Monte Jr. He and wife Deonne have been married for 58 years. Their other two children are Bruce, a Math Teacher in England and Deonna, a Professor of Exercise Science at Abilene Christian University in Texas. Two other out-of-state grandchildren (Deonna's children) are Bryson, a recent high school graduate who has hopes to follow in his grandfather's footsteps into some form of today's broadcasting, and Denae, a high school sophomore next year.

"It's really been a wonderful ten years for me as a retirement job. I could not have asked for a better experience working for anyone than I have had working for Rosa Carlson," Moore said. *"Job conditions are an important thing in your work, but the personal relationships you have in your job, and the relationships you have with your co-workers is the most important. It's time now, to pass the job onto someone who can take the college's advertising to the next level."*



Monte received the Community Service Award during Porterville's 29th Annual Flag Day celebration June, 2010.
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TOP: Longtime fans of "the voice of the Oakland A's" visiting a PC staff take opportunity to meet and take photo with THE Monte Moore. Monte always took time out with visiting fans.

RIGHT: Monte proudly takes photo of day he bought KTIP Radio in 1978.

BOTTOM: Monte interviews Rick Monday of Oakland A's in 1969.



Summer Basketball Camps Returns



After a successful return in 2009, the Junior Pirates Basketball Camp exceeded all expectations with the 2010 edition. The camp has doubled in size – reaching out to more than 50 youngsters this June and July.

“We would like to expand the program, but I’m not sure our gym can accommodate any more,” said **Eric Mendoza**, PC Director of Student Programs & Athletics. “Without much traditional publicity, our numbers were able to grow based on last year’s success and many of the campers came back and brought friends along.”

Mendoza also said that the affordable cost (just \$50 per four-day session) is much less expensive than similar camps with even fewer hours.



Coach **Dave Kavern** volunteers his time and much-needed energy to keep up with the kids. And his efforts have not gone unnoticed. Kavern was honored with the 2010 “Community Outreach Award” during the PC Academic & Athletic Achievement Awards in May.

“It’s a fun time for all of us,” Kavern said. “The camp is an important tradition for our community ... and who knows – we hope the kids are future Pirates!”

Student-athletes from the men’s and women’s basketball teams also volunteer during the camp as coaching mentors.



PC Pirate Softball Player Remembered...

The passing of student-athlete Tiffanee Anderson left many of her teammates and friends at PC heartbroken. The sad news came on June 18, when Anderson (age 19), her brother (Robert, 23), and a friend (19) did not survive a single-car accident in Las Vegas. Tiffanee was spending the summer break with her family in Las Vegas – taking online classes at PC – and planned to return to Porterville for her sophomore year in August.

Aside from Tiffanee’s talents as a PC softball player, she was active on campus (a member of the PC Student-Athlete Advisory Council), a good student, and a popular friend among all student-athletes within the athletic department.

Coach Vickie Dugan was confident that Tiffanee would have been offered several scholarships from four-year universities. She was a second team All-Central Valley Conference infielder and the team’s top returning hitter (.381 batting average).

Dugan, along with PC Director of Student Programs & Athletics Eric Mendoza, and more than a dozen PC students, attended the two-day memorial service for Tiffanee in Las Vegas, June 22-23. “Tiffanee was a great friend and inspiration for a lot of people,” Mendoza said. “It was important for us to support one another through a difficult time, and we wanted to let Tiffanee’s family know how much she meant to us. PC will honor Tiffanee at the appropriate time, with the blessing of her parents, and we promise to keep her memory alive.”

PC President Dr. Rosa Carlson spoke with Tiffanee’s parents recently, and recalls meeting the family last year during a recruiting visit. “It’s a sad and tragic loss for any parent to endure. Tiffanee came from such a loving and supportive family, and they raised a beautiful child. We were fortunate to be part of her life for a short while. Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with the family.”

