

TWO PC STUDENTS MAKE ALL-CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC TEAM

Out of over 110 community colleges in the state of California, only 45 students are selected to the Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team. It has become almost automatic that one or more students from Porterville College make that elite list each year. **Sherrie Burgess**, Advisor for the PTK chapter at PC, made the announcement today that two of our own students made it this year and were placed on the second team. She said, *"once again, Porterville College students have proven to be some of the best in our state. They will represent our district in Sacramento as no students from Bakersfield or Cerro Coso made this year's team."*

Sarah Ridenour and **Amber Rafferty** are the two honorees and **Dr. Rosa Carlson**, President of the college, said, *"these ladies exemplify what kind of dedication and hard work it takes to earn these statewide accolades, and we are so proud to have them represent PC at the awards ceremonies in Sacramento."*



TOP: Sarah with Senator Roy Ashburn.
LEFT: Amber with Assemblywoman Connie Conway.



Amber will graduate in December from the Psych Tech program with a goal of getting into the RN program and eventually qualifying to be a mid-wife. Her background is strongly into care for others, especially older people. She currently works a full week caring for a 94 year old man, in addition to taking 16 units at PC. She is a 2002 graduate of Monache where she was in the Health Careers program. Amber came to college after being out of school for six years and has accumulated a GPA of 3.93, and is the Vice President of the PTK chapter. Community service activities include work on Senior Prom and Books For Africa projects.



PTK Advisor Sherrie Burgess, Sarah Ridenour, Amber Rafferty, Vice President Student Services Steve Schultz

Visalia Golden West graduate, Sarah, is a 3.97 GPA student at PC. She is a psychology major who wants to eventually work in the field of neurological and brain injury care. She figures that it will take her around seven years to complete all of her education towards that goal. She said she went back to college after some time because she got tired of being a waitress. Along with her PTK service work, she helped raise money for battered women, worked in Project Homeless and in precinct work for the elections. She is Vice Chairman for the Human Services club. Sarah said the helpfulness and personal interest by the instructors have made her time at Porterville College very enjoyable and productive.

PC Basketball Player Named CVC Student-Athlete of the Month for February

Porterville College women's basketball star becomes the first Pirate to earn California's top honor (and the first female student-athlete from the Central Valley Conference) since the award began in 2005 ...

Freshman guard **Alex Shew** capped an outstanding rookie season with some great performances in the month of February. In five games last month, Shew averaged 26.8 points per game for the Pirates. Her 34 points on Feb. 23 led Porterville to a 72-63 victory at Taft College. The point-total was the best output by a Central Valley Conference player - which she surpassed a week later. Shew's 35 points against undefeated conference champion Fresno on Feb. 20 gave her the top CVC scoring mark for 2009-10. During February, Shew shot 47.5% from the floor including 38% from three-point range. In ten CVC games, Shew led the conference in scoring (26.2 ppg). She also led all California freshmen guards in overall scoring (21.4 ppg). Shew earned First Team All-CVC honors, and finished runner-up for MVP.



Standing Room Only

It was a "standing room only" crowd for what was surely the biggest stage production ever seen in the PC Theater as some of the most famous entertainment characters of the 1960s were played by faculty, staff, and students. Actually, many theater



attendees were sadly turned away for lack of space to see this C.H.A.P. spectacular, and those who were there were taken back in time by music performed in full costumes of the times. **Rob & Catherine Hodges** welcomed people with music as people entered the theater. Some of the personalities from that era who were depicted were Ed Sullivan aka **Bill Jameson**; The Beatles



aka **Miles Vega**, **Joel Wiens**, **Paden Burgess**, **Stewart Hathaway** compete with crazy 'groupie' fans chasing them off the stage aka **Diane**



Thompson, **Judy Fallert**, **Kailani Knutson**, **Susie Lala-Bell**; **Mommas** and **Pappas** aka



Rickelle Syrdahl, **Sherie Burgess**, **Chris Vanni**, **Leif Syrdahl**;



Laugh-In's Gladys Ormphby & Tyrone skit (old lady / old man) aka **Rosa Carlson & Richard Goode**; **Tiny Tim** aka **Rob Hodges**; **Michelle Hart & Tiffany Haynes** with daughter **Brooklynne** who acted out **Jeannie C. Riley's**



song "**Harper Valley PTA**" along with disapproving PTA board members - **Jeff Keele**, **Carl & Ann Beheler**; **Sonny and Cher** aka **Richard & Ginny Osborne**; '**Crack-O-Dawn Dancers**' aka **Senior's Dance Class** led by **Sylvia Harral** dancing to "**Little Old Lady from Pasadena**" & **Wipe Out**"; **Janis Joplin** aka **Muriel Josten**; **Nancy Sinatra's** "**These Boots Are Made For Walking**" aka

Susan Regier with backup '**Booters**' - **Jennie Brisson**, **Carol Moorhead**, **Ginny Osborne**, **Ann Marie Bezayiff**, & **Lorie Barker**; also favorite 60's musical



numbers performed by **David Bezayiff** "**Me & Bobby McGee**"; **Jim Entz** "**I Shall Be Released**"; **Miles Vega** medley of 50's & 60's songs;

Ted Wise & Ron Trammel; students **Joey Loehrner** "**Castles in the Sand**", **Brian & Amanda Rodriguez**, **Christina Magana** "**Nowhere Man**", and **David**



for 60's Show ~

Baca with a finale by the members of the PC Choir singing "Age of Aquarius" led by David Hensley.

All in all it was an evening of full of "live" music renditions of some of the most popular music by those stars.

Richard Osborne and Ted Wise, PC faculty members, came up with the idea to celebrate the 60's era with a variety of presentations throughout the year, and they received enthusiastic support from

everyone on campus to climax the programs with this spectacular musical event. The creativity by all participants in putting together costumes and hair styles was incredible, and it was evident by the



audience response that the music of the 60's was remembered and enjoyed.

A common theme among those who commented about the show afterwards was that this kind of entertainment was just what the campus needed to help relieve



some of the tension and anxiety caused by the budget battle in the district. It was also said that there was so much going on in the 60's that the same theme will be carried on through next year.



CDC KIDS HELP RONALD MCDONALD

The young children in the Porterville Child Development center have been collecting tabs from soda cans since the first semester and they now have over 10,000 of them. They will deliver and donate them to the Ronald McDonald House charities in Madera during the spring break. The money raised from this donation will be used to benefit the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House near the Children's Hospital.

The two instructors, Janna Lanning and Beatrice Trujillo of the PC Children's Center who have supervised the collection by

the youngsters, said the tabs are made of high-grade aluminum and are easier to collect than bulky cans. They will continue to collect the tabs through next school year and are in hopes that other departments on campus will join in the collection process.



WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

PC President, **Dr. Rosa Carlson**, said, "There is not enough space in this article to express how valuable our IT staff is to our campus. They are the heart and soul of our college and we appreciate them so much."

Chris Craig came to PC as a student in 1998, became a Network Tech in 2000, graduated, secured his BA in Business Management, and his MBA in Business Administration online from University of Phoenix. That took four years and he was working as an instructor for Information classes four nights per week. He served as the interim manager for the IT department for one year before being given the permanent position recently. He says none of this could have happened without the work of his great staff, which has accomplished some tremendously large projects on campus. Among those are changing around 700 computers, establishing the wireless network, installing the virtualization of



Chris Craig was promoted to Manager, Information Technology for Porterville College February 2010. In the same month wife Mayra, presented him with their first child, daughter Santannah Lynn on February 5th.

servers, (called the most important project of all), and maintaining all existing technical equipment. He says that the next thing he looks forward to bringing new technology to the classrooms, such as better cameras for projecting video, and eventually smart boards. He expects to see more use of Twitter and Facebook by faculty and students. A relatively new feature is the Luminus program which allows faculty and students to have private portals allowing better communication between them.



IT Staff: **Rosemary Viotto**, Media Technician; **Randy Morgan**, Web Coordinator/ Graphics Designer; **Vern Butler**, Network Technician; **Terry Harter**, Network Administrator; **Chris Craig**, IT Manager.

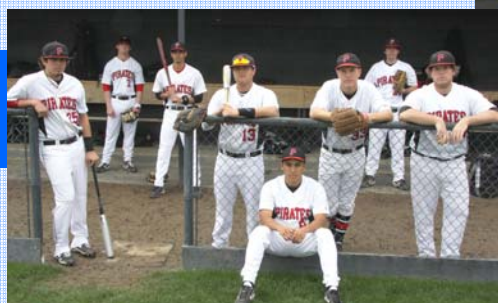
How has the budget crunch affected IT work? Chris says, "It has caused us to create ways to do things differently because we have to produce - budget or not." He has high praise for the support and cooperation the IT staff has from administration, faculty, staff, and students. When asked what is in the future for Chris Craig, he said, "I just want to make decisions that will influence change for the better at Porterville College."



Coach **Del Marine**, in his 3rd year as head coach, says that despite the poor record of wins/losses, this team has been a fun one to coach. Their academics and on and off the field activities have been exemplary, and they have never quit playing hard, working hard in practice, and growing as a team with respect for each other. A highlight of the season was a victory over highly-ranked Fresno City College. 13 of the players will return next season and their experience will be valuable to go with the incoming recruits.



PITCHERS: Jonathan Medina, Rob Berckefeldt, Ross Hebert, Brian Lemke, Armando Ponce, Matt Finkle, Mitchell Sodersten, Steven Jones, Joey Duran, Jayson Heard, Adam Erickson.

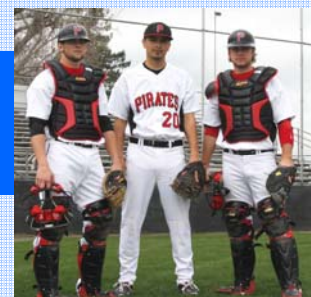


INFIELDERS: Ismael Goonzales, Jackson Griggs, Alvalo Trujillo, Johnny Laygo, Jeremy Acevedo, Josh Meadors, Preston Black, Ross Hebert.

TOUGH SEASON FOR PIRATE BASEBALLERS



OUTFIELDERS: Mitchell Sodersten, Josh Meadors, Manny Sanchez, Steven Jones, Gabriel Mendez.



CATCHERS: Dylan Rogers, Jesse Vasquez, Steven Dumar

