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El Cerrito High School Archiving Project, 5th Email

Mission Statement

April 2006

Gauchos!

El Cerrito High Archiving Project Mission Statement: Support the development of a strong El Cerrito High School alumni body - Collect, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School - Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.



Artist's rendition of new ECHS

Roddy Lee, Class of 67



ECHS 1941
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Oral History Information

Oral History Information The Oral History Project has been working to record the oral history of students, teachers, administrators and others connected to El Cerrito High School. The goal of the project is to record interviews and create DVDs that can be enjoyed by future generations at ECHS. We are looking for volunteers to help interview and record the histories, as well as interviewers and interviewees. What better way to remember the old times than out of the mouths of those who were there! If you're interested in being involved in this interesting project, contact Janet Abelson at abeljanet@aol.com or 510-525-7709. Janet Abelson, Parent of ECHS graduates - classes of '92, '94, '96, and '98 and current student - class of '06

El Cerrito High School Sovenirs

Great for Reunions

Commemorative T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Postcards and Mousepads. Get your official ECHS archiving gear printed with a 3-color rendering of El Cerrito High School's original campus. If you missed your opportunity to purchase a shirt during the Wrecking Ball weekend here is your second chance to collect more memories. Show up to your next reunion sporting this special t-shirt or sweatshirt. Might as well drop a postcard to your classmates saying you'll be there as well. Proudly click over your Alma Mater mousepad, or send some off to your alumni pals. Go Gauchos! All products are available at our online store. Just go to <http://www.cafepress.com/echarchiveproj> and follow the prompts! All



proceeds go to the ECHS Archiving Project.

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"Images of America: El Cerrito"

A new book on El Cerrito was published the first week of September. It is called "Images of America: El Cerrito" and it is part of Arcadia Publishing's popular series of local history books. The 128-page book was authored by the El Cerrito Historical Society. It is organized by decade and is packed with more than 200 great images from the Historical Society's collection. The book is priced at \$19.99 and it is available from several merchants in town. (Two of whom have agreed to make the book available by mail order and by phone: The Glenn Custom Framing, 510-558-1078, 7027 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito, 94530; and JennyK Gifts, 510-528-5350, 6927 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito 94530. The book should also be available soon on the JennyK website, www.jennyk.com). The book has been extremely popular around town, with sold over 1300 copies having been sold in the six weeks since it was released. Arcadia is now looking at a second printing of the book. In addition to the book, the Friends of the El Cerrito Library has created an extremely comprehensive index for the book, which is available at the library for \$1.00



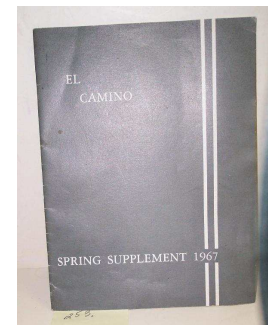
GREEN & WHITE: The Gaucho Story"

The DVD edition of "GREEN & WHITE: The Gaucho Story" will be released late this Spring. The documentary video, which was shown last May at the ECHS Farewell weekend, will be more than twice as long, with additional stories from former faculty and principals, a special message from Mr. Rhea, and new footage of the Farewell Weekend and demolition of the school. For those who have not already purchased a DVD, copies will be available for \$20 each. Ordering information will be available

soon

Yearbooks Missing

Yearbook Update- Missing Four Yearbooks Missing 1981 Yearbook Found! Thanks to Fuad Fariadji, class of 1981, the Archive committee now has the 1981 ECHS yearbook. Thank you, Fuad! We are still missing the 1980, 1986 and 1987 yearbooks. If you have a copy of one or all of these yearbooks, please email jsbayat@comcast. A complete collection of all the yearbooks is the best documentation of the school's 65 year old history.



First Scholarship to be Awarded

One of the objectives of the ECHS Archiving Project is to "develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito Community." To that end we are proud to announce that three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded for the first time to qualified graduating seniors who will continue higher education in either a 2-4 year college, vocational school, or university. Applications will be available by April and are due May 5, 2006. Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards Night on June 1st. The committee members will make a special effort in promoting the scholarships by making presentations to senior classes so all seniors will have the opportunity to apply. Spread the word! Questions- please email tipping1@aol.com

Do you remember?

Do you remember? Periodically, this new sletter will ask the readership for background 'clues' to items that were found at the school where there is little or no historical data. If you can fill us in with facts or, yes, even tall tales or legends, we will include that on the Archive catalog. The four foot round mosaic pictured here was found buried in an outside closet in the main school building. It is a perfectly preserved picture of a gaucho's head. There is not one piece of mosaic tile missing. We have received a number of ideas about the origin but nothing concrete. Do you remember seeing this piece of artwork?



Where was it hung? Who or what class designed and made it? What year was it created? Who was the teacher responsible for this project? In about one month this will be displayed at Jenny K's Gifts on Stockton St. in El Cerrito. Pass any info about this mosaic to jsbayat@comcast.net. We'll pass the scoop on in the next new sletter.

Patricia (Jones) Durham, ECHS 1968

Contra Costa College's National Women's History Month recipient

Patricia (Jones) Durham, ECHS 1968, named Contra Costa College's National Women's History Month recipient. West Contra Costa County officially recognized the significant contributions Pat has given to her community by presenting her and eleven other women with an award for their service on Saturday, March 11. Pat's award was given for Ecumenical Activism. She has been the chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr City Celebration for the past 15 years and is an active church member. Do you received a special award or recognition that you would like to share with the ECHS community? If you do, please submit to jsbayat@comcast

Newsletter Subscribers

New sletter Subscribers Increasing! Last month, the Archive Committee sent out over 300 postcards to ECHS alumni and supporters who had given us their address but not their email address. We received a tremendous response. We now have added over 200 new email addresses to our new sletter distribution list of 1700! Thank you for giving us your email addresses. Hey, why not pass our new sletter on to other ECHS supporters and ask if they want to subscribe, too! Email info@newechs.org or ECarchives@aol.com to get on the distribution list!

Reunion Information

Class Reunion Information

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