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El Cerrito High School Archiving Project, 6a Email*Mission Statement*

June 19, 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.

Roddy Lee, Class of 67



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Reunion Contacts:*List Your Class*

Contacts !!!!

30 Year Class Reunion - Class of 1976!
The Class of 1976 will hold its reunion on the evening of Saturday, August 26 at the Richmond Country Club. Tickets are available by advance sale only, and should be purchased by August 1. There will also be the traditional "day after"

picnic at Arlington Park on Sunday, August 27. For tickets or more information please contact Margie (Fricke) Mufti at 510-526-1906 or Sheila Conn at 510-524-1220. Or e-mail Veda (Rogers) Guess at vguesswho@gmail.com. We are looking forward to seeing all members of the "bicentennial class" there!

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Alumni in the News

Drew Gooden '99. Drew Gooden, forward for the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers will sponsor The Drew Gooden Basketball Camp again this summer in the East Bay. This camp is for all school age basketball enthusiasts. The Drew Gooden Foundation sponsors this one week hands on camp with local basketball stars being coaches. Gooden will be on hand to help out.

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 interviewees 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 Souvenirs

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/echsarchiveproj> and follow the prompts! All proceeds go to the ECHS Archiving Project.



Cafe Press

Past Principal Portraits

We have the large hallway portraits of the past principals, and would like to give them to relatives or other 'near and dear' folks. Could you please to contact me if you or your kinfolk are interested in retrieving these portraits. Thanks Susan Yourd. 510/524-4782, RonYourd@aol.com



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

50 Year Class Reunion - Classes of 1955 and 1956

Report of 50 Year Class Reunion - Classes of 1955 and 1956 On November 5, 2005 the

classes of 1955 & 1956 celebrated their 50 year class reunion. The celebration was held at the Colombo Club in Oakland. 285 people were in attendance. The party began at 4pm. There was an opportunity to visit with classmates and to get pictures taken. At 6pm we shared a delicious dinner. From 8 - 11 there was more socializing and dancing. The music was provided by Don Krieger's group - class of 1954. A wonderful time seemed to be had by all. We all received a book at the reunion with a short resume about each person that attended the reunion and a few that didn't. Following the reunion everyone received a copy of a memory book that was produced by the photography company and included pictures and addresses. Even after 50 years we're not too old to party. Jackie Fleming Fonken, Reunion Co-ordinator, Class of 1956

ECHS ARCHIVING PROJECT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

ANOTHER FIRST---ECHS ARCHIVING PROJECT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS The Archiving Project continues to make history. Three \$1,000.00 scholarships were proudly presented at Senior Awards Night on May 31, 2006, EC Community Center. Congratulations to Alba Basurto, Cassandra Chu, and Marika Johnson! Alba and Cassandra will be attending a UC campus and Marika will attend community college. All our first generation college bound students. Thank you to the selection committee members for contributing and participating in launching this inaugural year: Lu Tipping, Renee Stanley, Howard Mackey, Joann Steck-Bayat, Gregg Mayer, Bobbi Griggs, and Mike Aaronian.

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.



In Memoriam

Frank Emile Granucci

In Memoriam The Alumni New sletter is starting a new column that will pass on news of alumni and staff who have passed away. Please submit any news of this nature to Editor Roddy Lee. lcp1967@aol.com. Frank Emile Granucci Frank Emile Granucci, Ed. D. Semper Fidelis Feb. 7, 1919 - Apr. 27, 2006 A San Francisco native, Resident of Richmond and El Cerrito since 1947. Frank served as a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, survivor of the sinking of the U.S.S. Chicago, off Guadal-canal by enemy aircraft. He served as Anti- aircraft Officer aboard the U.S.S. Phoenix, he was awarded five medals and seven battle stars for service in the South Pacific. Frank was recalled to active duty and served as a member of the 1st Amtrac Battalion in landings at Inchon and Hungnam, Korea and was awarded two medals and two battle stars for combat in Korea. A member of the National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta and National Education Honor Society Phi Delta Kappa, and the California Retired Teachers Association Chapter 58. Frank graduated from St. Ignatius High School and San Francisco State University, he earned his Masters Degree from U.C. Berkeley and Doctors Degree in Education from U.C. Berkeley in 1957. He was employed by the West Contra Costa School District and held various positions, retiring as Principal after 38 years of service. Frank married his loving wife, Lucille Aston Granucci in March of 1943. They enjoyed marriage until June, 2004 when Lucille passed away. He leaves his children and their spouses, Stephen and Judi Granucci of Pleasant Hill and Thomas and Vickie Granucci of Gardena, CA; eight grandchildren

and two great-grandchildren. A son, Anthony Granucci, preceded him in death in 2005. Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass, celebrating Frank's life, 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 4, 2006 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Private interment will take place at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Gustine, CA. Memorial donations may be made to the Hearing Society of the Bay Area, 49 Powell Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94102. Civic Center Chapel Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries (510) 232-4383

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@new echs.org or ECarchives@aol.com.to get on the distribution list!

July 4th Celebration

ECHS Archives at the July 4th, El Cerrito Community Center

Please help celebrate July 4th at the El Cerrito Community Center. For more information Contact: Donna Houser-- houserini@sbcglobal.net

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