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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2016

There are several things happening at ECHS that all alumni should be interested in. The beautiful new stadium is about to open. When it opens, we will be honoring some very important men in the athletic history of this school. They are Frank Milo, Hale Roach and Sandy Berman. Each of these men not only gave students emotional support but also taught them to be good men and women and good athletes. "Down the field the Gauchos go"- remember that song?

If you have friends that do not receive this newsletter please pass it on to them so they can join in. ECHS is a unique school with an amazing bunch of alumni. Our great school spirit of the past needs to be rekindled.

Sincerely,
Jackie Fleming Fonken,
Class of 1956
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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- ECHS will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year?
- ECHS will be opening its new Memorial Stadium soon?
- Three outstanding men will be honored with their names on the Football Field, Track and Press Box? (See article in newsletter)
- Former student athletes will have the opportunity to purchase a tile to be mounted at the field with their name, sport and year(s) they played on the field? *

* All money raised from tile purchases will be put into the Archiving Scholarship Fund for future graduating Seniors.

Read below for details.

WE DID IT!

After two years of effort, your ECHS Archiving Project succeeded in having the school board members endorse the naming of the football field and track and press box after deserving educators' names at the new El Cerrito Memorial Stadium.

The Football Field will be named after Coach Frank Milo. Coach Milo was the football coach at ECHS from 1982-2000. His record was 138 wins, 71 losses and four ties. Frank served as the school's Athletic Director from 1988 to 2001. Under his leadership, the school won eight league championships and three second place finishes in the North Coast Section playoffs. Some of the awards he won while coaching at ECHS included:

- Named one of the top high school football coaches of the 20th century by the Contra-Costa-Alameda County Sports Writers
- 2001 State of California Senate Certificate of Recognition Award
- 2001 North Coast Section Football Honor Coach
- Numerous league Coach-of-the-Year awards
- 2002 California Coaches Association's Dan Fukushima Lifetime Achievement Award.

Coach Milo's love of football extends beyond the El Cerrito High School football field. For 30 years he coached and advised the Contra Costa-Alameda County United Cerebral Palsy All-Star Football games. He still represents Contra Costa County as a committee member for the prestigious National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame Scholarship program based on academic and athletic accomplishments.

Coach Milo consistently instilled values and integrity into his football teams while he set high standards of behavior and academic achievement for his players and made sure his players were accountable and responsible for their actions. A multitude of his athletes have moved on to play football at the next level, and five have played in the National Football League.

Hale Roach Track will be named after a founding father El Cerrito High School teacher, coach (cross country, track & field and football), athletic director and mentor to many student athletes from 1941 to 1973. As a track coach for 29 years, Coach Hale Roach garnered five league championships and five North Coast Section titles for ECHS. Some of his awards include:

- 1962 East Bay Coach of the Year
- 1971 District Coach of the year
- 1971 National High School Track Coach of the Year
- 1980 Inducted into the California Coaches Association Hall of Fame

Coach Roach's greatest accomplishment was establishing the El Cerrito Relays in 1950. Spanning three decades and attracting as many as 85 schools, the El Cerrito Relays became the premier high school spring track event in Northern California and put the City of El Cerrito on the national map. After Coach Roach retired, the El Cerrito Relays event was renamed the Hale Roach Relays in his honor.

Coach Roach helped to establish the many traditions of the new school, which included establishing the school mascot-the Gaucha. He also served as Track Chairman, Vice President and President of the California Coaches Association, organized the first coaching clinics throughout the state, was the Track Chairman of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association for District 8, directed two State of California Interscholastic Federation Track Championships and was an assistant coach of the first USA vs. USSR Jr. Track and Field meet in 1972.



Coach Quirico's Corner

GaUCHO Nation

Gauchos fall in NorCal Finals

Ken Kahn Retires
George Austin Returns

Take a Look!!

Visit our Museum!



[Old and new, updated pictures of ECHS.](#)

GaUCHO Alumni

Do you have a classmate who has contributed to society and you think we would like to hear about him or her?

Contact Roddy Lee at ECarchproject@aol.com

Peace Corps



CJ Mishima,
ECHS Class of 2007

CJ attended UC Berkeley graduating in 2011 with a BS in Environmental Studies. Since graduation he worked at the Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, as a Museum Educator, teaching science programs to youth both on site and at many Bay Area schools. Today, CJ is serving a 27 month adventure with the Peace Corps as an Environmental Education volunteer in Malawi (The Warm Heart of Africa) located in the south eastern region of Africa. He is working with a community to develop projects focusing on sustainability management and education.

Many of Hale Roach's athletes went on to achieve regional and national honors at the high school and college levels. They also returned to coach and became head coaches at various high schools in the district and Contra Costa College. He was instrumental in getting the first stadium built at El Cerrito High in 1949, the El Cerrito Memorial Field, so named for those who had fallen during World War II.

Sandy (Sanford) Berman Press Box honors Sandy Berman spanning more than 30 years as a teacher. He was first and foremost a teacher of Advanced Math Analysis, Trigonometry and Calculus. He was also involved in El Cerrito and Kennedy Forensics programs, coaching students and serving as a debate judge and even a student chauffeur when needed.

Sandy has also been recognized for his dedicated service to school athletics, his commitment to competitive equity, gender equity and fairness, as well as being a supporter of Title 9-equal representation for female athletes. For his service to the students of North Coast Section (NCS) schools, he received their highest honor-the Philip Hempler Service Award. He was the NCS original auditor, served as Commissioner of the Richmond-Berkeley Athletic League (RBAL) and the Alameda County League. For many years he was the Public Address Announcer of the NCS football, basketball and track-and-field championships.

Sandy also announced our school sports programs-football, basketball, baseball and wrestling and the El Cerrito Relays (which later became the Hale Roach Relays). He loved to announce; his voice booming over the fields and gym inspired spectators and athletes alike. It was truly electrifying!

He really loved kids and especially "his" athletes. They all knew they were valued and were proud of their accomplishments. He had an incredible work ethic. Sandy was a person of courage, passion, intelligence, global vision, integrity and responsibility.

Most of all, he loved the students and was totally committed to providing opportunities for them!

Missing - Alumni Class Reunion Leaders

We are looking for you. Your fellow classmates would like to know when your next reunion is scheduled, and they look to the Archiving Alumni Liaison to give them that information. So, PLEASE, tell us who you are and where you have been hiding.

Missing Leaders:

Classes of 1946-47, '51-53, '77, '83, '86, '88-93, 1996-2000, '02-05, '07 -15.

We need to have the following information for your classmates:

Name, Email, Home Address, Phone #, Cell # and, of course, year you graduated.

Ladies, if you have a maiden name, we need that information also.

If you are not someone who plans your reunion, please go online and register with the Archiving Project Newsletter Editor Roddy Lee, and he will add you to our mailing list and keep you up-to-date on what your school alumni are up to.
ECArchiveProject@aol.com

Contact Alumni Liaison: Kathie (Nemy) Weinstein, Class of 1958;
email Bjhardy4@att.net, phone (510) 215-5570.

Scholarships

The ECHS Archiving Project Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving graduates who plan to attend two- or four-year colleges. Graduating seniors with a 2.0 GPA or higher are encouraged to submit applications. Applications are available online and at the School-to-Career Center. The Archiving Scholarship Committee selects the awardees from among the applications received. The selection process and the application form are at the following link:

[Application deadline is Thursday, April 28,2016, 12:15 p.m.](#)

[ECHS Archiving Scholarship Application 2016](#)

Call for ECHS Sports Videos!

ECHS's Hall of Fame in the gym lobby will be getting a technological addition.



This spring the Archiving Project will be installing a video player that will show continuous Gauchos sporting events on a computer screen.

One very special movie shown will be ECHS Gauchos' FIRST football game with players wearing leather helmets. Thank you to Mike Roach for this priceless donation.

Please let us know if you have special sports visuals to donate. We are lacking women's sport items. They can be movie films, CDs or DVDs -- whatever you have.

Contact jsbayat1@comcast.net or call 510 524 9468 to donate.

A Look Inside Fred Korematsu Middle School



http://www.eastbaytimes.com/richmond/ci_29733869/el-cerrito-look-inside-new-middle-school-campus

Tiles

Athletes of El Cerrito High School

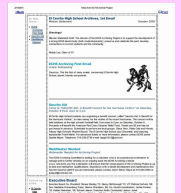


Did you leave everything on the field?

Not quite. The Archiving Project will be giving all former athletes a chance to purchase their own commemorative tile. Tiles will be mounted in the newly renovated El Cerrito High School Stadium. Stay tuned for more information.

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Class of 2006

- Your 10 year Reunion is in the planning stages
- Contact: Deven Sanders Trowers at deven.trowers@gmail.com

55TH REUNION OF CLASSES OF 1959, 1960, & 1961
Open To Everyone From All Classes

WHERE: The Marriott Hotel San Ramon,
2600 Bishop Drive,
San Ramon, CA 94583

WHEN: July 16, 2016

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS are available.

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Bea Courtright Davis -- 1.925.376.1481-- beacourtrightdavis@yahoo.com

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Class of 1956--

60 year: Jackie Fonken, j_fonken@hotmail.com

Save the date

Sat. Oct. 15, 2016

Class of 2001--15 year

Class of 1996--20 year

Class of 1991--25 year

Class of 1986--30 year

Class of 1981--35 year

Class of 1976--40 year

Class of 1971--45 year

Class of 1966--50 year: Sandy Berry, sandyberry60@yahoo.com

Class of 1961--55 year

Class of 1956--60 year: Jackie Fonken, j_fonken@hotmail.com

Reunion leaders, classmates: If you are planning your reunion or need information about your reunion.

Please Contact Roddy Lee: ECArchProject@aol.com

Website Link: items for sale

2015 Gift Ideas! Archiving Project Fundraisers!

Pencils 2/\$1.00

Pens 2/\$1.00

Pins \$1.00

School Photos \$1.00

Book Marks \$3.00

"Green & White/The Gaucho Story" - the DVD - \$15.00

ECHS Bags \$10.00

Reunion Bags \$5.00

License Plate Frames . . . \$7.00

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Member- Sam Burns, '71

Member-Kent Sanctuary, '64

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.

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