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A Cappella, Orchestra present Concert La Playa 'Beat' dance tonight

The A Cappella Choir and the orchestra of El Cerrito High School will jointly present the Christmas Concert today in the boys' gym period 7A.

The theme of this year's Christmas program is the Story of the Nativity which will be told in song, narration, and pictorial tableaux. In addition, A Cappella will perform a group of "Carols of Other Countries," which will include English, Spanish, French, German, Early American Folk Carols, and a Negro Spiritual.

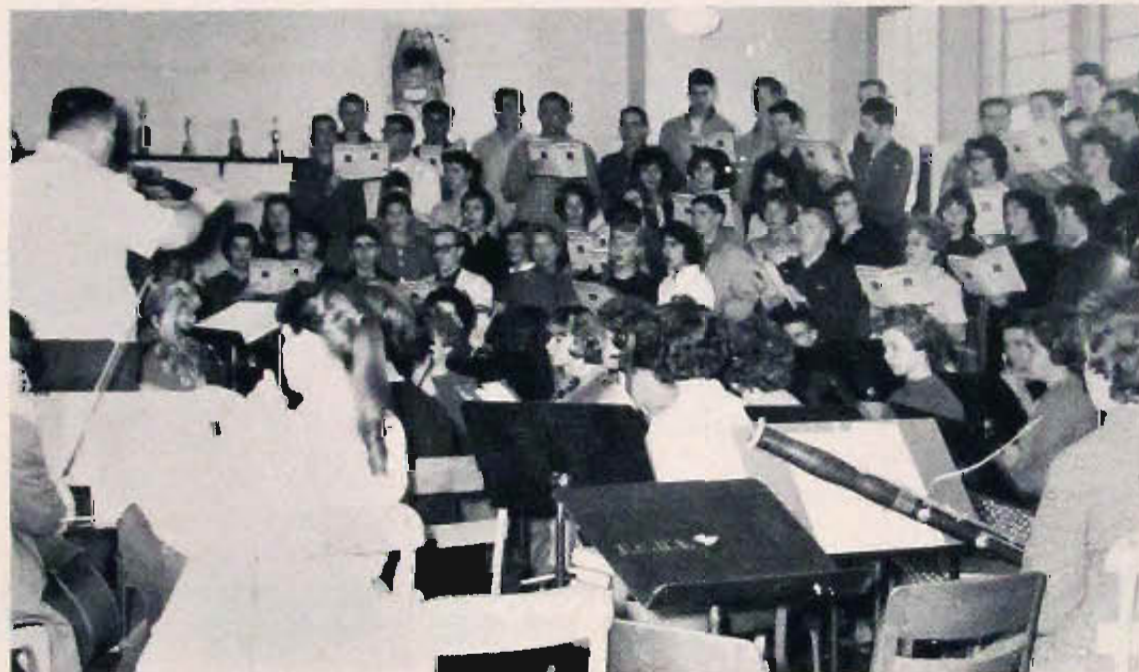
Featured as carol soloists will be Gunilla Hojer, Dan Earl, Rod Harris, Judy Dittentir, and Sue Pezzaglia. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. John Overholtzer, and the A Cappella, under the direction of Mr. Donald Headley, will unite to present Fred Waring's "Song of Christmas."

This year A Cappella will dominate the program depending on the orchestra only for backing.

The two selections that the orchestra will feature are LeRoy Anderson's "Christmas Festival" and Corelli's "Christmas concerto."

"However," orchestra leader Mr. Overholtzer pointed out, "those who would take credit will have to accept the blame too!"

The performance held Tuesday, December 13, was open to the public; no admission was charged. Friday's performance is open to all interested students; students not wishing to attend may remain in class. The entire presentation is expected to last about an hour.



The refreshments will be suitable to the Beatnik theme. Espresso, donuts, cookies and coke, will be served.

The officers of La Playa at the present time, are President, Genevra Gilcrest; Vice President, Sandra Parks; Secretary, Ginger Cordray; Treasurer, Carolyn Cooper; Social Chairlady, Bea Courtwright and doorkeeper Kathy McNeel.

The La Playa Beatnik Dance, "Like it's Nameless," will be held tonight in the Cafe from 9 to 12.

The dance will feature a jazz group from Cal, the Ford's Four, for entertainment.

The decorations for the dance will be based on Art. Pictures will cover the wall, tin cans will be hung from the roof on strings, and cardtables will be set up.

The committee heads are as follows; Nancy Hopkins, Decorations; Carol Alberti, Bids and Entertainment; Carol Johnson, Refreshments; and Sue Van Buskirk, Publicity.

Student debate held here

A debate tournament, in which 35 schools from this area participated, was held in various rooms here Saturday, December 3.

After two teams from each school registered in the cafeteria, the debate teams proceeded to their assigned rooms. In these rooms the two teams would debate on three separate debates for 45 minutes on the topic, "Resolved: that the United States should initiate a federal world government."

When this debate was over, the losing team would go to a particular assigned room, and the winning team would continue the same procedure. In the new rooms the debate teams would again debate the same topic with a different debate team.

The two teams debating from this school consisted of Pat Buchanan and Doug Huneke, team one, and Peter Glick and Rick Spielman, team number two. Team number one lost two debates and won one, while team number two lost one, won one, and forfeited one because of a late team member.

Richmond Union High School won the tournament. 35 school rooms were used from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Baldwin talks on world affairs; reviews international problems

"We have the greatest interest today in foreign problems that we've ever had."

With these words Congressman John F. Baldwin began a talk on international problems on Wednesday, December 7.

He continued by explaining the difficulties arising from Khrushchev's visit to the United Nations, the problems involved in disarmament, the developments in Cuba, and the decreasing gold reserve.

Following his talk was a question and answer period in which he answered about ten questions from the audience. He was introduced by Karen Gaunce third period and Ken Watt sixth period.

In his talk Mr. Baldwin clarified the United Nations problems by describing how Russia was thwarted in the Congo and again in the General Assembly of the United Nations. He said, "Russia now feels that the United Nations are an obstacle."

As his talk turned to disarmament, Mr. Baldwin said, "The United States should not enter a disarmament agreement without adequate controls. This is the United States' position." He mentioned the verbal agreement

now existing and suggested that we ignore it for the purpose of gaining a written agreement.

The congressman pointed out that in spite of the results of trade, money is flowing out of the United States faster than it is flowing in. He cited foreign aid, foreign business investments, and American troops and tourists overseas as reasons for this situation and suggested a few corrective measures.

When asked if we should give the atomic bomb to Germany, he said no, but they will get it anyway, just as France did.

Other questions brought out the situation in Laos, our defense, and Mao's meeting with Khrushchev.

Among those asking questions are Steve Schaffran, Jeff Weinerman, Craig Swan, Jeff Casserly, Larry Mason, Nadja Connelly, and Cecelia Venter.

The talk was arranged for by Mr. Wilde for his third and sixth period international problems classes with all other third and sixth period history and civics classes invited to attend.

Signup deadline set for student offices

Students wishing to file for the Student Body election in January must do so by this afternoon.

Those offices open for election are president, vice-president, secretary, commissioner of athletics, commissioner of entertainment, commissioner of finance and commissioner of publicity. No yell leaders will be elected at this time in accordance with a change in the Constitution made two years ago which provided that six yell leaders were elected in the fall, and four in the spring.

In order to file, a student must have had a "C" average during the previous semester and must have reached at least the second semester of his sophomore year or have attended El Cerrito High School for at least one full semester previous to the semester in which he serves the major portion of his term.

In addition, the president and vice-president must be members of the senior class, the commissioner of finance must have the recommendation of the head of the Commercial Department, and the commissioner of athletics must have the recommendation of the majority of the Boys' P.E. instructors.

Homes needed for AFS exchange students; applications available

All students interested in housing an American Field Service foreign exchange student next year should pick up an application blank in room 318.

The only preliminary qualification, for this once in a lifetime experience, is that there must be someone in the family attending El Cerrito High School next year of about the same age as the exchange student.

Miss Margaret Brunink explained the application procedure: "The students will pick up an application, take it home and fill it out with their parents, and return it."

She went on to say that then the housing committee of the EC AFS chapter will interview each of the applicants and their families to determine which names will be submitted to New York.

Students reveal New Year's plans

Have anything planned for New Year's? You don't? Want some ideas? Then read on and store in mind some of the activities some of your school mates have planned.

Jean Storey, Priscilla Fearn, Shirley Meister, Don Gagnon, Phyllis King, Frances Alongi, Camelli Mizote, Pat Slaterry, and Ron Sherman are all either going to parties or having one.

Robin Berry is taking his date to San Francisco; Wickey Cole is going to wake up her neighborhood while Gary England and Don Orlando are going to celebrate '61 "with a bang."

Some of you brainy kids may want to join Alan Spivak on New Year's. He's planning to "execute the final step of the manufacturing of homework."

Girls, if none of these ideas appeal to you for the New Year, join Anita Martinez, who is going to "tour the Alameda Naval Yard."

Movie is not for children

Let No Man Write My Epitaph is a heavy drama about a boy (James Darrin) from the slums of Chicago who wants to become a concert pianist.

His adult friends consist of a drunk (Burl Ives), a dope addict (Ella Fitzgerald), a dance hall girl, and a handicapped newspaper vender.

To make it even more un-savory his father was executed for murder and his mother (Shelley Winters) who also becomes a dope addict, works as a cheap dance hall girl in order to support herself and to pay for her son's piano lessons.

The conflict of this story is the dream of Nick to become a great pianist, to leave skid row, and to live a normal life in

where the final selection will be made.

This year Dave Cain and his family and Sue Pezzaglia and her family are hosting our two exchange students, Eli Casimero, and Gunilla Hojer.

Military service openings told; if interested see Tilden missile base

Men between the ages of 17 and 26 have a wonderful opportunity to receive missile and electronic training, and at the same time, satisfy their military service obligation. Battery B of the 1st Missile Battalion in Tilden Park offers this training as part of the National Guard "Take Six" program. Men who qualify receive six months of active duty training with the Army after they complete high school.

They then attend weekend training sessions as part of a combat ready air defense unit. Each summer the unit takes over the operation of a Bay Area Nike Missile Battery. Last summer Battery B successfully completed an operational readiness inspection given by the 40th Artillery Brigade, the headquarters in charge of all Nike units in the Bay Area. This was a demonstration of the unit's ability to prepare and fire a missile in

event of enemy attack. All students who wish to apply for a Club Mendelssohn Scholarship should make application with Mrs. Richard Owens, scholarship chairman, as soon as possible.

According to First Lieutenant Edward H. Nelson, commander of Battery B, "The National Guard is an essential part of the community's air defense system. Our members can be proud of the part they play in this vital mission." At the present time the unit has vacancies for a limited number of qualified individuals. Men who are interested in further information and would like to visit the Missile Site may phone the unit at CA3-2570.

Letters of application are to be mailed to Mrs. Owens at 6382 Claremont Avenue, Richmond, California. The letters should contain the type of musical ability the applicant has, instrument or singing; a brief background of the applicant's musical ability; and the applicant's phone number. If the applicant is playing an instrument, he will be restricted to performance on one instrument only.

"We are willing to listen to anyone," said Mrs. Owens.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Referendum on Bill

Bill #418 was voted down Wednesday, December 7th, by a two to one margin, in room 53 during 4th and 5th periods.

Larry Mason, opponent to the Bill, said, "Bill 418 will have more effect on the students themselves, than even the election of Student Body President."

ELECTION

Kirk Weaver and Es Snell, presided over the voting, while John Lowe and Israel Lawrence counted ballots. After the voting was over, Sidney Smith, another opponent to the Bill, said, "It lost by a landslide."

Bill 418, which was a statute that limited all activity to just class meetings and those prescribed by law during the A Period on Thursdays, was debated upon the day before it was voted on. Arguments for and against the Bill were presented in the cafeteria during the two lunch periods.

Period four, Israel Lawrence and Sid Smith gave arguments against the Bill, and Don Carpenter and Steve Schaffran for

"clean" surroundings.

This is definitely not a story for younger brother or sister. It's not a story told in nice "sunday school" type terms, but it is still not a "dirty" movie.

418 finally settles controversy

it, while Craig Swan moderated. Period five Don Carpenter and Craig Swan presented arguments for Bill #418 and Sid Smith gave arguments against the Bill, while Steve Donaldson was moderator.

The opponents against Bill 418 said that Legislature had overstepped its bounds, and that it would force some organizations out of existence. Proponents

said that Legislature had not overstepped its bounds. The clubs were adversely affecting the A periods by taking the active students out of class meetings. In the action, Legislature was trying to bring back the original purpose of the A period.

The Bill was brought to a vote through a petition which had been signed by fifteen per cent of the Student Association members.

El Cerrito students disabled financially; have high hopes to pad bank accounts

Are El Cerrito Students disabled financially? Are they somewhat greedy?

This seems to be the consensus of opinion as far as Christmas wishes are concerned. For 1 out of every 4 students asked replied in some fashion or another, "I want to replenish my bank account or 'All I want is a little green piece of paper with Andrew Jackson on it, (\$20)."

But this reporter wasn't looking for replies of money, but something unusual or interesting about their wish. Some students asked, thought the reporter was kidding, and told him to go mind his own business. Following are some of the contrasting opinions of the students who participated in the poll. Steve Bradley says

"He wants a larger bank account." Berry Sexton replied, "Man, I want some number nine turpentine." Ray Myers, a sophomore, "Wants a one eyed, one horn flying mouse catcher."

Bon Gerner, freshman, "Wants a conventional smoke shifter. He included, that I always wanted to have a smoke shifter and now I have a chance to obtain one."

Clarence Barba, "All I want is a new Falcon Ranchero (not much?)."

Israel Lawrence simply replied "I want the world. He also stated that in ten years left-handed people will be ruling the world. Oh yes, he gives the rest of the world 24 hours to get out."

Judy Newlin wants "An angora sweater and skirt of a peach color."

London underground subway ride highlights Kathy's summer



Kathy Griffiths

"We were lucky to get out of there alive!" smiled Kathy Griffiths while telling about her ride on a London underground subway this summer.

"We had no idea where we would end up—we just got on. It was just one big push. We were finally able to get off about two miles from where we had started and caught another subway back."

Kathy, along with her sister Clare and her grandparents, spent the summer traveling in the British Isles and Austria.

"In Austria we stayed in a small skiing town and traveled from there." One of their many "side trips" in Austria included a visit to Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart, where they attended a festival in his honor.

Their month in the British Isles was spent traveling from place to place, instead of taking a series of short trips from one place as they had done in Austria.

In her spare time Kathy, who is a senior this year, likes to ski, play tennis, and swim.

Kathy is taking a College Prep course which includes trig and math A., English 4, civics, chemistry, A'Capella, and Modern Dance.

After graduation, she would like to bicycle through Europe with Melinda Stebbins. After that, Kathy is going to go to college, but hasn't decided what her major will be or what school she will attend.

La Dorada active as a social group

Are you one of the twenty-four? Are you one of the five who went to the Coke Date and who were initiated on October twenty-fifth? If you are, then you belong to La Dorada, one of the three girls' social-service clubs here at El Cerrito.

This club is active throughout the school year, performing various service projects and financial projects such as the annual La Dorada Telephone books which is probably their best known enterprise and will soon go on sale for 25 cents per book. In regard to the book, President Virgette Sneed made the following statement: "If your name is misspelled it's not our fault or the typists'. It is because we couldn't read your writing. If your name was left out completely there was no number for you at the time we typed. If you have a number now you can put it in Mrs. Bryan's box across the hall from the main office."

La Dorada is chiefly a social club and thus activities are aimed at the social life of the members. Directly along these lines a hay ride and a Christmas party have been scheduled.

The hay ride, which was planned for last Saturday at the Big Bear stables in Oakland, was rained out. All was not forsaken however, for a party was called at Virgette Sneed's house for all club members and their guests.

The officers of this club are President, Virgette Sneed; vice President, Jackie Tredaway; Secretary, Sharleen Lissolo; Treasurer, Doris Lacy; Historian, Jackie Brewer; and Sponsor, Mrs. Bryan.

Does this sound like your kind of club? If you are a girl and attend El Cerrito High School you are eligible to join. A second initiation will be held for new members in January.

Foreign countries celebrate Christmas in varied ways; many traditions involved

Do you know any Christmas traditions of the Albanians, of the Czechoslovakians? To help you sound well-read, here are some tid-bits on some foreign countries' little-known Christmas traditions.

At the end of the Albanian Christmas Eve meal of sweets and pancakes (made without oil or butter) each person leaves a spoonful of food on his plate. Then, they all rise from the table, seize the table, and swing it back and forth, as they sing "May the time for a wedding be near."

It is believed in Czechoslovakia that a girl will be married before the next Christmas if the twig from a cherry tree that she puts in water on December 4 blossoms before Christmas Eve.

The second day before Christmas in Yugoslavia is Mothers' Day and Mother pretends not to notice when one of the children slips in and ties her feet to the chair. After this is done, the rest of the children rush in, shouting "Mothers' Day, Mothers' Day, what will you pay to get away?" She is released when she gives the children their Christmas presents. On the following Sunday, the Father goes through the same treatment.

Colacion is the favorite Christmas dish in the Philippines. It consists of cooked fruits and various root sprouts. Everyone over twelve eats it. One of two members of a family stay home and serve the Colacion while the rest of the family go and have theirs in some other household.

For further insight, did you know that---

That the tradition of hanging one's stocking up or putting one's shoes on the hearth is

rooted from the custom where children filled their shoes with oats and placed them on the doorstep for passing camels of the Three Wise Men who were believed to travel on Christmas Eve?

That the French-Canadians feed their cats well during the Christmas season because it is supposed to be bad luck if the cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve?

Mr. Gehrhardt airs some opinions

Mr. Gehrhardt, Biology and Applied Science teacher, has many different views and opinions of his courses.

Biology, according to Mr. Gehrhardt, is a review of the different groups of animals and plants and the structure and functioning of the human body. In other words, it is a three-fold course which attempts to review elementarily these three topics.

Biology is not the only course on which Mr. Gehrhardt bases his topics; he also has taught Chemistry and Science. This year he has two courses of Applied Science and three courses of Biology. He puts a lot of stress on Biology, attempting to cover as much as he can in the time allotted.

"The field of Biology is tremendously vast and it involves much detail; however, due to the time factor, I can not go into as much detail as I would like." He explained that this is the difference between a high school and a college course of Biology. At

Peter Duluth plays detective

In the mood to play detective and guess who the murderer is? Then the book for you is Black Widow, by Patrick Quentin.

This fiction book tells the story of Peter Duluth, a famous Broadway play producer, who is put under the suspicion of murder when a 21 year old girl, Nanny Ordway, is found hanging from his bedroom chandelier.

The story tells of Peter's first meeting with Nanny, their brief friendship before her death and the many mysterious things that are found out about the girl after her death.

Approximately ten different people are introduced in the book who could be possible suspects of being Nanny's murderer. However, the police seem to see only Peter as the criminal. But the readers, knowing the complete story, know that it would have been not only ridiculous, but also impossible for Peter to be the guilty one.

Readers who are sharp detectives and keep in mind everything they read may guess at the murderer, but no matter how sharp one may be, the story keeps you guessing and you may often change your suspicions.

With all the evidence pointing toward him, and with his wife and several friends against him, Peter is able to keep his wits about him enough to gather evidence leading to the true murderer of what he calls the "Nanny Spider". He, proving smarter than the police, solves the mystery of the Black Widow.



Mr. Gehrhardt

the University of California, where Mr. Gehrhardt majored in Biology, the classes involved much detail and "when you studied about a particular thing, you knew it."

Mr. Gehrhardt's main purpose in Biology is that he hopes the students who have taken Biology are able to get the full appreciation of it in the future.

Dark Mystery is finally guessed !!



Susie Donaldson, winner of the "Dark Mystery" contest.

Dark Mystery, you've been guessed by Susie Donaldson, a freshman. You're Mr. Halligan, business teacher and Freshman Advisor. Susie has won a Cam for guessing you.

"The last clue was the one that gave it away," Susie said, who, besides solving mysteries likes to cook and dance.

Some clues that were given to the identity of Mr. Halligan were "Down by the seashore, out out in the sun, that's where you'll find this El Cerritan." Mr. Halligan loves the seashore and sunshine.

"Honey came in on little soft feet, she sat looking at the loafers and thought of all the woe they'd know chasing the pole bean bound gophers, in their 1954, tan....." Mr. Halligan has a dog named Honey, he wears loafers, he has pole beans, and a 1954 tan car.

"School days, school days, Dear old golden rule days. San Francisco is where he did go before he came to El Cerrito." Reading and writing are the basic parts of our mystery person's selected arts. He pecked in his book "I baby sat when Ralphie was only a kid." This was what made Susie suspicious: "Ralphie" refers to Ralph Giberson, Freshman Class President.

Humboldt College offers program of liberal arts and sciences

Humboldt State College offers its students many advantages and attractions. It is a growing, state financed, fully accredited, five year college on Humboldt Bay in the heart of the redwoods.

Humboldt's basic program of liberal arts and sciences provides pre-training in such fields as teaching forestry, social

Galahad, White Knight, Don Quixote combine

Thaddeus Baxter is a combination of Sir Galahad, Don Quixote, and the White Knight from Alice in Wonderland all rolled up into a young, blond man who is kind to horses and most men and scared of women.

Thad wanted "to see green grass growin' and clear rivers flowin'" so he and Hundred Dollar, a little mare, left Texas and headed for Wyoming, his own promised land.

The Odyssey of Thaddeus Baxter is the story of that trip, and Robert Lund tells it as the actual odyssey of a real Thad Baxter who made the journey in 1870.

These people, for they are more than just manipulated characters, are drawn together by a single string as tough as young Thad: his desire to ride on to Wyoming and wallow in water and green grass.

Letters on love and life part 2

El Caballero now presents for your education and enjoyment, the second in its series of 19th century letters on love and life.

With Christmas approaching, we thought it would be appropriate to print this piece of advice.

Philadelphia Pa.

Philadelphia, Pa. Feb. 2, 1876

My Dear Caroline:
Your letter of the 28th ult. is before me. I regret to learn that you accepted of a bracelet at the hands of Wm. Spence. By all means return it. In its acceptance you place yourself under obligation to him, as you would to any one from whom you accept presents, unless you render an equivalent.

Nothing will more surely injure a young lady's reputation than the acceptance of many presents from different young men. When married, the gifts of your husband will come hallowed with his affections. Until then, refuse gifts from all gentlemen.

I am,

*Your sincere friend
Harriet M. Tinkley*

After a brief stay in the latter company a scandalized Thad saddles up Hundred Dollar and lights out quick. Then a gay "caballero" from the City of The Angels takes up where Thad left off the prior prospect, thinking the young man a fool not to follow up such an opportunity. There is an elderly Jew who is puzzled because the Mormons call him a Gentile, and a blasphemous Irish prospector who makes Thad's life miserable one snow bound winter during which Baxter reads to him from the Bible.

The people Thad encounters are a highly characterized lot; an Apache Chief whom Thad wounds and then nurses; and a Mormon elder, his three wives, and brood of daughters who are all set on making Thad a Mormon and marrying him-individually or collectively.

Many have read Will James' works and have laughed and have been saddened by the contents. The John Day Company pays Robert Lund a notable compliment when it prints "You would have to go back to Will James' Lone Cowboy for as good a picture of a man and his horse."

Yule log tradition in many countries

A crackling Yule log of which the origin and meaning is unknown, is a sign of Christmas in more countries than the ones where an English Christmas is celebrated.

In France, the whole family shares with the bringing in of the "Suche" or Yule log. Olive

trees are prized most for yule logs, but apple, pear, and almond trees are also used. Those people who can afford it get a log to last from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

The Serbians, who keep open house for three days after Christmas, have a "badnyak" for a Christmas log. This log is not allowed to burn out, because if it does, bad luck is predicted for that family.

In some places the Yule log is anointed with wine and in others it is decorated with flowers and garlands. The log for good luck is not allowed to burn out during the entire Christmas season. Some of the unburned log is saved to begin the tradition the next year. The ashes are thought to bring fertility to the soil.

So sorry...

El Caballero would like to correct an error made in the story, "New Speech Club enters debate"

Their officers are: President, Doug Huneke; Vice President, Rick Dout; Secretary, Pat Buchanan; and Treasurer, Pat Iiyama.

the College Aptitude Test and apply both for admission and housing at the college.

The average fees and expenses for a resident student total approximately \$610 per semester.

There are however, over 150 scholarships, and a number of financial aid programs available to prospective students.

service, and business administration. It is also possible to obtain a background for further study in medicine, dentistry, and engineering.

The courses needed for entrance differ with the field of study taken up. Before freshmen can be admitted, they must take

LONE ★ STAR

Going Places

I tried to ignore him.

I had sat down for lunch in a coffee shop, next to a man. He began talking. I shifted uneasily in my seat. I looked for another seat. The place was crowded. I couldn't see any.

I thought of going to another coffee shop...decided not to, because others would be as crowded as this one. I thought of just ordering a side of fries to tide me over 'til I got home...decided not to. I was too hungry.

I resigned myself to sitting next to him.

"Yes, that's nice," I replied. Just idle talk...he began once again. The waitress came, and I paid no attention to what he was saying. Instead, I ordered.

He was fumbling in his pocket for something. He handed me a calling card, saying Paulsen's, Exclusive Hand Embossed Stationery, 561 Dimm St - Richmond, Calif.

His hand shook as he gave it to me. He was not an old man. He was 66. He asked my name. Haltingly, I told him. Once again, he fumbled. This time, for a pencil. He began writing some numbers on this calling card...

He had finished. Asked what I saw, I told him. Thirteen numbers. But no, they were not just numbers. He told me to turn the card upside-down. I did so. My name...it was spelled out. All thirteen letters/numbers of it...just as you see here.

2341/35 7239076

He had me hooked. He pulled out an envelope. A picture was shown me, of his house. When he moved into his home several years before the Crash, he had taken a picture of his home. A simple picture. Just the house, standing there, rooted to its very base foundations.

Hard to move, or remove. A humble picture, for a humble man. From the same envelope, he produced a letter. It was from President Eisenhower, dated early in 1953, shortly after he was first elected. I read the letter. Ike thanked him for such a unique copy of the Gettysburg Address...written in numbers.

His name was Lincoln A. Paulsen. He was born in 1894; a bygone era. In 1919, when he was 25, he became a newspaper man. He wrote for the Redding Murchlight.

My hamburger steak had come and gone. It was time to leave. As I left, I saw someone else sit down beside him...and try to ignore him.

Once outside, I decided to say hello to the first person I met on the street. He looked at me as though I were crazy. I tried again. Same result...my throat knotted. I thought of that man.



From left to right are Bob Logan, Lanine Tompkins, and Santa Claus.

"Where's Santa?" the little girl asked. Lanine Tompkins, clutching her teddy bear, held her little brother's (Bob Logan) hand. With their "parents," Mr. Clink---student teacher to Mr. Headley---and Joan Lunderville, as the mother, they rode the escalator to the toy department to see Santa Claus at Capwell's last Friday evening at 8:15 p.m.

After paying their visit to Santa, they returned to the first floor and visited Adele Gordon and Barbara Ganson.

I couldn't help but feel sorry for such a man. He was a lonely man, only 66 years old, but yet, a symbol of the past....of a by-gone era.

This hello business is also a symbol of a bygone era. The same as striking up a conversation with a perfect stranger. People just don't do that in this day and age. Science and our so-called democracy are our modern-day substitute for this once-common practice.

What has come over the American people. What is this "I don't give a ____," it's not my business" stuff anyway? And we try to act as tho' we know more than a 66 year old man does..... that we've had more experiences than he has? That, since we're so superior, we don't have to talk to strangers.

I point my finger at you adults, too. Acting so young and fair...et cetera, and sophisticated. It is because of you that most young people strive to attain this same adult status, while they're still young.

I honestly feel that I learned something from that man...and not just how to write with numbers, either. I feel like selling out the human race, to the highest bidder. However, I don't know who would purchase such a poor investment.

Never again will I cold-shoulder someone who wants to talk to me, not even a total stranger.and I had tried to ignore him.

Merry Christmas

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which the Lord hath made known to us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:1-20

Swift's greatest is current hit

by Fred Glaser

The movie, "The Three Worlds of Gulliver," based on Gulliver's Travels, will be playing in theaters here soon.

Gulliver's Travels was written seriously in 1726 for adults, but it later became a favorite of children, in abridged editions.

The movie is about an Englishman named Gulliver, who was shipwrecked on the shores of Lilliput where the people are only a few inches tall. Later, Gulliver lands in the land of Brobdingnag whose people are 40 feet tall.

The Lilliputs are at war with a neighboring people over which end of a breakfast egg should be opened first. The Brobdingnag Giants are foolish, and have many luxuries.

In Lilliput, Swift is satirizing the pettiness of people everywhere. In Brobdingnag the people represent the coarse and empty-headed people of mankind.

Some of Swift's sarcasm has been lost in the movie, which leans more towards romance and musical comedy.

This is the first time that this story has been made into a moving picture involving live persons. In the past it has been done with puppets and cartoons.

Charles Schnee, producer of "The Three Worlds of Gulliver," will use a special technique called Super-Dynamation, which will be used to reduce members of the cast in size. Super-Dynamation requires the blending of five strips of film for one sequence.

Mr. Schnee calls his picture, "the most complicated ever made." The leading man will be Kerwin Matthews. Also starring in the picture are June Thorburn, Mary Ellis, and Gregoire Aslan.

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Richmond District Cage Tourney ends tonight

Block C initiates new members

On Wednesday night, December 7, Block "C" initiated its new members and installed its new officers for the Spring Semester.

In order to be eligible for Block "C", the girls have to have had either three semesters of G.A.A. and be a manager or leader, or have four semesters of G.A.A.

The eight new members of Block "C" are Linda Patterson, Roberta Gladstone, Sally Lord, Evelyn Persira, Lynda Sheffer, Susan Cox, Jane Atkinson, and Vicki Retherington.

At the same time the new officers of Block "C" were installed for the Spring Semester.

The officers at the present are Joanne Fritz, President; Lora Beth Larson, Vice-President; Gloria Lum, Secretary; Maureen Voss, Treasurer; Stanette Chebul, Historian; and Sally Smith, Play-Day Chairwoman.

The new Spring officers are Gloria Lum, President; Stanette Chebul, Vice-President; Joanne Fritz, Secretary; Lora Beth Larson, Treasurer; and Lynda Sheffer, Historian.

The new officers will take over at the end of this Semester.

Varsity cage team shows good defense

El Cerrito's Coach Paul Parker has confidence of a good showing in the league, even though El Cerrito hasn't had a too impressive record in the pre-season games.

When asked his aspirations on El Cerrito's coming season he answered, "We will start off with a win against San Leandro, and from there we will play them one at a time."

El Cerrito's offense hasn't been the best in the league with

many shots being missed from both the inside and the outside. But on the other hand, El Cerrito's defensive playing has been quite good.

In a basketball game, the spectators cheer long offensive shots and scoring of any kind, but they pass over the teams' defensive efforts. In the Albany game the Cougars were forced to take all of their shots from the outside.

The highest score that any opponent of the Gauchos has gotten is 45 points.

If El Cerrito can develop an offense to go with its defense, it should be able to improve on its 2-3 record.

El Cerrito High Sports Review

Several games have taken place since the last Sports Review, with El Cerrito showing steady improvement. Albany beat El Cerrito by a score of 33-29; El Cerrito beat Clayton Valley 41-37; and El Cerrito beat Emeryville by a score of 42-25.

Although the Gauchos' shooting average was very low (16%) the Cougars' average wasn't very high either (23%). Once Albany took the lead, the Gauchos were only ahead of them at one time in the game. In general, the game was a slow moving one because of the misjudged shooting attempts. Jim Peshard led in scoring for El Cerrito by sinking the ball for 10 points, and Ray Garcia led in rebounding by grabbing 13 balls. A Gaucho rally was killed in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter when Albany pulled away from their slim two point lead by sinking a 10 foot set shot and following it up by a foul shot.

The Junior Varsity won their game with Albany by a narrow score of 20 to 23. John Merit was the high point man of the game with a 15 point total. The Fresh-Soph team was victorious in their contest with Albany too, by whipping the Albany Kittens, 26 to 17.

Couch Parker's comment about the El Cerrito-Emeryville game that was played here last Friday, was that Emeryville had a better team than we were aware of in the last game. This is because Emeryville beat Oakland Tech and El Cerrito was beaten by Tech in our first practice game. Emeryville's Davis (40) and Johnson (35) were the big guns on the Emeryville team for the game and accounted for 13 points between them. On the Gaucho team, Dave Thurm led the quintet in scoring by accounting for 8 points. Coach Parker felt that the team wasn't playing their best game and said that it could have been because they had two good practice nights previous to the game. On the game night they just weren't in their best form. El Cerrito led in rebounds by snagging 45 to Emeryville's 26. Bob Straughter led in rebounding snagging 8. El Cerrito was also excellent on free throws hitting 12 out of 20 compared with Emeryville's 7 out of 22.

The Gauchos had a bit of bad luck in their first two games. Their first loss was to Oakland Tech and their second was to Lincoln High in San Francisco. Lincoln dumped El Cerrito by the score of 45 to 37. However, the Gauchos got revenge for these two losses by overwhelming the Clayton Valley Eagles by the score of 41 to 38. This was a good victory for the Gauchos who show excellence in defense.

The high scorer for the Gauchos in the Clayton Valley game was El Cain with a total of 12 points.

Awards given at Family Night by Girls Athletic Association

Dressed in Bermuda shorts, peddle pushers, and other play clothes, members of G.A.A. and their guests attended the annual G.A.A. Family Night held Wednesday, December 7, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.

An hour of free play from 7 to 8 was preceded by a trampoline demonstration. During this time all present could participate in either volleyball, badminton, or trampoline.

At 8:00 p.m. refreshments were served in the cafetorium. Joanne Fritz, Block "C" president, then gave a short speech, after which awards were presented.

The girls who won the awards were Elizabeth Johnson, beginning tennis; Nancy Carter, trampoline; Peggy Weber, beginning tennis; Violet Ferguson, softball; Linda Phillips, archery; Sally Smith, advanced tennis; and Lynn Wehrle, advanced tennis.

The Richmond City Basketball Tournament will wind up tonight at the Richmond Auditorium.

The four teams in the Richmond school district, El Cerrito, Ellis, DeAnza, and Richmond, will play in the two day series. This is the first tournament and the schools hope it will be an annual affair.

Last night the Gauchos played the Richmond Oilers at 7:00 p.m. The two losers of last night's games will play, and following them, the two winning teams will play.

Richmond is ranked the first place team of the tournament with second place a toss up between El Cerrito and Harry Ellis. DeAnza is favored for fourth place which is last.

Richmond is favored because of its surprising victory over McClymonds. McClymonds was rated the best team in Northern California last year.

Ellis' varsity is short in height but has a lot of dead-eyes on the team.

DeAnza will probably be the weakest team on the court with only two lettermen returning and no promising stars moving in to fill the spots.

Tickets will be on sale during the lunch period for \$.50 with a student body card. General admission will be \$1.00. Each school will only be issued 500 tickets so it would be wise get yours right away.

El Cerrito will have an assigned rooting section to sit in so be sure to watch for it.

The success of this tournament will depend upon the students' behavior at the games.



El Cain goes up for 2 points at El Cerrito-Lincoln game.

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