

El Caballero



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Seniors prepare dance tonight

Decorations from "Lupercalia", "Frisco Fiasco", and "Red Sails in The Sunset" will transform the cafetorium into a room of memories for the senior class tonight.

"Oldies But Goodies" will highlight all of the important events of the past four years. The dress is school clothes to tie in with the theme of school memories.

"The dance is for the whole student body," declared senior class president Don Carpenter, "and I urge everyone to come." Both the old and new senior class officers are working on the dance to make it a smashing success!

The dance commences at 8:00, with the senior class on review until 11:00. Tickets will be sold at the door only and are \$.50 stag and \$.75 snag.

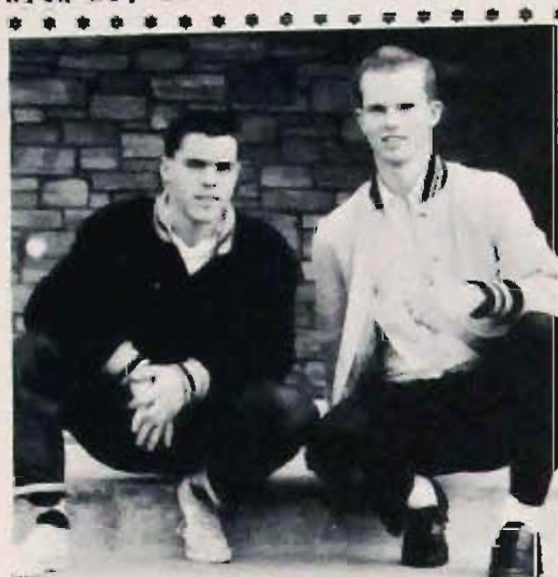
The music for "Oldies But Goodies" will be provided by a tape of records dating back to 1950 and continuing up to the present time. The tapes were won from KEWB during Christmas vacation.

In charge of refreshments is Barney Gadwood; Diane Erickson and Jill Weatherhead are in charge of decorations; and Don Carpenter, Geneva Gilcrest and Kathy Griffiths are in charge of getting publicity for the dance.

Susana, Pedro, AFS exchange students, guests past week

For the past week El Cerrito's foreign exchange students, Eli Casimero and Gunilla Hojer, went to two different Bay Area high schools.

Eli visited Alhambra High School in Martinez and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Pagnini. Gunilla went to Acalanes High School in Lafayette and lived with Dr. and Mrs. Ellis.



Newly elected senior class officers, Gene Matteucci, vice-president; and Don Carpenter, president, are pictured above. Also elected in the January election was Helen Stiles, secretary. They are urging all students to come to the senior class dance tonight.

The foreign exchange students from Acalanes and Alhambra visited here and went to El Cerrito High School for a week. Pedro Palacios, now attending Alhambra High School, stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Swan. Craig Swan, a senior at El Cerrito, helped Pedro around school and introduced him to the students.



Susana Gonzalez, a student from Acalanes High School, lived with Helen Stiles and family. Helen, a senior, made friends with Susana, and they talked often of life in America.

Both of these AFS students are from the country of Argentina.



Susana Gonzalaz and Pedro Palacios were visitors here for the past week under the American Field Service exchange program. Usually attending Acalanes and Alhambra high schools, they were guests here for the exchange week portion of their stay in the United States.

AFSer Lorin Thompson returns from stay in Switzerland

"Very few students outside of my class were even aware I was an American," said Lorin Thompson,



LORIN

American Field Service exchange student to Switzerland.

Lorin, recently returned from his four month sojourn in Europe, was a member of the Willy Wolf household during his stay in Solothurn, Switzerland. The Wolf family consisted of three boys and one girl, who attended school away from home.

Lorin explained that the school he attended was co-ed and was the exception in Switzerland rather than the rule.

"They had PE classes together. This was a very modern school," he stated.

Quickly Lorin went on to explain that in Switzerland students in a certain class had all their classes together. Lorin followed the same program as 24 other boys.

"When there were girls in your class, you had PE instruction together," commented Lorin.

Lorin's classes at school, which he attended six days a week, 35 hours a week, included Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English, French, German, Algebra, Space Geometry, Trigonometry, Mechanical Drawing, Freehand Drawing, Religion, Music History, PE and Singing.

In the English class he ran into rules which, he "had never heard of before." As an example Lorin mentioned the partive case, first introduced to him in his Swiss English class.

When asked about dating in Switzerland, he replied, "It's sort of hard to make love talk in a foreign language."

Lorin went on to explain that the teenagers there start dating about 17. They go to the theater, dances or parties. Since 18 is the minimum age limit for a driver's license in Switzerland, a boy and his date walk.

"During our ten minute passing periods, couples that were going steady would walk up and down the halls," said Lorin. "After school they went their own ways;

a boy didn't go over to a girl's house after school."

Candles instead of lights on the Christmas tree was the only significant difference between the American and Swiss Christmas, Lorin explained.

One dish Lorin enjoyed was Fondue. He explained that this was melted cheese mixed about one to four with wine. The Swiss and Lorin would dip bread in it and eat the bread.

"I'll never eat American chocolate. Swiss chocolate makes American chocolate look sick," remarked Lorin.

When asked if the Swiss were interested in American news, he said that you were lucky to find it on the back page of the newspapers. During the presidential election Lorin thought the Swiss sentiment favored Senator Kennedy.

Lorin made a sour face when asked if the Swiss were interested in the southern integration fight. He had a hard time explaining this to the Swiss. "In Switzerland three distinct groups, the German-Swiss, the French-Swiss, and the Italian-Swiss, have lived in peace for 1000 years. They can't see why we can't."

news in brief

Friday, February 24:
Senior Class Dance-8:00-11:00
"Oldies but Goodies"
Basketball-Alameda (T) (3:15)
Tuesday, February 28:
A Cappella Sale
Basketball-Encinal (H) (3:15)
Wednesday, March 1:
Student Body Program 3-A
Thursday, March 2:
Sophomore Sale
Swim-Oakland High
Operetta-7:30 Boys' Gym
"Down in the Valley"
Friday, March 3:
Baseball-Cal Frosh (H) (3:15)
Track-Arroyo (T) (3:15)
Operetta-7:30 Boys' Gym
"Down in the Valley"

Mills College offers extensive education

Girls, are you interested in an extensive education in a number of fields? Then, perhaps Mills is the college for you.

Mills is a small (about 650 girls in residence) college for women. Founded in 1856 Mills was first known as "The Young Ladies Seminary at Benicia." Since then it has abandoned the "finishing school" approach for its present curriculum of Liberal Arts.

At Mills, emphasis is placed on independent thought and not right answers. Education is useless without the ability to reason and the ability to think for one's self.

Their program of a general liberal arts education in addition to a through study in more specific fields is designed to build personal integrity, intellectual freedom and a respect for others.

Applications for admission must be sent before April one for consideration the following fall. The Scholastic Aptitude Test is required in all but very exceptional cases. Applicants must also submit letters of recommendation from two of her classroom teachers and one from a family friend.

Expenses for one year as a resident student total approximately \$2,150.00. However, there are a number of scholarships and financial grants available to undergraduate students.

La Dorada greets members, officers

At a formal, candle-lit ceremony held in the library on Tuesday, February 3, La Dorada welcomed its new members and officers for the spring semester.

Among the new members who are primarily sophomores and juniors are Bonnie Budwiser, Beverly Brant, Penny De Cesare, Susan Dennis, Jennifer Mac Kinnon, Peace Martin, Linda Pitts, Colleen Schary, Dianne Sneed, Christine Thomas, Peggie Weber, and Mary Williamson.

The new members were presented with nosegays of carnations and ribbon.

The new officers are as follows: Social Chairlady, Karen Powell; Historian, Ellen Aacra-nack; Treasurer, Carol Lavette; Secretary, Marylee King; Vice-President, Rita Spanier; and, serving her second term as president, Virgette Sneed.

The new officers were presented with gardenia corsages by the out-going officers.

Golf, bowling, basketball are hobbies of Bruce Crouch, local freshman

El Cerrito seems to be a school of endless possibilities for Bruce Crouch.

Bruce, a freshman, performs many activities in addition to keeping a B+ average. He is a first string member of the B basketball team and plans to try out for the junior baseball team.

In the future Bruce hopes to become a member of 49ers or Del Mar in addition to his membership in White C.

There is a possibility that he may try out for the B football team next year but he isn't sure.

Bruce, who formerly attended a parochial school, had heard much about El Cerrito's reputation and he knew some friends who had a high opinion of El Cerrito.

The result was that Bruce eagerly looked forward to his first year here. If everything works out right, Bruce hopes to be a member of CSF.

Last summer Bruce went to Lake

Tahoe and spent two weeks there.

He played golf, went bowling, and practiced basketball until he took a six week summer school course composed of Conversational French and typing.

His classes consist of French 1, social studies, Algebra 1, science, and P.E.

Bruce would like to go to Cal but he says it's too early to think of that. Next year, schedule permitting, Bruce will take biology, World History, English 2, French 2, and geometry.



Bruce Crouch

Clarence expresses love for Mary

October 1, 1806

My Dear Mary;
One by one the brown leaves are falling, reminding me that the golden summer approaches its close. How thickly our pathway has been strewn with roses, how sweetly the birds have sung; how beautiful the sunny days; how joyous have been the stony nights. I have gazed on, and dreamed of thy beauty. Dear, beautiful summer! So beautiful to me because of thy loved presence. And standing now on the threshold of a scene all changed, I take a last, fond, long, lingering look on the beautiful picture that will return to me no more.

Dearest, you must forgive my ardent expressions in this letter. With a temperament gushing to the brim and overflowing with sentiment and rhapsody, I cannot now turn back to the solemn duties before me, without telling you what trembled on my tongue a thousand times, as I gathered flowers together and wove our chaplets in the sunny days gone by. Dear, darling Mary, I love you, I adore you.
Your Sincere Friend,
Clarence Harrington

Dry English humor marks mad comedy

Carry On Nurse has been received in theaters all over the country as one of the funniest movies ever shown.

The scene of the movie is in a small English hospital, the characters are the patients and the nursing staff. The plot...who can say exactly what the plot is? It appears to be to see how many fantastic, ridiculous situations can take place in a small hospital.

The many different personalities and their different problems in the hospital create a lot of interest and a feeling of reality. However, what matron could be as bad as the one portrayed in the movie, what hospital has so many pretty nurses, or so many weird assistants, and what hospital has such a collection of patients?

To give you an idea of what I mean, take, for instance, the time that the patients went on a binge as soon as they were let out of bed, and attempted to cut off a fellow patient's bunion with a carving knife that looked like a cutlass. In this case, the laughing gas was accidentally turned on, and when the nurses found them they were happily asleep in the surgery room.

There are many other such incidents in the movie, in fact, the entire picture is made up of them. English humor, which has always been noted for its originality, has really outdone itself this time.

A follow-up to Carry On Nurse using the same cast, will be coming soon. It is Carry On Sergeant and it is recommended to all who saw and enjoyed Carry On Nurse.

Blizzard obstructs Del Loma ski trip

Donner Summit Lodge at Soda Springs was the destination for five of Del Loma on Saturday morning of February 11.

The girls, Kathy Hansen, Nancy Jamison, Gail Eubanks, Betty Limas and Susan Tell, with their chaperons, Mrs. Limas and Mrs. Hansen, met with a blizzard Saturday. Therefore the girls were only able to toboggan for two hours. They went to the snow area from here by Greyhound Bus.

"At nine o'clock that night we went out and built a snow man," said Betty Limas, the new president of the club, "but about a half an hour later it was knocked down." They also had a snow fight.

Sunday it cleared up. That evening the Del Loma group returned to El Cerrito.

LONE ★ STAR

Mothers are stupid...so stupid that it's hilarious...and somewhat of a pity.

Without mothers, half the repairmen would go out of business, especially those who recommend, in a Brooklyn accent, the low-sudsing detergent.

Examine the first line in the introductory paragraph. Note the exact wording carefully, for this column is leading up to a mother's mechanical knowledge..... which is virtually nil.

In the old days, back when we had pioneers and all that, any mother could at least churn butter.

Now, if my mother saw a butter churn with the stick coming out from the top...the only movable part in the whole thing..... she wouldn't know what to do with it.

Instead, she'd go down to the store where they always short-change her and she'd buy the 70¢ spread.

Now, I hate to disillusion her or the television people, but butter has risen to 73¢ a pound.

Many other mechanical inventions captivate her interest completely. She learned to drive but not very well. She picked me up from an appointment once, and she had parked on a downhill. I got in and she put the car into gear and released the brake.

All was fine until we reached the stop sign. She stopped, but when she tried to turn the corner, she found that the car would not move.

Not until I reminded her that she had not started the engine was she able to regain her wits. This was only one of her mechanical triumphs.

When the washing machine did not work, she immediately called the repairman. He came, put in the plug, and left. Two days later, we got a bill for \$8.50. He was, however, very kind, for he didn't charge us for the labor of putting in the plug...just the house call.

The lights have gone out..... horrors! Before we can say anything, we hear a small scurry in the darkness, a door slamming. We then know that mother dear has gone immediately to the garage to replace the fuse.

She returns, with a pout on her face...all very disturbingly heartbreaking. The worst part naturally comes when we tell her that it was a power failure.

Once again, the scurry; door slamming. This time, she's out looking for the perfectly good fuse which she's thrown away.

Another political postulate... women are naturally conservative.

Well, I'm all for the returning to our pioneer heritage, butter churns, and old Model A's, which, if starting it was a problem, one kick did the trick.

Until such time as we do return to this era, I'll be a pioneer--keeping with the old tradition--and leave you with...

Texas Bob

Washington comes from English family

"The Father of our Country", George Washington, came from an old English family.

The Washingtons' home in England was Sulgrove Manor in Northampton Shire. They had played an active part in England's history since 1100.

In 1656 two brothers came to America. They bought land in Westmoreland County, Virginia. One of the brothers, John, was Elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses and served as a colonel in the militia. He left two sons when he died in 1752; one of which was Lawrence, the grandfather of the so well-known George Washington.

Augustine and Mary Ball Washington were the future's President's parents. He was born by Augustine's second marriage in Wakefield, Virginia, on February 22. His birthdate is figured by the Gregorian calendar which Great Britain had just introduced to her colonies and country.

Around and About

Has this ever happened to you? It's a beautiful Saturday and you have absolutely nothing to do, not much money, and more than likely, no transportation. What do you do? Well, that is exactly what this column is for.

Each week I'll be hunting for interesting places to go and things to see that will fit all most every budget.

Some of the places I write about will be strictly for fun, others will be, pardon the word, educational, and a few will be things to do when you have to stay at home.

For instance, how many of the so-called "tourist attractions"

Unfair poll tax levied on students

Students of El Cerrito High School are supporting that unconstitutional pitfall, generally acclaimed loathsome, the poll tax. Oh, you doubt it? In the case we ask you to glance at your student body card, your tax receipt. Yes, that's exactly what it is. You bought it with the understanding that, among other things, it gave you the right to vote. Thus you have paid for your voting privilege and that constitutes paying a poll tax. This condition should be abolished!

We are not necessarily advocating the total revision of the voting value of the student body card. We are advocating an immediate limitation of the elections that would require a student to produce a receipt. We can see no reason why you should have to present a card in order to vote on any issue that very directly, and perhaps personally, concerns every individual student at this high school. We are referring to such an issue as, for example, Bill 418. Some of the very people whom the bill affected were not allowed a vote, and many who were not in the least interested haphazardly decided its fate!

There are two apparently adamant arguments that can be, and have been, launched against this "limiting campaign"; both can be exploded.

The card is an assurance that no one shall vote more than once. This service could be rendered by a simple signature check on a role sheet.

The voting privilege that the card insures adds to its value. We would like to think that no student here would support the status quo of the card for this reason. Just because past classes have purchased a card with this value understood is no reason why the practice should continue. Many students don't buy student body cards because they are not interested in attending games and dances; they are still students by law and should be recognized as such, card or no card!

We do not say that it would be an easy thing to re-evaluate the voting value of the student body card; there are many things to be considered rationally. We do say that it can be done, that it should be done, and that it is up to you, the students, to demand this change and abolish the poll tax from El Cerrito High School!

have you seen? Have you ever gone to Sausalito and just roamed around? Honest, there IS more than cool jazz there if you'll look for it. Things like these aren't the most exciting, but they can be interesting, and best of all, they cost practically nothing.

Have you ever tried pulling taffy on those nites when you're home with nothing to do? I know one group that had a ball staging their own version of an old fashion taffy pull last weekend.

Next week...the first of the places to visit just for fun. Plan on getting the car if you want to come along.

'Till then,
Linda Miller



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El Caballero

Affirmative side taken on night club

Dear Editor,

As an avid Jazz fan I must disagree with the policy that the El Caballero has decided to stand on in reference to allowing teenagers to use the non-alcohol section of the Blackhawk in San Francisco. I feel that the Blackhawk is a much more desirable place for teens to be than they might go if the Blackhawk were to become off-limits.

In your article you speak of the possibility of teens entering the area that is for adults only and obtaining alcoholic beverages. I feel that the owners of the Blackhawk would not allow anyone that is under age into the adult section. They can not afford such an action because if any person under age were to be caught in the adult section the owners would face a great possibility of losing their business license. A group of teens in a friends home are much nearer an easy to reach supply of alcohol. If no adults are present in the home as many times they aren't when their kids come home from school with their friends, what is to stop the teens from breaking into their parents' liquor supply? Certainly their strong will-power or sense of family pride will most likely fail when their friends are daring them to go ahead and try since mom and dad will never know. Many a time the cry that just a little bit won't hurt, appears and leads some poor fool into the trap.

Most teen-agers would go to hear a Jazz concert sponsored by the city if such a thing were to happen at regular intervals of time, and would not be a once a year rarity. The city has made no real effort to provide for any such type of entertainment. And being a musician myself I feel that I can honestly say that it will be a long time until the S.F. Symphony can play good Jazz.

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Soph. John Merit; Gold Ball Winner

"Next Year is the year," according to John Merit El Cerrito forward and former Gold Ball winner.

John's philosophy on the basketball court is somewhat unique. John looks at everybody and surmises that they are better than him; therefore, he plays a better game and concentrates on every move he makes. He is liable to make fewer mistakes and little of his motion is 'wasted'. "We should win our remaining games with Encinal and Alameda." John's



John Merit

best games were against Encinal and Richmond. John regards his best games as the games in which he gave his best all-round effort. He boasts an 8.0 average which he credits to his teammates.

"Next year look for us to win the ACAL title. The only team that has a good chance is Ells, but I can't picture them winning it." "The varsity should benefit from the experience and with the other teams losing a good portion of their starting five, I believe we are in the best position to win our conference," concluded John.

Charlie's Team Wins G.A.A. Tourney

Charlie's Team was proclaimed the winner of the G.A.A. Volleyball Tournament, February 15, after having beaten the runner-up team, Leaders' 62 three times in succession.

The team will have its name engraved on a large gold trophy. It takes 3 years winning in succession to retain the trophy, and as Charlie's Team won the tournament last year also, they will receive the trophy if the team wins again next year.

The team members on Charlie's team are Elsie Pollard, Jennell Bolds, Shirley West, Betty Briggs, Louise Adams, Violet Ferguson, and, captain of the team, Charlie May Keaton.

Members of the runner-up team, Leaders' 62, are Winkie Kueera, Roberta Gladstone, Sally Lord, Jane Atkinson, Susan Cox, and Lita Furby.

The final score of the 3 games played was 13-11, 15-9, and 15-9.

Berkeley Jackets clobber cold Gauchos 78 to 50 Richmond trips El Cerrito for ACAL Crown

The El Cerrito Gauchos looked less impressive last Friday than they have at any time during the present season. Being completely overrun by the Berkeley High Yellowjackets, the Gauchos were plagued by poor passing and inaccurate shooting. Credit has to be given to the snappy looking Jacket squad. They probably played the best ball that they have all season.

The Jacket victory can be summed up in a few words--poor field goal and free throw shooting on the Gaucho team, and excellent shooting for the Jackets (field goals 49% and foul shooting 76%). Three of the Berkeley quintet shot into double figures. Lee (20), Pierre (20), and Randolph (14)--a total of 54 points. For four more than the complete Gaucho team could collect put together.

Pierre's gunning in the fourth quarter paid off for himself and Berkeley. By sinking five in a row, he tied with Alameda's Labatich for league top scoring honors.

El Cerrito's John Merit led the Gaucho's scoring attack with 11 points and 7 rebounds, a good rebounds feat against Berkeley's 6'3" forwards. Merit stands at 6 feet. Don Stevenson also had 11 points and 5 for 6 at the free-throw line.

El Cerrito	field goal	35%			
	free throw	62%			
Berkeley	field goal	49%			
	free throw	76%			
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
EL CERRITO	10	12	12	16	50
BERKELEY	19	24	16	19	78

Roach boasts top track team

The 1961 El Cerrito track and field team will be one of the most powerful teams ever assembled at El Cerrito High School with 10 returning varsity lettermen and over 11 bee lettermen returning. The Gauchos this year are capable of smashing many of the league and school records, being especially strong in the 440, the shot put, and the discus.

The headliners to watch this year in the 440, Al Courchesne, and in the shot put and discus, Mike Mallory. Others to watch for are Dwight Sanford, and Pedro Jimenez in the 880; Richard Glaspool, and Jim Oakley in the hurdles. Al Copher, and Charles Booth will run in both the 100 yard dash, and the 220. Pete Mason, and Mark Morgan will make up the milers.

In the field events, Mike Mallory, and Jim Marsh will work with the shot and discus. In the high jump it will be Derrick Quon; and in the pole vault it will be Steve Johnson, and Steve Schaffran.

Last Tuesday the Gauchos bounced back from their drubbing by Berkeley with a victory over the cellar bound De Anza Dons.

The Gauchos were led by Jim Poshard who accumulated 19 points. Jim made himself hardest felt on the freethrow line; putting in seven out of eight charities for 87.5%.

Don Stevenson was the next in scoring with ten points, Elgin Cain tallied eight points, John Merit put in six, and center Bob Straughter put in five all free-tosses.

De Anza was kept in the game by the efforts of Bob Tuttle who led the Dons' scoring with eighteen points.

El Cerrito	field goal %	28%			
	free throw %	78%			
De Anza	field goal %	35%			
	free throw %	53%			
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
EL CERRITO	12	10	6	20	48
DE ANZA	6	10	11	10	37



Jim Poshard out jumps DeAnza's De Coupet for two more points.

El Cerrito did not fare so well against top rated Richmond. The contest, played last Friday at the Richmond auditorium resulted in a score of 55 to 37 and cinched the ACAL title for the Oilers.

The Gauchos losing efforts were sparked by Don Stevenson, who tanked 15 points to place second in the ACAL scoring race. Don has accumulated 142 points. Richmond's Leroy Walker so far has first place with 161 points.

The efforts of Bob Straughter should also be recognized. Although Bob scored only six points his fine defensive work and rugged rebounding had much to do with the Gauchos holding the hot Oilers (43.1%) down to 55 points. Bob led El Cerrito in rebounding by pulling down 8 missed shots.

The first half of the game left the Gauchos trailing by 23 points. From there the E. C. cagers had an uphill battle to remain in the game.

In the fourth quarter the Gauchos came back in a late drive. They out-pointed the Oilers 13 to

three, but the damage had already been done.

TODAY'S GAMES

San Leandro playing at Richmond

El Cerrito playing at Alameda

De Anza playing at Berkeley High

Ells playing at Encinal High

Three team battle for second berth

The way the ACAL is now shaping up, three or possibly four teams are in contention for second place.

El Cerrito, Berkeley and Encinal are all in a feasible position to take the runner-up spot and with an outside chance to place second is Harry Ells.

Since the scores of Tuesdays games were not available by press time it is not known how these teams will be placed when they play this afternoon.

Unless Berkeley manages to defeat T.O.C. bound Richmond, El Cerrito is almost certain of at least a tie for second.

Tonight the Gaucho cagers will be hosted at a contest to be played at Alameda.

Last Friday the Hornets were defeated by San Leandro, who had won only one game previous to this contest.

The Hornets have lost their sting since the graduation of Ron Labetich and Randy Slater. Before their graduation both were well up on the list of top scorers.

Next Tuesday the Gauchos will be visited by the Encinal Jets, in what will be the last and most crucial game of the year for each club.

Depending on whether El Cerrito is victorious over Harry Ells the Gauchos will be either tied with or one game behind Encinal.

Since the last meeting of the two combatants Encinal has lost a most important asset to their team through graduation, Andy Brown. But the Jets still have a potent attack revolving around center Sonny James.

Last week the Jets clashed with Berkeley, and after gaining a 28-14 half-time lead, fell apart. The Yellow-Jackets won the game 48 to 44.

If Berkeley wins their next three games (including last Tuesday's contest with Richmond) they have a chance to take the contested position.

Harry Ells' only chance is to defeat Berkeley, Encinal, and El Cerrito and hope that these teams all knock each other out of the running.