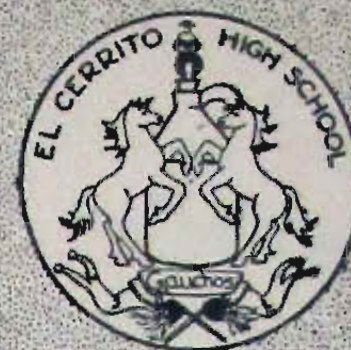


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Student Body election Wednesday; 15 students try for offices

Posters, badges, and slogans mark the advent of another election time at El Cerrito.

Seven student body offices have attracted a field of sixteen hopeful candidates. One, Karen Pouliot, is almost assured of victory as she is the only unopposed contestant. She is running for Commissioner of Publicity. All other offices have attracted at least two students.

The race for Student Body President sees a three-way battle between Steve Donaldson, Bar Association Vice President; Barney Gadwood, Senior Class President; and Steve Schaffran, Student Body Vice President.

Rick Doult and Craig Swan are opponents for the office of Vice President.

Three senior girls are vying for the office of secretary. They are Rae Ellen Bernat, Leslie Cooper, and Pat Iiyama.

Running for Commissioner of Finance are Bea Courtright and Pat Elliott.

The only officer running for re-election is Mike Ostrov competing against June Fleming and Stephanie Zucker for the office of Commissioner of Entertainment.

Late developments have changed the line of candidates. Bea Courtright has withdrawn. Linda Miller is the fourth candidate.

Bar Association admits new members

Joe Allen, John Blomberg, Hugh Miller, Richard Larock, Erick Petterson, and Ellengale Toki are the new members of the bar association.

The students had to pass a test on the Judicial Code with a score of at least 60%. After having passed the test, they automatically became attorneys at law at El Cerrito.

At present there are about 20 members in the Bar Association, according to Mr. Lagorio. The officers are as follows; President, Dick Cunningham, Vice-President, Steve Donaldson, Secretary, Sue Blackard, Attorney General, Jeff Casserly, and bailiff of the Supreme Court, Jack Lusk.

The next test, for those who are interested in becoming members of the Bar Association, will be held sometime in February or March.

Commissioner of Athletics is the office George Meudeking and Tom Thomas have their eyes on.

The candidates will present their qualifications and platforms to the student body next Tuesday during the A period. Following the speeches the polls will open for students during the lunch periods. John Lowe and his election committee will supervise

the election and the ballot counting to follow.

Successful candidates will be installed the following week.

Leads casted for operetta

Leads for the operetta, "Down in the Valley", were cast recently.

Gunilla Hojer will sing the major female lead, Jenny. Opposite her in the part of Brack will be Dan Earl. Don Carpenter has been given the part of Bouche. Understudies for these parts are Betty Morris, Floyd Smith, and Glen Kay.

Also with leads are Rod Harris, Leader, and Dean Barnett, Preacher.

Mr. Donald Headley, Choir Director, described the operetta as an "early American story of the South, a tragedy."

The production, to be presented on March 2 and 3 in the Gym, also involves the rest of the Fine Arts department. Mr. Sam Elkind will direct, Mr. John Overholtzer will work with the orchestra, and Mr. Headley will work with the choir.

Seven acts highlight student talent assembly in Gym

Mike Ostrov, Commissioner of Entertainment, bowed out of his term of office with a student talent program last Tuesday.

Seven acts, most of them musical in nature, made up the program seen by students 3 and A periods.

Don Carpenter, Glen Kay, Josh Diamond, and Kendall Blanchard presented two songs.

The Blue Velvets, Doug Clifford, Stuart Cook, and John Fogerty performed.

Lis Navas, Leonie Propp, Murine Mister, and Charlene Lissilo.

Kathy Parker and Judy Dittenbir sang for the enjoyment of students.

Junior Statesmen attend conclave; Walnut Creek site of convention

Legislation, dealing with the expulsion of the Union of South Africa from the United Nations underlined the recent Junior Statesmen convention held last Saturday, January 7, at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek. Attending this second regional convention of the Golden Gate Region were 21 people.

Convening at 9:30, delegates soon heard Judge Betsy Rahn, Municipal Judge from Walnut Creek, speak on what is involved in running for political, or non-partisan, office. Delegates then pro-

ceeded to the legislative session.

Among the many resolutions brought before the assembly for consideration were those pertaining to employer discrimination, welfare of migrant workers, and compulsory P.E. in the last year of high school.

In the afternoon, during the legislative session, a debating contest was held between different schools.

People attending this convention were Gunilla Hojer, Brenda Rorden, Don Fidler, Judy Carver, Craig Swan, Bob Sellner, Steve Schaffran, Bruce Bagley, Barbara Bolton, Rick Spielman, Israel Lawrence, Peg Fulder, Debby Gill, and Terry Barber.

Math contest

After an off year, El Cerrito will attempt to get back to the top ranks in the National Mathematics contest.

Last year, El Cerrito finished 57th, which was El Cerrito's poorest showing in the history of the contest. Tom Pittman placed highest for El Cerrito, gaining 23rd place. Even though this was quite good, it does not compare to previous showings by El Cerrito.

In 1959, El Cerrito finished in first place in the Northern California section. Frank Henyey placed first in the individual ratings.

In the previous year, El Cerrito came in out in second place. With Barr Rosenberg being the outstanding El Cerrito student, receiving second in the individual section.

This school also finished

Other delegates and alternates also attending were as follows: Margie Bewley, Joe Allen, Dave Bergen, Vic Lim, Dave Booth, Glen Gabel, and Josh Diamond.

Mr. Schofield, sponsor, was present until mid-afternoon, when he went home. He was replaced by Mr. Trason.

first in 1957 with Stephan Burr capturing second place, leading other El Cerrito participants.

Fourth place was taken in 1956 with Stephan Burr again leading El Cerrito students by winning fourth place.

This year, 130 students have signed up to take the test. The best three examinations will be sent into the contest headquarters for final judging.

Lora Beth Larson named winner

Lora Beth Larson has been chosen Homemaker of Tomorrow by the General Mills Corporation.

Lora received the highest score of the El Cerrito High entrées on the written examination presented by General Mills. She thus qualifies to become a candidate for the state Homemaker of Tomorrow award which will be announced in March.

The winner of the state contest receives a \$1,500 scholarship and the girl finishing second in the state will receive a \$500 scholarship.

From April 8 to April 13 the winners of the various state contests will participate in an all expense-paid tour of New York City, Williamsburg, Virginia, and the nation's capital Washington D.C.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PLATFORMS

President

Steve Donaldson



January 18 is important to you, the students of El Cerrito High. It is your Student Body election date.

As a candidate, all I can say is that I will do, to the best of my ability, the best possible job in your Student Body Presidency. I ask your support in giving to me this opportunity to serve you, the Student Body of El Cerrito High School.

Barney Gadwood



My name is Barney Gadwood and I am running for the office of Student Body President. As president of the 1961 senior class, I solicit the support of those students who might choose to elect me to the office of Student Body President.

Thru my activities as Senior Class President, my interest in school politics has been stimulated. This includes the functions of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes.

Having acquired an intense interest in general school activities, I feel well able to represent you as Student Body President.

Otto Schultzmeyer

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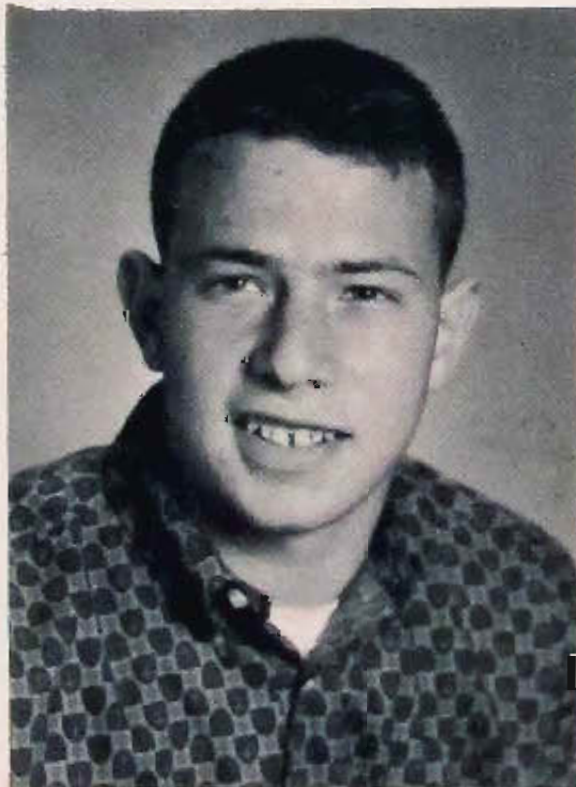
I am Otto Schultzmeyer, your candidate in the coming elections. I would like to tell you my qualifications. I have been timekeeper for the speech club, refreshments chairman for Senior Politicians, and tape taker-downer for the school pep club. I also play the piccolo and drink Bavarian Black Beer. As you can see I am qualified to be student body president.

Now you want to hear my platform. First I promise to return to five minute passing periods. When the administration says, "NO", you can't blame me. I might as well get a wall in the student lounge painted. It will be one big picture of myself. Rather than a smoking zone, I'll promise to get a drinking zone. That will obviously get votes and is obviously impossible.

Now I have three good promises only one of which is possible, but I can fix that one too before I'm through.

So when you go to the polls to vote, don't forget Otto Schultzmeyer for student body president.

Steve Schaffran



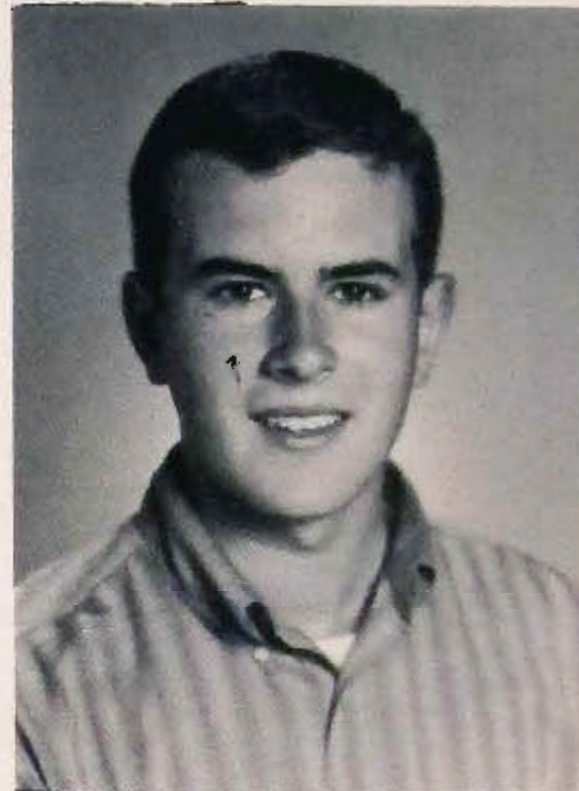
In the field of student government, above all else, we, the students of El Cerrito High School, are very fortunate. Over the years we have set up a student association that has more power than that in any high school I know of. Our Legislature has almost total control of student body activities; through our Bar Association and Judicial System we are far from unfair punishment, and through appropriations from the student body fund we can even provide our own entertainment.

Yet a big problem remains-- student apathy. Not enough students are interested enough to participate. Why, for instance, should legislature be controlled by a handful of people with a flair for public speaking and a talent for getting elected.

If I am elected President it will be my primary goal to create more interest in student body affairs. I do not claim to have a sure way of accomplishing this, and if it were an easy task it would have been already done. I don't know if it is possible. But as Student Body President, I would do everything and anything to bring about this result.

Vice-President

Rick Doult



In recent years, the legislature has gained new stature and authority. The chairman is now more important than ever before. He is no longer a figurehead, but has become a dynamic feature of our government. I propose to carry on this stronger role of the Vice-President, and to develop and shape it further. Working with the usual cooperative and efficient legislature, I plan to raise student interest and participation in government, the corner stones of our representative system, to a new high.

Craig Swan



Since Legislature is the organ of our student government affecting the most students, it follows

that to have interest in student government there must be interest in Legislature. If elected, I would try to do just that by making Legislature more interesting for all students. I would try to make Legislature an organization concerned not just with its own members, but with the entire student body.

I would welcome this further opportunity to serve the student body, and to do this, I need your vote.

Secretary

Leslie Cooper



I would like very much to serve you as Secretary of the Student Body. As I have held a past position as a Student Body officer I feel I am familiar with the Legislature procedure and the duties of this office. I have had experience in taking minutes and writing letters as Secretary of my Junior class and Secretary of my youth group at Church. I realize there is much work to be done in this office and I am willing to spend the required time doing it.

Pat Iiyama



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My name is Pat Iiyama, and I would like to have the opportunity of serving as Secretary of the El Cerrito High Student Body. I believe that it will be an interesting, challenging position and feel that I can handle the responsibility because of my past experience.

I am an active member of the California Scholarship Federation, Thespians, and Junior Statesmen and was Secretary of the French Honor Society and Secretary of my church group. Much of my spare time is also devoted to being a pom-pom girl, Sunday school teacher, Treasurer of the Speech and Debate Club, and Corresponding Secretary, Publicist Chairman, and Historian of the Junior Japanese American Citizens League.

Please give me the honor of serving you as El Cerrito High's Student Body Secretary.

Commissioner of Athletics

George Meudeking



The office of Commissioner of Athletics will be a more difficult job in the coming semester than ever before. Spring is always an active season athletically. Besides the two major sports, baseball and there are also the minor ones, such as swimming and golf. In spring the greatest event of the El Cerrito High School year takes place, the El Cerrito Relays. This year they will be more colossal than ever. We will host more than sixty schools for the Saturday afternoon event, following the precedent set in former years. With the annual Relays Queen contest, along with the actual track events, all the eyes of Northern California will be on our High School.

Most certainly, as one can see, this office calls for a most qualified person.

I have taken an active interest in sports nearly all my life, and feel I can contribute most to the El Cerrito High School

Student Body in the office of Commissioner of Athletics.

Tom Thomas



I, Tom Thomas, would be very proud to serve you, the students of El Cerrito High School, as your next Commissioner of Athletics. If I am elected I will try my hardest to keep up the good work of the past Commissioners of Athletics.

Commissioner of Entertainment

June Fleming



I don't plan to run on false promises and unknown abilities, rather on hard work and ambition. If elected, I would like to bring to El Cerrito entertainment worthy of our mature Student Body.

Linda Miller



In this election, as in those of the past, the candidates for Commissioner of Entertainment have placed a high emphasis on a great number of contacts.

It is my opinion, however, that quality, not quantity, makes contacts useful. I feel that I can rightly say that the people who have been kind enough to offer me their support are all well known, highly influential, and active in varied facets of the entertainment field.

But contacts, no matter how good they are can't make a Commissioner of Entertainment successful alone. It takes hard work plus a plan to really insure a job well done. I have both of these qualifications. Willingness to work and a workable plan for providing you with the type of entertainment you would care to spend your time and money on.

Mike Ostrov



After having been Commissioner of Entertainment for the past semester, many of you may ask, "Why did he choose to run again for the same office?" The answer to this question lies in the fact that I WAS your Commissioner of Entertainment.

I justly feel that I know what is expected of the person who attains this office. In addition to this, I have again the will and desire to serve the Student Body in this office, and to provide the type of entertainment wanted by you. By knowing what is expected, and how to obtain it, I hope to be able to serve the Student Body a second time as your Commissioner of Entertainment for the Spring semester of 1961.

Stephanie Zucker



The job of Commissioner of Entertainment has always seemed to be the hardest, and most thankless job of the Student Body officers. If I may misquote from an old cliché, "You can please some of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time." But you can sure try.

I will not waste the Student Body's time and money on entertainment which will not be appreciated. I know what kind of entertainment is appreciated, because for four years, I have watched the entertainment here at El Cerrito, and I have noted the comments made, pro and con.

I feel I have enough contacts to bring the kind of entertainment to YOU: one handful of contacts; one handful of wanting good entertainment; and one body and brain full of hard work, and you have the simple recipe which can bring you the best entertainment ever seen at El Cerrito High School.

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This is just as much a constructive age in politics... as was the great age in which our Federal government was set up, and the man who does not make the opportunity in order to serve the common and public interest, is declining to take part in the business of a heroic age.

--Woodrow Wilson, 1912



Language lover



Miss Ferrando

There are many different reasons why Miss Ferrando likes the Spanish language; however, the main reason she likes the language is because its culture and history is so interesting.

Miss Ferrando mentioned that Spanish is a romantic language as most languages derived from Latin are. "However, as far as learning French or Spanish, I believe Spanish is the harder of the two. French may be harder than Spanish at the start, but as you study Spanish further it becomes more idiomatic." This year Miss Ferrando had three classes of Spanish I along with one class each of Spanish 2 and Spanish 3.

She first became interested in Spanish in high school, where she noticed the similarity of Spanish with French since they are both derived from Latin. "I enjoyed making comparisons between the two and seeing how closely they were related," she commented.

Miss Ferrando has seen the culture and life habits of many of the Spanish-speaking countries. She has been to Spain and once went on a 14 month tour of Europe. She went through the Panama Canal and arrived by freighter in Spain. There she went to school at the University of Barcelona, which is quite large. She took a course in modern Spanish writing and authors.

Miss Ferrando also stated, "If the students in the United States think they have it rough at the Universities, they should try the University of Barcelona. The students have to do all their studying on their own. Many students meet in the inns around the university to do their studying together. The library is closed three hours during the 'siesta' period."

"In each class, as soon as the professor has arrived, a certain person called a 'Sedein' closes the door; if you are late to class, or arrive later than the professor, you will not be admitted to class under any circumstances. The university is like a huge office building with an immense patio in the middle," concluded Miss Ferrando.

Hate and mistrust uppermost in minds of young Japanese

"It is the old Japan that the young Japanese hate. They hate their fathers, tolerate their mothers, and despise their grandparents."

Mr. J. Gluck, a small blond man wearing a natural goat skin jacket of Asian nomadic style carrying a long bow, was visiting from Japan where he had lived for the past nine years and has taught English at a Japanese university. He arrived at El Cerrito High School on January 5 to informally introduce third and sixth period civics and international problems students to modern Japan and modern Japanese.

Japan hosts many tourists every year. The attraction? old Japan. This is the same old Japan that young Japanese hate. These young people realize that their country is unescapably bound into itself and sick. They place the blame for this illness at the feet of past generations.

Japan is a poor country. A top notch Japanese student who finds a position in industry can hope to earn no more than 45 dollars per month. Many industries are new in Japan and materials such as plastics, which are inexpensive in the U.S., are extremely costly; the output is low. Thus, despite popular belief, Japanese labor is far more expensive than American.

Even with a foreseen economic bloc before them Japanese parents skimp to provide the 28 dollars per month necessary to keep their son in a college which is far more crowded than U.S. schools have ever been. Why? "They hope that perhaps when the father is forced to retire at 55, with nothing resembling social security, their son might be able to support them on something above a

starvation level."

The Japanese elders forgive the children their hate and bless them for wanting to look at and benefit by the new ways of the West. This attitude of learning from the victor is an inheritance from the ancient country. In early times when a village was defeated the villagers looked to their conquerors to see what enabled them to win. Often they rationalized, "Your gods must be stronger than our gods. Therefore we will study and worship your gods."

Another virtue passed on from the ancestors of Japan is the ability of reflection. "For generations the Japanese had been taught to consider themselves the gods' people," Mr. Gluck pointed out. "Thus they looked down upon their neighbors, especially the Koreans." During this time of trouble involving the Negroes in the Southern United States Japan has not pointed an accusing finger, but rather this circumstance has served to open her eyes to her own Korean problem and made her willing to accept and tackle it.

Although the young Japanese are a forward-looking people, they fail to trust any government, especially their own. Generally leftist in their thinking and, for the most part, favoring forms of very liberal socialism, there are a few Japanese who admit they favor Communism, but not necessarily the actions of Russia and Red China. There are no strong leftist leaders at the present and the Japanese are awaiting their appearance.

"It took me nine years to learn how to present America to my Japanese students," admitted Mr. Gluck. "but I feel my efforts were well worthwhile." Mr. Gluck

My name is Pat Elliott and I wish to serve my school as Commissioner of Finance. I realize the work involved in this job and I am willing to do it. I also realize the responsibility involved and I am prepared also to take this on. I sincerely believe I am capable of doing this job. I have had experience in Student body activities in Junior High School when I was secretary of my eighth grade class and then again when I was Student Body Vice-President. I have served in the El Cerrito High School legislature in the tenth and eleventh grades, and I am also the President of an outside club.

These are my qualifications, now elect me, and I guarantee you SATISFACTION.

Commissioner of Publicity Karin Pouliot



Grade knowledge helps students

A student is able to know his grades from week to week in Mr. Dodds' Biology class.

In his class a student doesn't have to check his grade when he is unsure of it, but can just look on a chart that is posted from week to week.

Suppose a student thinks he has an A in a class; since he is sure of the grade he doesn't bother to check up on the grade. Then when report cards come out he finds that he has a B and he can't figure why he received it. So he goes to the teacher and asks him or her why he received the grade which he thinks is an unfair evaluation of his talent.

The teacher tells him that he was between a B+ and an A. But since he didn't have good homework he gave him a B. The big advantage of this chart system is that a student knows exactly where he stands and his grade is clearly defined. Not only does the student know where he is, but there is no excuse to complain to the teacher about the grade.

has every right to this sentiment for during the recent hysterical demonstrations against a Japanese political leader, his students were the only group out of 45 possible locals that were content to continue classes.

After the organized talk Mr. Gluck threw himself open to questions from the floor.

Mr. Gluck's address was made possible through the courtesy of Miss Hiramoto, foreign language teacher at El Cerrito. At the end of a four and a half month leave in the U.S., Mr. Gluck will resume his duty of teacher in Japan.

I, Karin Pouliot, thank Cabby for giving me this chance to express my desire for wanting to run for the Student Body Office of Commissioner of Publicity.

I know it will be work and lots of fun holding this office.

If I am elected, I will do my very best to keep El Cerrito in the news.



Lone Star opposes Society

Name: Walter Fisher
Age: Late thirties
Occupation: ...

He had found happiness. But yet, Society might call him a man without a purpose in life, a wanderer, or a vagabond. I suppose that's the way Society works... nowadays.

He was a hard man to understand, and I think that very few people really did... understand him. But then, people rarely understand a brilliant man.

He has attended the University of Arizona, University of Illinois, University of California, UCLA, as well as several other universities across the nation. He majored in law, but has since given it up. Why? Society would not consider it a good reason, but...he thought it was, and that is what is important. He enjoyed law school, but said that practicing law was dull...so he gave it up.

As a sideline, he took up prospecting. He found it so interesting that now, he's working for a degree in Geology. Last I heard from him, he was prospecting in the wastes of Southern California before the school term opened in the fall.

This "if you don't like it, don't do it" reasoning is quite logical, except in the eyes of Society. American Society is rather illogical in that it says "if you've got a good thing going, hold onto it...at all costs".

No one really understands American society...people pretend to, but no one really does. The unwritten society code says that one must remain in one place, settle down, as it were.

Society can't understand how someone can put all his belongings into the back of a Willys Jeep station wagon...how someone given five minutes notice, will be packed and ready to go anywhere...but Walt could do it.

When people--ignorant or well-educated, it makes no difference--can't understand something, they naturally condemn it. Society, an organ of the people, is no different.

He was hired, for two months work during the summer, as a truck driver for Camp Wolfboro, one of the local Boy Scout summer camps. He signed up for the summer for only one reason...he wanted to see what the Boy Scouts was like.

He was paid \$---. Not very much...but when you consider that room (tent), board, and free meals were involved, it was a pretty shrewd investment...but...think of all the money he could have made as a lawyer.

Some people affirm that there is only one happiness...death. They are, however, misinformed...for, are they dead? Of course not, how could they be? Well, then, how do they know?

No, there is one happiness, though, which is true and lasting and that is the satisfaction of being able to do something, inspired from within yourself, which pleases you...not inspired

by Society, or, not to please Society; rather, a sort of "me first" attitude...

But, of course, you cannot deny all of Society's conventions...or can you? What about law and order?

Animals, free from human controls, will discipline themselves but yet, Society claims to be the founder of the principles of law and order.

He came as a truck driver for Camp Wolfboro, an introvert. But we, the other staff members, converted him to becoming an extrovert...for a while, anyway; we hope, forever.

Not attempting to drink Pepsi (to make him debonaire), he still managed to tutor a staff member in German, speak intelligently on Italian opera and other European music, and yet, he was as hard as they come.

Living in the desert, all alone, makes a man think...re-evaluate himself....discover his true self, as well as ideals. It does something to a man. It did something to Fisher. It made him tough. It made him self-reliant.

In one breath, while discussing rock formations in a valley such as the one this Boy Scout camp was located, he would shift to another topic when someone interrupted him. The topic....the interrupter.

Words flew, sometimes for as long as five minutes. Never repeating the same word twice, he would vituperate (that's quite a word....it means, to curse) that person until Walt was blue in the face, and until the interrupter was a crimson red.

He was a kind man. He didn't let the "me first" philosophy--the other extreme from the refined, cultured Society--dominate him. Every Tuesday afternoon, when driving the staff to Sonora for their weekly afternoon off, he would invariably be approached by other Scouts.

"Mr. Fisher, sir, would you buy me two bottles of Coke while you're in Sonora?" With a nod from Walt, he'd continue with "I hope it's not too much trouble for you. Here's my money." Walt assured him it wasn't, took his money, and then...

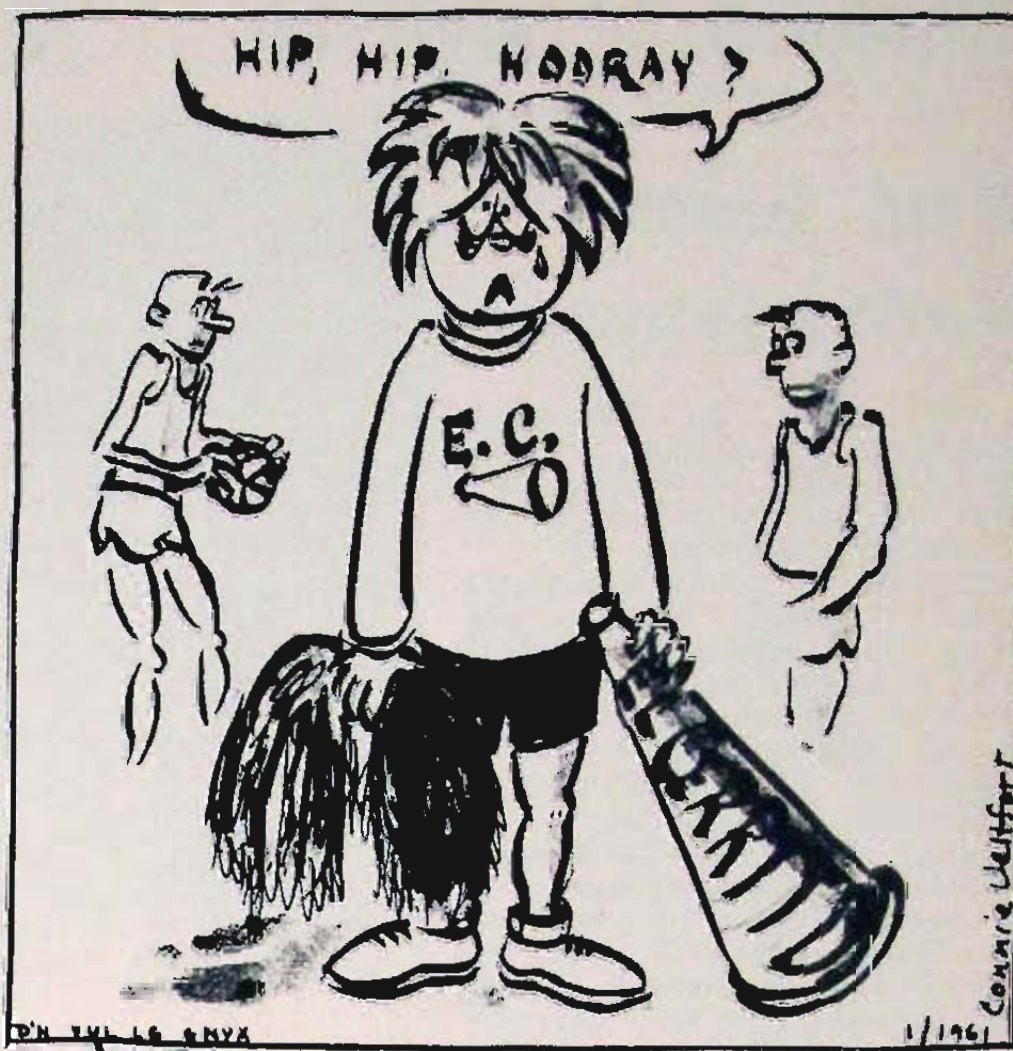
...Walt would pull out his scorecard of colas, root beers, oranges, and other various assorted soft drinks, and mark it on his card...funny thing, tho', since he refused to take the deposit on the bottles, I think he lost money. Or perhaps, he did not like pennies.

But, time marches on, and so does Society. They'll continue having their parties at the Claremont, where professionals bounce people who are not IN the Society which the hotel is catering to that particular evening.

Society will go on calling people like Walt Fisher a good-for-nothing bum. They won't know what happiness is, but they'll be "happy."

Walt Fisher is happy. He has found happiness.

I hope I can...
I wish Society could...



Broken resolutions caused by apathy; blame placed on El Cerrito students

New Year's resolutions are more often broken rather than kept. El Caballero has one resolution that should be kept by all students.

For too long El Cerrito students have operated under the belief that we don't have to do anything, everything will take care of itself. Unfortunately this is not the case. The problem has been attacked by every candidate for student body president and vice president for the past two years--student apathy. These candidates, however, are mistaken in one place--they alone can not change the situation.

El Caballero calls on the students of El Cerrito High School to move ahead as John Kennedy has called on the people of the United States to move ahead in the coming decade.

Not only the students, but the clubs, central committees, and legislature must wake up to their responsibilities.

Boosters must wake up to its purpose--to promote school spirit. What has Boosters done this past semester? Sell pom-poms, and sweat shirts, decorate the football stadium and present one skit while there were two rallies. With nine football games and eleven basketball games, we have seen only one campaign to get students to attend the game and get behind the team.

La Playa, La Dorada, and Del Loma must wake up to the original purpose of their clubs. Service. The emphasis of these clubs though, is social activities.

Rally should be an organization of respected students enforcing the student association laws. Instead we find that practically anyone can join Rally. At Miramonte High School the rally committee is made up of senior boys who are all members of CSF. Rally is a respected organization with high standards for membership.

Class central committees have been too often an elite group on cloud nine, coming down to mingle only when they need to be re-elected. To be on central is a privilege not to be abused. It is the duty of the central committees to involve their whole class not just themselves. It is up to the central committees to let their class know what they're doing. It is not the duty of the classes to find out what the central committees are doing.

But the blame can not be put solely on these organizations. It belongs to all students at El Cerrito. It is their actions of complacency which have been responsible for the degradation of many of our organizations. The students have not forced Boosters to promote school spirit as they should have. Students have not forced the central committees to inform them. They have allowed the central committees to become an elite group centered around themselves rather than the classes.

EL CERRITO WAKE UP!!

Second league game today with Berkeley

GAA hosts Volley tourney

The theme for the annual G.A.A. playday, which will be held Saturday, January 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., will be Disneyland characters.

Girls from El Cerrito, Harry Ells, Richmond, DeAnza, John Swett, and special guest this year, Miramonte, will attend.

This year the recreation will be a Volleyball tournament, in which the girls from different schools will mix together to form teams. The teams will be named after Disneyland characters.

The committees for G.A.A. are as follows: Programs, headed by Maureen Voss, and Stanette Chebul, and sponsored by Mrs. Bertram; Publicity, headed by Jane Atkinson and Sally Lord, and sponsored by Miss Ronne; Entertainment, headed by Lora Beth Larson and Vicki Hetherington, and sponsored by Mrs. Grunseith; Decorations, by Susan Cox and Linda Patterson, and sponsored by Miss Ronne; Foods, headed by Sally Smith and Nancy Hurd, and sponsored by Mrs. Grunseith; Hostesses, headed by Joanne Fritz and sponsored by Mrs. Bertram; and equipment, headed by Gloria Lum and sponsored by Miss Sparks.

Gauchos face top Jacket squad

After starting the league games by playing San Leandro, El Cerrito clashes with Berkeley, one of the best teams in the A.C.A.L.

The Berkeley basketball team's average height is six feet. Their center, Ira Lee, who is 6'4", is said to be a strong rebounder. What Berkeley has in height, it lacks in experience. Even though nine of the Yellow Jacket cagers are seniors, only four have had varsity experience.

The Berkeley starting five will probably consist of John Brod and Joe Thompson at guards, Hemby Whitten, and Norm Randolph at forwards, and Ira Lee playing at the center position.

Berkeley is slated to finish in second place, as they did last year, by a consensus of the A.C.A.L. coaches.

El Cerrito will probably start Don Stevenson and El Cain at guards, John Merit and Jim Poshard at forwards, and Bob Straughter at center.

After the Berkeley game, El Cerrito plays De Anza which upset the Gauchos in the Richmond Tournament before the Christmas vacation.



Jim Poshard shoots from behind the board at Mt. Diablo game

The coaches of the different schools in the A.C.A.L. gathered Wednesday and gave their opinions on how they felt the league would finish.

First and second place will probably be taken by Richmond and Berkeley with third place up for grabs.

The coaches chose Richmond to place first; Berkeley, second; and Encinal third. Richmond was chosen by six of the eight coaches to finish first with two voting for Berkeley.

Coach Scott of Berkeley and Richmond's coach chose Berkeley to take themselves off the hook in case Berkeley wins the league. The Berkeley coach felt his team was just as good as Richmond's.

Encinal was chosen to place third by the coaches. El Cerrito's coach Parker feels that we can beat Encinal, but voted for Encinal because there is always the chance of an upset somewhere else.

BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Name	Field Goals Made	Percentage	Freethrows Made	Percentage
Poshard	79	23	45	53
Cain	61	25	31	57
Stevenson	48	15	44	47.6
Straughter	54	13	16	39.5
Garcia	36	13	27	40.6
Anderson	32	8	20	70
Thurm	34	10	10	60
Thomas	13	5	8	75
Olsen	31	5	15	26
Merit	15	4	7	57
Muedecking	9	3	9	22.2

SPORTS REVIEW

By Dave Baimforth

Now that the practice games are over for El Cerrito and the other league teams, they will be clashing with each other for the next two months to decide where they stand in the rating of the A.C.A.L.

As we see it from here, and undoubtedly as most teams see it, Richmond has the most powerful team so far this year. There is proof of this in their playing. We saw Richmond beat last year's tournament of Champions winner, Mc Clymonds, which came as a surprise and showed us that there are some tough teams to crack this year. Not only Richmond but a good deal of the other teams in the A.C.A.L. have a lot of talent in their ranks too. The way that I think the league may stack up this season will be Richmond on top. They proved part of this by ruining the first annual Richmond District Tournament by downing all of the other three teams in the two day clash. Richmond took care of El Cerrito the first night (38-21) while Ells had no trouble overcoming De Anza. Richmond played the same tune the next night by running over Ells. While the Gauchos were the ones being run over by the all senior De Anza team, who outdid us by a score of 28-44. Richmond showed her strength in this tournament and the other three teams showed where they needed improvement.

Next to Richmond will come the always tough and dangerous squad that represents Berkeley High School. Third place could be up for grabs this season between our own Gauchos, Ells whose team is small but quick and with a lot of dead eye shooters, and Encinal who only lost one first team player from last year. Alameda will have trouble staying in the upper levels of the league because of the mid-term, in which their basketball team will notice the loss tremendously.

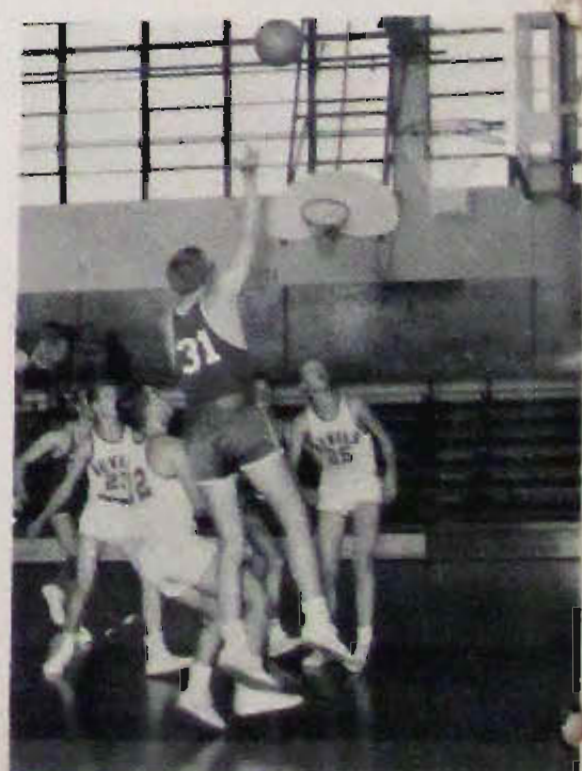
San Leandro, the co-title holder of its old league, will have its own problems this year because it has moved into a new and stronger league than it was in. This was proved during the football season.

De Anza which usually occupies the cellar, will probably be in the same hole this year, even with its upset victory over the Gauchos during the Richmond tournament.

The Gauchos have ended their practice season of basketball with a four win six loss record. It is not a particularly impressive record if you just look at it, but out of the four games that were won, three of them were upsets.

After losing the first game to Oakland Tech (37-27) the still untried Gauchos lost to San Francisco's Lincoln High (45-37.) Then at Clayton Valley the Gauchos started to move the ball and handed the Eagles a 31-38 upset. At Clayton Valley, the Gauchos got it right back by being tripped by Albany (33-27.) On their second home court game, the El Cerrito quintet slaughtered the "team to beat" according to one of the local newspapers, by the score of 42 to 25.

On the O'Doud Court, El Cerrito gained recognition by upsetting the O'Daud five in an overtime 58-54. Then came the Richmond Tournament which turned into chaos for the Gauchos. The first night Richmond took their turn, (38-21) and on Friday night De Anza followed in Richmond's footsteps by running around the Gauchos (44-28.) On the next game the Gauchos made a come-back making their third upset by upturning the St. Mary's Panthers by the score of 43 to 41. El Cerrito almost had themselves a fourth upset at Mount Diablo, but couldn't quite get over the hump. Mt. Diablo won 42 to 40.



Al Taylor goes up for 2 points in J.V. game at Mt. Diablo