

# El Caballero



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## Seniors Participate at University of California

Eight students at El Cerrito have been given the opportunity to promote academic advancement.

The program in which these students are going to progress, is known as the University of California Acceleration Program. This program is designed to give academically talented seniors who are capable of doing more advanced work, a chance to broaden some of their subjects.

Those students who accepted the invitation to enter this program are as follows: Barbara Bolton, Stanley Brown, Karen Gaunce, Renee Morton, Stephen Schaffran, Melinda Stebbins, William Upholt, and Linda Whitehand.

Scholars going by this plan are not allowed to take more than two courses with a maximum of six units of University credit.

Courses that these students have freedom in picking, are as follows: Art 2A, Chemistry 1A, Classics 17B, English 1A, German

1, History 4B, Mathematics 3A, Mathematics 3B, Mathematics 3H, Paleontology 10, Philosophy 6A, and Philosophy 12A.

Students participating will have their tuition paid by the University of California. They will also be given the privileges of any full time student.

The system that these educationees are going under, was initiated

during the 1958-59 school year at the University of California at Los Angeles. The experimental cooperative program was for more able high school students, from Beverly Hills High School and University High School.

The program, being successful, was extended as a special high school program to 11 other schools within a limited geographical area during the 1959-60 school year.



The students who are to attend the University of California are, left to right, Barbara Bolton, Karen Gaunce, Linda Whitehand, and Renee Morton. Back row from left to right are, Stan Brown, Steve Schaffran, and Bill Upholt.

## Juniors urged to take Merit Examination

Juniors with high scholastic ability are urged to take the Merit Scholarship test.

If you think you have good ability and a reasonably high I.Q. you should register to take the test. The test consists of five parts, each designed to test the student's ability in that phase of the test.

The parts of the test are English Usage, Mathematics Usage, Social Studies Reading, Natural Science Reading, and Word Usage. The test will be given in the El Cerrito High School Cafetorium on Saturday, March 11.

A low percentage of the students taking the test qualify as semi-finalists, and, according to Mr. Lagorio, the ones who do qualify always have a high I.Q. However, there is no set pattern for the number of finalists.

The semi-finalists then take the College Board Test in December. If their scores are equally high, they will be declared finalists and are then eligible to receive a scholarship.

Last year, four El Cerrito students were semi-finalists, and 12 received letters of commendation. Approximately 25,000 students take the test every year.

## Farce to be given for P.T.A.

"Poison, Passion, and Petrification" or "The Fatal Gazogone" by George Bernard Shaw was produced yesterday for the P.T.A.

The play, which director Sam Elkind called "A satirical farce of a melodrama," will also be presented with the operetta and in March at a drama festival to be held at San Francisco State.

The cast yesterday consisted of Gunilla Hojer, Ed McCarthy, Bill Logan, Harvey Skee, Karen Cheney, Judy Dittenbir, Dick Rinehart, Lanine Tompkins, Kay Carlston, Adele Gordon, Nina Diliberto, and June Fleming. The play has been recast for the other presentations.

Assisting Mr. Elkind was student director, Jack Jobe. Carla Hendel was in charge of properties and Mike Cunningham was in charge of lighting. Also Mr. Elkind wished to express his thanks to Mr. Phillips for creating a bust used in the play.

## Bar Association attorneys absent; trials postponed

The trials scheduled for Thursday, January 12, were all postponed because of the absence of either the defendant or the defence attorney.

In the case of ECHS vs. Sheldon Bialkin, as well as in the case of ECHS vs. Don Stevenson, the defendant was unable to be present, while in the cases of ECHS vs. Ron Clark and ECHS vs. Bob Rohrer the defence attorney was absent. All four absences were excused.

Two Judicial Board members were also absent and were replaced by alternates. Howard Weamer was Presiding Judge with Lynne Wehrlic and Richard Larock as regular board members. Joe Allen and Hugh Miller were the alternates that took the places of Fred Steuerwald and Beth Eneman.

## Classics Club hears organist

More than 30 members of the Classics Club heard Mr. Moe, the University organist, as he told about the organ and played a few pieces.

Mr. Moe explained that there are four parts to the organ at the University. They are the main part, or "grand", the pedal, the "swell box," and the "positive."

After explaining the organ to the group, he played parts of Toccata and Fugue in D minor by Bach and a Prelude by Caesar Frank.

The Classics Club members left immediately after school and went by car to Hertz Hall at the University. The lecture was at 4 p.m. and lasted until 5 p.m.

Mr. Moe started his talk by pointing out that although most University organs are connected to a college chapel, the University of California had to have an organ alone since there was no chapel.

He said that the reason that the University has an organ in the first place is that so much of the music available today is written for the organ. He then continued to explain the history of the organ, which is named "the Edmund O'Neil organ" in honor of the benefactor, a former professor of chemistry there.

After he explained the history of the organ, he took a third of the group at a time and showed them how it worked. At that time he also pointed out the construction of it.

All four defendants were charged with sitting in the Senior Section on Slave Day. Bill Landstra, a Vigilante Committee member, was the arresting officer each time. "We thought it would save time to have them all at once," explained Mr. Lagorio, the sponsor of Bar Association.

Sheldon Bialkin was to have been defended by Jack Lusk and prosecuted by Peter Kaiser. Don Stevenson was to have been defended by Tom Fittman and prosecuted by Rod Harris. Ron Clark was to be defended by Allen Bergen and prosecuted by Dean Barnett. Steve Schaffran was to defend Bob Rohrer, with Jeff Casserly as prosecuting attorney.

Dick Cunningham, president of the Bar Association, will set a new date for the trial to occur.



## Dragging skirts through boy's vile spittle does not appeal to girlfriend

Mr. Bonmaster,  
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your courteous letter, containing a declaration of love. I will be frank enough with you to admit that I most sincerely love you. I should, perhaps say no more, but this growing love, under present conditions, must be broken off.

I have repugnance to the use of tobacco. I could never consent to wed a man addicted to its use, my reasons being as follows:

It would impoverish my home. Ten cents a day expended for a cigar, in a lifetime of forty years, with its accumulations of interest, amounts to over four thousand dollars!

It might wreck my happiness. It is a known fact that tobacco deadens the sense of taste; that common drinks become insipid and tasteless. The tobacco user involuntarily craves strong drink in order to taste it. This is the foundation of drunkenness of the country.

It would surround me with filth. I could not endure the fetid breath of the tobacco user. I sicken at the sight of the brown saliva exuding from between the lips. I am immediately faint at the thought of dragging my skirts through spittle.

## Ballet, froglegs captivate Jane

"I think we've lost some of our spirit, but the kids are just wonderful," stated Jane Atkinson, a junior, when asked her opinion of school this year.

Jane participates in such school activities as C.S.F., French Honor Society (she's Secretary-Treasurer), and she was Historian of G.A.A. last semester. "I hope to get in Block C, too," Jane added.

Tennis, ballet, singing and reading are Jane's main interests. As for ballet, she has been taking lessons for the past twelve years, and her group puts on an annual recital at the Berkeley Little Theater, plus occasional recitals for various groups and organizations.

U.S. History, Algebra II, French III, A Cappella, Chemistry X, English III, and P.E. make up Jane's program this year. With this busy schedule she is able to maintain a "B" average.

"Frog legs and duck" are among Jane's favorite foods. "I learned to like them from my boyfriend

since he goes hunting a lot," she explained. "I also like pizza and almost anything else to eat."



As for future plans, Jane wants to attend college, although she's not yet sure which one. She'd like to be either a Math or P.E. teacher. "Of course," said Jane, "I'd rather just be a housewife."

It would corrupt my husband's morals. All the associations of tobacco are bad! To smoke in peace, the man must resort to the place where others smoke. In that room are profanity, and every species of vulgarity.

You will forgive me for speaking thus plainly. While I devotedly love you, I cannot consent that you should bestow your affections upon a person that would instinctively repel you. Behaving, therefore, under the circumstances, that our further correspondence should cease, I remain,

Your Friend and Well-wisher,  
Marietta Wilcox

## Cradle Boys observe centennial

"Ten-SHUN!" Little Ax Trowbridge blared.

The Cradle Boys stiffened, braced themselves into position they imagined were as a Richmond Blue's. They tucked in their chins and sucked in their bellies held their breath, stood sway-backed, straining for rigidity. Ax looked at them and felt his first thrill of pride in his company.

## Preston hears killing threat

"Mrs. Preston, by the end of the month, you'll be dead."

"Mrs. Preston, the time is getting closer for me to kill you."

This movie promises to hold your suspense from the very beginning, when Mrs. Preston walks into the first heavy fog she has ever experienced in London, England, and hears a voice speaking to her with "Killing threats." After that, she hears this voice many, many times over the telephone.

MIDNIGHT LACE, besides being thrilling, mysterious, and surprising, also has a fine cast with Doris Day playing an American who marries an English businessman, Rex Harrison. Myrna Loy plays Miss Day's aunt, while John Gavin, a very good young actor, plays the part of a contractor working on a building next to the Prestons' apartment building.

Besides these stars, there are several supporting actors who play important parts.

Finally, at the very end, after many surprises, the real attempted murderer is found and caught by the police.

Little Ax (For Alexander Xerxes) Trowbridge was fifteen and fresh out of military school, when he followed his father to war. He came to the Shiloh battlefield in time to see the elder Trowbridge die. As Ax stood on that bloody field, a new heritage burning within him, he was probably the youngest recruit in gray, certainly the smallest.

Spurned time and again by the Confederate Army, laughed at by men of all ranks, but determined to serve the cause of the South, the "five foot-two, eyes of blue" son of a warrior places himself in charge of a group of underage unappreciated ruffians. The self-appointed "Captain" Ax literally whips his recruits into a crew of tough, unethical marauders soon known as the Cradle Company.

Fate is not overkind to the company or its members and war and love combine to torture and disband the Cradle Boys, but not until Ax's ultimate aim is achieved.

Since 1960 and for the next four years the United States has been and will be living a day centennial of a tragic era in American history, the Civil War. This centennial has inspired works of every quality. Some of the finest fictional tributes paid to the era were the stories of Little Ax Trowbridge by the well known and loved author James Street. Published individually in the Colliers, they were compiled into a single volume by Don Tracy.

Tracy's work, Captain Little Ax, was authorized, supervised, and commended by James Street Jr.



## LONE ★ STAR

I'm caught up in all these new-fangled inventions. For example....we've got a telephone index which never opens on the right letter...usually, I have to thumb through the N, O, P, and Q, pages to get to the page with names beginning in R.

When I was smaller, my father's friend brought over an electric adding machine. I had a ball with it, being able to add long columns of figures in nothing flat, and then I would go back and check the problem on paper to make sure that it came out the same as the machine total.... until I got my thumb caught in it.

We have a steam and dry iron, which worked tremendously...until my dear Mother dropped it onto the floor...no steam has come forth from the seventeen little holes for the last two years.

Now for the last two years, I have had to use a wet rag and lay it over my slacks when I wanted to crease them. Everytime, without fail, I have been caught in a cloud of steam as it rises to the ceiling.

Then, while mixing a cake, got my finger caught in the electric mixer. Needless to say, it did not stop there. My toast began getting caught in the toaster....I've given up eating toast.

We have an old electric fan, about ten years old, which has now been sealed in a box and put into the dark reaches of the attic because of it's vibration.

As this fan is turned on, the motor begins turning the blades, and a vibration ensues. This vibration turns the fan itself so that it turns around and gets caught in it's own cord. Usually, it's not serious, but once...

One time, the fan got so wound up, that it fell over, somehow cut it's own cord, and short-circuited the current. Well, I'll end this if I can get the dratted paper out of the confounded typewriter.

## Students float in cloud of complacency

NOW THE STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS ARE OVER, the signs are taken down, and elected officers are down from cloud nine.

El Cerrito students must not allow themselves to slip into a cloud of complacency until May when we will go through the same thing again. Instead students must wake up to their responsibilities as members of the El Cerrito High School Student Association.

They are the only check on the student body officers. While, I am sure, no candidate willfully made a false promise, it is possible that a candidate may forget his duty and promises. It is up to each member of the student association to see that this doesn't happen. It is up to each member to act as a check on all student body officers to insure that they carry out all obligations of their offices.

It is up to the students to show an interest and desire for working for a better student association. No group or organization can afford to reach the position where they say we have done all we can, now we can just sit back and relax.

If the newly elected student body officers are to succeed in their offices they must have the full cooperation of every member of the student association.

## Going Places



Hot under the collar boys are, from left to right, Don Carpenter and Larry Munkelt.

Styling their hair after the latest fashion one Wednesday afternoon are two senior boys. The Style House gladly obliged them, and their hair was done at no cost.

Both look pleasantly relieved as their hair is being done. Note Don's engrossed expression as he reads about Debbie Reynolds and her problems in the movie magazine, Screen Parade.

## Pencil sharpeners

Dear Editor,

I AM NOT A VERY FUSSY PERSON, but I would like to know why there is not a single pencil sharpener in this school that works.

You get into class, expecting to be able to sharpen your pencil before you have to take six pages of notes, but no, the sharpener only breaks what little point you are lucky enough to have left.

There is a common saying around school, that if you don't get to school with a sharp pencil, you might as well stay home.

Pencil Lover

## "...that all men are created equal..."

IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WE READ: "We, the people of the United States..." In the Declaration of Independence we read: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

But there must be some people in the United States who either can't read or read a different Constitution and Declaration of Independence than the ones written during the revolutionary period. These documents, the fundamental basis of American democracy, set forth in no uncertain terms the position of the United States and of Americans.

We do not read "We, the white People of the United States..." or do we read "...that only all white men are created equal..."

The recent displays put on by "Americans" in New Orleans and Georgia can only be founded on prejudice and bigotry. No where can any half-way plausible argument for the inferiority of the Negro race be advanced. It just doesn't exist.

El Caballero calls on all AMERICANS everywhere, including Louisiana Georgia and Arkansas, to accept their fellow man on the basis of what type of a human being he is rather than pre-judging him by his color.

## Scouts present fashion show

"What me nervous? O-Of c-course n-n-not. Why should I be? We've only spent every spare minute since November learning how to be models. But I'm still scared! How do I ever get myself into these things!"

These could be the thoughts of any one of the girls participating in "Winter Fantasy" a fashion show to be presented by the Berkeley, Albany and Kensington councils of the Girl Scouts.

As the name implies, the theme is to be winter fashions, with an emphasis placed on winter casuals and Ski clothes from Andre' Godet and Harbert's Ski Shop. The program will also include a parade of Scouting uniforms from 1910 to the present day.

Tickets may be purchased for 50 cents from Lynne Giberson, Chairman of the show; or the following girls who are representing El Cerrito: Judy Bailey, model; Pam Chubb, model; Lita Furby, Sally Ford, Tina Johnson, and Brenda Rorden.

The show is to be held Saturday, January 28th from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks School Auditorium on Colusa and Tacoma Streets in Berkeley.

## ELECTION RESULTS

As of Wednesday, January 18, at 2:43 p.m., the returns from El Cerrito High School's student-body election were as follows:

President  
Run-off between Steve Donaldson and Steve Schaffran  
Vice President  
Rick Douth  
Secretary  
Pat Iiyama  
Commissioner of Finance  
Pat Elliot  
Commissioner of Publicity  
Karin Pouliot  
Commissioner of Entertainment  
Run-off between June Fleming and Stephanie Zucker  
Commissioner of Athletics  
George Muedeking

## School spirit

To whom it may concern;  
FOR THE MOST PART of its history, El Cerrito has been noted for its great school spirit. This great spirit has been through the cooperation of the rooting section and the yell leaders.

On December 15 at the first District Tournament in the Richmond Civic Auditorium, the El Cerrito rooting section hit rock bottom. As a past yell leader, I personally can say that for the yell leaders, this was a very important affair which created lots of work.

Even with the help of the Ellis rooting section, no one cooperated. I would like to suggest that we, the student body of El Cerrito High School, remember that we owe our school and team the support which in other years has been given so freely; that we do not come to a game solely to look (sic).

El Cerrito, it's way past time that you came to your senses and realized your obligations. El Cerrito, support your team and yell leaders.

Rod Harris--a friend of the yell leaders

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## Swim Team begins practice

On Monday, January 23, 55 boys will be screened at the Plunge for possible berths on the team. There are many fine prospects.

After the large signup of 23 boys, Coach Collins is quoted as saying that there is a big interest in the swim team this year.

Starting February 9, 1961, the El Cerrito Swim team will take to the waters at the Richmond Plunge during fourth and fifth periods for the balance of the semester.

An outstanding letterman who may come back from Switzerland in time for the swim season is Lorin Thompson. He received the Varsity Most Valuable Swimmer Award last season as a Junior.

Another champion swimmer that will see action this year is Sophomore Alan Palmer. He was last year's high-point man as a Freshman.

This year's varsity will be an experienced team consisting mainly of Juniors and Sophomores.

A complete list of returning regulars from last year's swim team is as follows:

Free-Style: Dick Dowling, Earl Van Boeschoten, Alan Palmer, Tom Black, Scott Smith, Dick Cunningham, Jack Turner, Steve Buell, John McKune, Fred Glaser, and Bob Kessinger.

Breaststroke: Ken Iwahara and Cliff Donovan.

Backstroke: Mike Weaver and Clark Kerr.

On Monday, January 23, 55 boys will be screened at the Plunge

Individual Medley: Pete Dillon. Coach Collins thinks that this will be a very good year for swimming.



El Cerrito scores against Berkeley during J.V. game here at El Cerrito.

## SPORTS REVIEW

by Dick Van Atta

El Cerrito started off league play this week with two exciting, blown to the wire victories.

El Cerrito played San Leandro as its league opener. The Gauchos pulled the game out in overtime as twenty roaring El Cerrito fans cheered their approval. The score of the contest was 54 to 52, with the Gauchos on top.

It was evident from watching the play that El Cerrito wasn't playing up to par basketball. But even though they weren't playing up to their potential, they won the game with lots of hustle and spirit.

The ball game was tied with just a few seconds remaining when Jim Hoshard drew a foul. He sank two buckets which put El Cerrito in the lead.

Now El Cerrito had to curb San Leandro. In their efforts to stave off San Leandro, a Gaucho fouled a Hornet player and San Leandro tied the ball game with two free-throws.

The game went into overtime. After a see-saw battle, El Cerrito went into the lead to stay in a hairline finish.

The high scorer for the game was Don Stevenson, who made 16 points.

Last Friday, El Cerrito came up against a team who not only was chosen by two of the eight coaches to come in first place in A.C.A.L. but also ranked third in Northern California, the Berkeley Yellow-Jackets.

El Cerrito turned on the steam against Berkeley with the full court press defense and a hard fighting offense. The Gauchos turned on their hustle and drive to match fast moving Berkeley.

Throughout almost the entire game, the teams were within two points of each other.

John Merit and Don Stevenson were the "heros" of the game if two were to be chosen. John seemed to wind up on the foul line more than anywhere else, and Don again picked up top scoring honors, putting in nineteen points and also doing some magnificent rebounding.

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Even though during the Berkeley game, El Cerrito fans showed spirit seldom seen at a school sporting event, something that undoubtedly helped the Gauchos batter down the Yellow-Jackets; there is one comment I would like to make.

When an opposing team player has been fouled and takes his place on the foul line, most spectators feel they should discourage his making the shot with bellowing and caterwalling.

First of all, this display belittles out school and sounds very bad and unsportsman-like. Secondly, it does no good. The person taking his shot doesn't care what the opposition fans want, he's going to try to make his freethrow, bellowing or no bellowing.

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## SPORTS WORLD

It may come as a shock to some, if not most Americans, that baseball, basketball and football are not the only sports in the world. There are several sports that are popular throughout the world that Americans have almost no knowledge of.

Cricket, the national sport of England, is a game many Americans have heard of but few really know what it is about.

The game of cricket is considered by the many Americans as a game somewhat similar to baseball. But, though they do have some things in common, the two

actually differ quite a bit.

Cricket is played on a field a little larger than a baseball field, varying in size with the space available.

The play of the game centers around the "wickets." There are two wickets, twenty-two feet apart.

At each wicket there is a batsman. After a batter hits a ball, the two batters try to change places. If succeeded, they score a run.

The game lasts for two innings, but it can actually last for a lot longer time because the batsmen can contrive to change places until they feel they are in jeopardy of being put out.

Each time a batter changes position, a run is scored, consequently the score can reach into the hundreds.

The game of cricket is a good deal slower than baseball. Good advice to an American attending a game is take a good book, because in the words of the British, the game can get "jolly boring."

Tonight the El Cerrito Gauchos and the Richmond Oilers will battle it out to decide who will hold the title.

Both El Cerrito and Richmond have a three win no loss record. The main threat that Richmond has this year is Le Roy Walker, a fast and sharpshooting guard.

Game time tonight will be at 8:00 with the Junior Varsity playing earlier.

El Cerrito will be countering Walker's point making ability with the league's leading scorer, Don Stevenson. He has averaged 17 points a game for the first three games. Also El Cerrito will count on making an all out effort such as the fine example they set in beating Berkeley, (43-41.)



El Cain goes up to the boards in spite of interference from Norm Randolph from Berkeley.

## Don Stevenson receives awards

Don Stevenson has received many awards for his performances on the basketball court this season. Among these honors are re-

ceiving the "Gold Ball" award from the Richmond Independent for his outstanding work in the Berkeley game.

Also, for the Berkeley game, he received the distinction of being named Prep of the Week, by the East Bay Sports Writers.

Another honor which won't come

out until tomorrow's Gazette is being named the Vista Prep of the Week by the Gazette's sports staff. In addition, he is also the league's high point man for the season, up to this time.

Stevenson is one of the four Juniors on the first string this year. The fifth man is a sophomore, John Merit.