

El Caballero



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Students observe Nada's departure

Many El Cerrito High School students are planning to observe a few moments of silence to commemorate the departure of "Moneybags" Lenz from her cashiers cage on, or about the first of February.

Nada who has faithfully served the faculty and student body of El Cerrito for the past eight years is leaving soon to take a long, and well deserved rest.

Her successor, who is to take over next Monday, is a past librarian of De Anza High School.

"She's really very nice and I'm sure everyone will like her," Nada said, when asked how she thought the student body would receive a new cashier.



Nada

Cerritans attend music convention

The A Cappella choir and the Orchestra of El Cerrito High have a busy weekend ahead of them.

On Saturday, January 28th, the A Cappella and a part of the El Cerrito Orchestra will be among the 1500 music delegates attending the annual Pacific Music Clinic Social and Musical get together at the University of the Pacific. This has been an annual event for the past 20 years. The group consists of the A Cappella and orchestra students from all the high schools in California.

On this day, the musical director from the University of Illinois, Dr. Decker, will direct the group. This activity enables the students to meet other high school students and in general have a good time. Then later in the day they will have dinner together and then terminate the festival.

After the University of Pacific outing the choir will rehearse for their program "Down in the Valley" on March 2nd and 3rd. They will also rehearse for the Santa Monica Music Teachers' Week in the last part of March. There will be a small delegation from El Cerrito going to this festival. The delegation includes exchange students Gunilla Hojer, Josh Diamond, Don Carpenter, Floyd Smith, Dan Earl and Glenn Kay.

These six are among the 250 students chosen from the 12 Western states. In the future A Cappella will attend music festivals at Stanford, San Francisco State, and San Jose State.

Closely contested offices decided in student body run-off election

Steve Donaldson's closely contested victory in a run-off election for student body president highlighted the recent student body elections.

With a clean sweep, similar to the recent El Cerrito city election where all incumbents running for the City Council lost, not one of the four members of the fall Executive Committee seeking election received it.

Besides Donaldson's run-off victory, Stephanie Zucker was also elected in the run-off.

For the third straight semester three seniors sought the office of president. Barney Gadwood was eliminated during the



PRESIDENT STEVE DONALDSON GIVING HIS CAMPAIGN SPEECH. HIS ATTEMPT FOR THE OFFICE RESULTED IN A RUN-OFF BETWEEN HIM AND STEVE SCHAFFRAN.

election Wednesday. Steve Schaffran followed suit during the run-off election Thursday.

A political unknown at El Cerrito, Rick Douth, came out victorious over Craig Swan in the race for the vice-presidency.

Pat Iiyama, a senior scholar, defeated Leslie Cooper, one of four members of the fall Executive Committee seeking election. The reward for Pat's victory is the post of student body secretary.

"The player's coach", Tom Thomas didn't coach the student body well enough as he lost to George Meudeking in the Commissioner of Athletics contest.

In the other contested office, Commissioner of Entertainment, Stephanie Zucker emerged victorious from a field of three other hopeful candidates after two days of elections. Her opponents were June Fleming, who needed two elections to be eliminated, Linda Miller, and Mike Ostrov.

Karin Pouliot and Pat Elliott, assured of victory before the balloting began, made a run away of their elections as they ran unopposed for Commissioner of Publicity and Commissioner of Finance, respectively.

These seven new faces plus the six yell leaders, Sue Price, Cindy Eurich, Dorene Carlevaro, Sandy Domes, Judy Newlin, and Melinda Stebbins, will serve as the spring Executive Committee of 1961.



Spring Student body officers, from left to right, top row: Steve Donaldson, Rick Douth, bottom row: Karin Pouliot, Pat Elliott, Stephanie Zucker, Pat Iiyama.

\$1500 scholarship offered to winner in Lion's Club student forensic contest

Mr. William Powell, Oral English teacher, urges all students interested in public speaking to try out for the Lion's Club Student Speaking Contest.

The contest is open to all high school students. It consists of delivering a speech between eight and ten minutes long. Winners of each contest advance through a series of eliminations to the state finals and a possible \$1500 scholarship.

The topic for the contest this year is "Our National Heritage--Pattern for Today" according to Mr. Powell. He also said that he

would like to see any interested student as he has booklets explaining the contest.

"It is important that they see me as soon as possible as we will be holding eliminations to see who will represent the school on February 15," stated Mr. Powell.

El Cerrito High has done very well in the past two years in this contest. Last year Craig Swan advanced to the fourth level of competition before being eliminated, and the year before Hedi Pavelka, AFS exchange student, went through all six levels of competition to win the \$1500 scholarship which she is now using in Vienna, Austria.

Melinda relates travels abroad



Melinda

"The spirit at most of the games has been pretty good, I think. The spirit at the basketball game with Berkeley was the best I've ever seen," stated Melinda Stebbins, a senior.

Melinda, or "Mindy", should know enough about how our spirit has been since she is one of our six peppy yell leaders.

Besides being yell leader, Mindy participates in such school activities as C.S.F., French Honor Society, Boosters, and Los Choralistas, which is a special singing group.

Mindy had a wonderful experience during her sophomore year. Her father, who works at the University of California, was sent on an eight month assignment to African and European countries. His family accompanied him.

The Stebbins family covered such countries, besides Africa, as England, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, and the Suez Canal.

"My sister and my teachers here sent schoolbooks and assignments with us," Mindy explained. "At the end of the term, we were sent examinations."

When asked her most memorable experience of her trip, Mindy thought for a minute and then replied that she was most impressed with their trip to the Kalahari desert in Africa, to see people called Bushmen.

What does she remember about the Bushmen? "Their hair," Mindy said that the hair of both men and women was real short and "so ugly." "They didn't cut it I ... think. It just grows that way."

Mindy keeps very busy with such classes as French 3, Book Civics, Physiology, English 4, A Cappella, and P.E. With these courses, even with so many other

Chamfer appears to students ; many casualties result ; seniors and Rally recuperating

The lights in the Gym dimmed into darkness, when a voice over the microphone said, "Here he is, the one, the only, Charleton Chamfer."

Suddenly a spotlight turned on the door to the Gym office and out he stepped into the spot light. He twitched his hips as he hiked up his pants, and six sophomore girls screamed and fainted. There was a slight delay in the program as the rally committee carried them out.

About five minutes and twenty girls later, Charleton finally made it to the microphone. He reached for it and said, "Uh, uh, hello!! This time ten girls fainted. This set a new Gym record, the old one being nine girls at one time. It was set by Plevis Expressly four years ago.

Now Charleton was ready to sing. He looked back to make sure someone would put his record on at the right time so he could mouth it. Unfortunately the needle slipped and scratched the record, but he opened his mouth and four more girls had to be carried out. Finally he started to sing, but immediately the screams drowned him out. Mr. Specimen, principal, grabbed the mike to instruct the rally committee to hold the students back, but his warning came too late.

The girls rose in unison and started to converge on Charleton. The Rally committee tried heroically to restrain them but nothing could stop them. Soon the gym floor was a sea of screaming girls.

Finally with the help of the San Francisco fire department and their hoses, the mob was broken up, but not without its toll.

Principal Specimen stated, "The gym will have to be completely refurbished. And besides that, Charleton is suing the school over the loses of his full grown duck-tail haircut and his new continental suit, which were ripped to shreds by the souvenir crazed girls."

***** activities, she maintains a B+ to A- average.

When she has time left over, Mindy likes to sing, play the piano, or participate in sports, especially swimming.

As for future plans, Mindy would like to spend next summer working either in Arizona, like she did last summer, or on a Dude ranch, helping in the kitchen.

In September, she'd like to start College in Davis and study to be an elementary school teacher.

Cabby was also able to get a statement from the hospital where Charleton and ten heroic Rally committee members are recuperating. The hospital said that Mr. Chamfer is confined to his room with his visitors being limited to one hundred admirers a day and that the rally committee members are doing as well as can be expected with fifteen broken legs, twelve broken arms, and nine broken noses.

New club began to build bodies

"The purpose of our club is to build up your body, to get as much weight as you can off the ground," stated Howard Bautista, member of the new weightlifting club here at school, sponsored by Mr. Thomas, electronics teacher.

This club meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon from 3:15 until 5:00 p.m. in the football shack.

So far, the members include Harry Bates, President; Garry Hatch, Secretary-Treasurer; Howard Bautista; Gaylord Courchesne; Joe Gaeta; Ray Myers; Claude Curber; Dave Wallin; Larry Burr; and Steve Schaffran.

Howard replied that he, along with the rest of the members, urges all interested boys to come on out and join.

Hull tells 23 years of Navy experience

Mr. Hull, a new math teacher at El Cerrito High, claims a wide experience in the Navy.

It began after he had graduated from high school; Mr. Hull entered Annapolis after receiving a presidential appointment to an academy. Upon graduation from Annapolis he received a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the Navy.

From 1933 to 1936 Mr. Hull took post-graduate work at the Navy post-graduate school and at the University of California in Marine Engineering design. After completing this work he served until 1941 as Engine and Maintenance Officer on the Commander's staff of the Atlantic Fleet.

For the next five years Mr. Hull commanded the Navy Submarine school at New London, Connecticut. During World War II he was commander of submarines in the Pacific. Mr. Hull then won the Navy Cross, the Sivler Star, and several bronze stars.

For two years following the war he served as naval attaché in

Mr. Beck finds entries promising

El Cerrito High will have many entries at the annual Science Fair.

Mr. Beck, physics teacher, has many hopefuls for this year's fair. The entries vary in type and construction but are potentially very good projects according to Mr. Beck. The deadlines for entries is March 3rd, with many of the projects half completed at this time; the fair will be held sometime in May with the finalists competing in April at the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.

The entrants and their projects are John Shively, who is working on a computer; Andrea Friedman, whose project is concerned with the effects of an acetic medium on algae; Karen Illman who is investigating the effect of germ killers on mouth bacteria; Dick Voliva, is studying sore nitrification; Thomas Pittman is attempting to determine the correlation of environment and intelligence in rats. Also included are Danee Jenson, David Jenson and Barbara Bolton, David's project concerns the diffusion of a material in a solution and Barbara is experimenting in chemistry.

***** The professor returned to his classroom after grading all the latest examination papers. He requested that the students sit down.

"If you all stood up now, it is conceivable you might form a circle--in which case I could be arrested for maintaining a dope ring."



Yugoslavia. In China, which was his next destination, he was commander of Transport Operations.

From 1952-1955 Mr. Hull worked as chief of staff for Admiral Nimitz and then the following year he was commander of the 12th Naval district.

In 1956 Mr. Hull retired from the United States Navy as a Rear Admiral.

LONE ★ STAR

The smell of freshly-baked bread from the oven fills the air.

Corn as tall, or taller, than a man....it's tassels ripening in the morning sun.

The walking down the street, and having someone stop you with an inquisitive smile, and the question, "Aren't you new here?"

These are some of the charms of a small-town life as I see them. There's an atmosphere here that you don't find in the CITY. Folks are much friendlier here.

Rural life is a state of being where a housewife's place is in the home...not galavanting around in so-called "civic affairs." It is a place where kids still respect their parents....

.....a place where religion plays an important part in everyone's lives, as compared to urban life, where there is a "once on Sunday" attitude among the old folks, and where, among many of the younger people, religion is openly scorned as not being the right thing to do.

Offering a tranquil, relaxed, and unhurried way of life, people still manage to get things done, but without any strain, or hustle and bustle. You'll find that you get along with less sleep in the country than that which you'd need in the CITY. You are not rushed.

Peaceful, that's the word He'd use, if He lived here.

A place where you can look across fields sown with crops..... see men work, next to, and in, the dirt; the rich, moist dirt that feeds our great nation.

These men are happy. They're dirty, but proud...proud, because they have a stake in the world. Proud, for they, and they alone, know what it is like to be born in a place, grow up there, work and live there all their lives, and watch their grand-children do the same.

Then, they die. Forget them, for they are only men. They always die, but their ideals go on.

They don't worry about what the porcelain workers, or the post office, will do next. They have no worry about strikes. The closest porcelain factory is over 100 miles away. Besides, there are always paper plates and cups, and they pick their mail up at the post office.

There are two police officers in this town, one per 150 people, as compared with El Cerrito's ratio of one per 1,000. When I was there, the jail remained empty for six weeks. Juvenile delinquency, as well as the crime rate, was almost nil.

However, civilization is moving in. There are two movie theatres in town, and a bowling alley. Now, many farmer's sons are going to college, to get some education.

Yes, things are changing here, not rapidly, but in a slow way, but I'll never forget the smell, and taste, of that home-baked bread, for it's much better than the 35¢ a loaf stuff we buy in the CITY.

-Texas Bob

Our Yesterdays

SIXTEEN YEARS AGO

In the first ACAL night game held in El Cerrito's gym, the Oilers were drained by the Gaucho basketball quintet 34-27.

Student body president Milton Renfree left school to play professional baseball with the San Diego Padres.

Donated by the Fall Class of 1933, a bronze plaque was installed near the sundial in the concrete walk.

A new school club, A Cappella, was being formed with approximately 25 members.

Rally member opposes Cabby editorial, few people meet member standards

IN REPLY to your editorial of January 13, on our school Rally committee. In my opinion our Rally Committee is respected by the whole student body. I have never, in the two years that I've served this school as Rally Committee, felt I was disrespected, but by the lesser percentage of the people I control. I feel that I've gained a lot of respect and lost very little.

Can just anyone join Rally who wishes to?

No Sir! Not just anyone can get on Rally Committee. You must complete several things before you are even considered for a position: 1) fill out an application. 2) you must have at least a C+ average. 3) you must know and know well the Rally Code and the El Cerrito High School Judicial Code. 4) you must then pass a written test on the above two topics. 5) then go before a review committee, made up of the five officers and Mr. Grimm. 6) having completed all of this you are screened by Mr. Grimm and the Administration. 7) having passed all of this you are placed on a 30 day probation period. Now if you think it is so easy to become a member of Rally Committee, I advise that you re-read the list of things you must complete.

Yes! We want people with brains, but what we want more of is people who can act fast and with dependability in a trouble spot, and a person who will work and again do a good job.

As for our apparent need for higher membership standards, I and anyone else in this apparently "defraying" school to attempt to join Rally Committee.

Judging by our editorial this school is quickly "defraying" because people are not doing what you expect them to be doing. That Rally, in your opinion, is not up to its highest standards of membership and because of your so-called lack of respect. Why don't you try and help Rally Committee instead of writing these tear-downs about us. All I can

No promises made by newly elected student body officers

THE STUDENT BODY elections just completed present an interesting study in contrasts with other spring elections. For the first time in at least four years, the student body elected officers who have promised nothing.

The new officers could do absolutely nothing and no one could accept the blame but the student body. However, El Caballero hopes that the newly elected officers realize that they have made promises whether they knew it or not. By running and then being elected they promised to perform to the utmost of their abilities in carrying out the duties of their offices. They promised to move ahead, not just maintain the status quo. It is their duty to work for the students. It is not the duty of the students to work to find out what the officers are doing.

The new officers must take the initiative and forge new frontiers. Although this is not the time for radical change, as expressed by all three presidential candidates, it does not mean that there is not work to do. Steve Schaffran raised some interesting questions which must be answered during the spring semester.

Larceny plagues Students in gym

I WOULD LIKE to point out a fact, that to my knowledge, has never really been raised. Something that just kind of dirties the atmosphere of El Cerrito High School.

When students are not safe to put their books, coats, sweaters, and purses down for one minute without risking the possibility of having their things stolen, then I think there must be something seriously wrong with the morals of the Student Body.

This happens frequently and is not a rare occurrence. I, for one have experienced this and so have innumerable others at this school.

The worst place where this happens is in the girls' locker room. Ask any girls' gym teacher and she will tell you that almost every day, thefts are reported.

I happen to have an early morning gym class, an excellent time for these high-moraled girls to come in and go up and down the rows looking for set locks and also sweaters and coats that have not been hung in lockers for lack of space.

It is true that the amount of people who steal is comparatively small in comparison to the student body, but what about this wonderful school where we have an opportunity for football games, basketball games, a drama department that produces so many wonderful shows, and other things that other schools in the United States don't have?

Does this stealing fit in with El Cerrito? Are any of us so poor that we have to steal? I don't think so. I think that the people who are guilty are not so poverty-stricken that they have to depend on this kind of "extra income."

The only way this situation can be curbed is for the entire student body to wake up to the facts, and show these sick people that they are not a part of the high standards that El Cerrito wants and, I am sure, is capable of maintaining.

Connie Veltfort

say to El Caballero and any other person with your attitude is WAKE UP!

You of Cabby seem to be the only ones in this school who are disgusted with the Clubs, Rally Committee and Central Committee. I don't see the administration tearing us down. And I am sure they would if we needed it.

I wish only to repeat to you, Mr. Editor and students of El Cerrito High School, if you don't like what we are doing---attempt to join and right the so-called wrong, if you think you can stand a hard, thankless job. And if not, write us your views on the wrongs of Rally.

Sincerely,
Doug Huneke, Vice President,
El Cerrito Rally Committee.

EDITOR'S NOTE

El Caballero feels that the only way to measure the respect of the Rally Committee is to see how easy it is for them to do their job. Unfortunately, the Student Body has not cooperated to the full extent in its dealings with the Rally Committee.

This situation seems to indicate a definite lack of respect. If there was respect, friction between Rally and the Student Body that does exist would not exist.

El Cerrito is not "about the only school in the area with a student rally." In fact it is the other way around. Most schools in the area do have a student rally.

The policy of the Administration toward clubs here at El Cerrito is a very fortunate one for the clubs. The policy seems to be one of hands off unless one club is stepping beyond its bounds. Such a policy allows for the rise and fall of clubs, without Administration interference.

Junior Varsity has 0-4 record; three Juniors returning

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Leaders 62 top volleyball tourney

Thursday, February 9, will be the final day in the G.A.A. Volleyball Tournament held after school in the Girls' Gym.

The tournament winner will receive a large gold trophy, with the name of the team engraved on it.

When the paper went to press, one complete round in the tournament had been played, revealing the team, Leaders 62 as ahead.

Other teams competing in the tournament are Block C, Leaders 62, Charlie's Team, Freshman Team, Checkerboard Squares, Falcons, (another Freshman team,) Kick A Poo's, Leaders 63, Leaders 62-63, and Sandi's Sad Sacks.

The teams in the lead so far are, Block C, Leaders 62, Charlie's Team, Falcons, Kick A Poo's, and Sandi's Sad Sacks. These teams will play each other to narrow it down until finally one team is declared winner.

Sparks explains senior's activities

For the coming weeks table tennis, shuffle board, and bowling will be the main activities in the senior girls' gym classes at El Cerrito.

Miss Sparks, the senior girls' gym teacher, will instruct the girls on the rules of the different games.

When the girls have learned the basic principles and rules, Miss Sparks will conduct a table tennis tournament. The winners of the tournament will be known as "Clan Winners."

Some of the girls who are more interested in shuffle board will also get together and form a tournament.

Miss Sparks stated that she will teach the girls how to roll a bowling ball, the approach, and the important techniques of bowling. The girls will use plastic bowling balls and pins, and the alleys will not be as long as those used in regular bowling alleys.

Miss Sparks feels that at the end of the course, the girls will be able to go into a bowling alley and know what they are doing.

Some of the sports already played at the beginning of the year are tennis, paddle tennis, and badminton.

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SPORTS REVIEW

by Dick Van Atta

At the beginning of the season, Coach Parker said that El Cerrito could upset Richmond or Berkeley but that we could also be upset ourselves.

El Cerrito did "upset" Berkeley by two points two weeks ago, and looked championship bound when we came up against a De Anza team that had beat them once before but easily put them down. But last week at the Richmond Auditorium, El Cerrito fell prey to the Richmond Oilers.

El Cerrito was missing something when they played Richmond, something hard to define. It wasn't ability, for El Cerrito has top players, it wasn't desire, for the Gaucho spirit is one of the most hustling teams in the league, it's the fact that the baskets didn't go in, and the opponent's baskets did.

Richmond was victorious by a score of 35 to 49. Their high scorer and high point man for the game was Leroy Walker, with fourteen points. High again for El Cerrito was Don Stevenson, amassing a total of eleven points.

The Berkeley Yellow-Jackets couldn't take advantage of El Cerrito's losing, however. They were defeated by Encinal in the same manner that El Cerrito overcame them, last minute free-throws. The score of this crucial game was 51 to 49, Encinal.

ELLS GAME-by Dave Balmforth

Last Tuesday in the El Cerrito gym, the scene of the first of two court battles between the El Cerrito Gauchos and the Ells Eagles was staged.

The Eagles had the boom lowered upon them and lost the contest by a score of 41 to 38.

The Gaucho win can be credited to the foul line where the team sunk 13 points out of 19 attempts. Jim Poshard made 9 of them plus 4 field goals which gave him high point honors for the game. Ells' "hot shot" Gary Dalen was next with 15 points of which only one was gained at the foul line.

In the tight defensive game, Don Stevenson and John Merit showed their control of the boards, while El Cain showed his usual calmness as the playmaker.

This win gives the El Cerrito Varsity a 4-1 record for the season so far and they are in possession of second place in the league standings.

***** SWIMMING SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday	March 2	Oakland High	There	3:15
Wednesday	March 8	Albany High	There	3:15
Tuesday	March 14	Richmond Varsity J.V's B's	Plunge	6:45
Tuesday	March 21	Oakland Tech	Plunge	3:15
Friday	April 7	Berkeley	There	3:15
Friday	April 14	Ells Varsity J.V's B's	There	3:15
Tuesday	April 18	San Lorenzo	There	3:15
Thursday	April 20	Tennyson	There	3:15
Wednesday	April 26	Washington	Plunge	3:15
Thursday	May 4	Swim Trials		
Saturday	May 6	Swim Finals		



Don Stevenson goes up for 2 points at the Ells-El Cerrito game.

Page Four
by Dave Balmforth

Most of the students of El Cerrito have probably wondered if Cabby was ever going to say anything about the Junior Varsity basketball team. Well, here are some interesting facts about them.

First of all, most students who gloat over the victories of the varsity team don't even realize that the junior varsity also plays, either before or after each varsity game. I doubt if you realize that the junior varsity spends as much time as the varsity in practice sessions. It means just as much to them as it does to the varsity when people come and watch them.

One thing that is interesting about the J.V. team is that, according to age and grade, our junior varsity is actually the first string on our varsity. This brings up a lot of the less experienced underclassmen into the category of junior varsity to take the places of those who make up the varsity.

One problem that Coach Parker has with the J.V. team is that he cannot give the team, as a whole, the coaching that it deserves because he handles the varsity squad besides. Although the team doesn't have the best record in the league (0-4), the coach feels that the team runs its plays very smoothly and plays a fine defensive game.

The team handicap this year is in finding the hole to put the ball in. This accounts for the loss of games. Another problem

that the team faces is in playing against older boys who have had a year or so of extra playing time, in which they have had time to develop and mature.

Since the J.V. team has only three juniors, this creates a problem.

Playmaker Al Taylor, center Bob Rienhart, and forward Ben Bower are the only juniors.

The forwards on the team are Richard Olson (also center), Ben Bower, Bob Nord, Don Doyle, and transfer student from Ells, Mike McGowan. Bob Rienhart is center. The trio of guards is Al Taylor, Gene Peshette, and Larry Smith.



Ells' Blanchard hangs on the ball as Poshard feeds the ball into the basket.