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Cunningham and Jones receive class prexy mandates

Receiving mandates to lead their classes next year were Dick Cunningham and Bruce Jones, new Senior and Junior Class presidents respectively.

Karl Frank and Larry Owens have been charged with helping



New Senior Class officers from the left are Karl Frank and Dick Cunningham.

Boosters ready 'Swamp Stomp'

Boosters' "Oke-Fen-Okee Swamp Stomp" makes the scene tonight in the cafeteria from 8 to 11.

Put on by Boosters, the dance will have a hill-billy theme, and the students are to come dressed as "okees". The music will be provided by records.

To hold with the theme, the refreshments will be cookies and cider—with cake for those of you who don't feel "hill-billy". The price of the dance is 35¢ stag and 50¢ snag.

In charge of the tickets for the dance, which can be obtained from any Booster member, are Cliff Anderson and Barbara Gannon. Getting publicity for the dance are Mike Finnigan and John Lowe.

The decorations for the dance, which will have swamp effect, are being gathered by Floyd Smith and Helen Stiles. In charge of refreshments are Judy Booth, Kathy McKee, and Jeff Weinerman.

the new prexys and representing the Senior and Junior Class, respectively, in Legislature. Their charge came in the form of election to their class' vice presidency.

The secretarial contests found Ann Schriber, Senior Class, and Jan Pezzaglia, Junior Class, emerging victorious in their contests.

From a field of 72 the following students emerged victorious in the Senior Central Committee election: Sandi Allen, Jane Atkinson, Woodrow Barnes, Nadine Berthelson, Tom Black, Gerene Blades, Barbara Clark, Betty Dubravac, June Fleming, Jim Marsh, John McCorduck, Sandy McCorduck, Sue Pezzaglia, Diane Robinson, John Rossi, Karen Skellenger, Alan Taylor, Barbara Valentino, and Caroline Woolworth.

NEW JUNIOR CENTRAL

Twenty sophomores were picked by their peers to serve as their Junior Central Committee. They are Pat Auch, Bonnie Baer, Robert Blanchard, Catherine Chatton, Doug Clifford, Kathy Connolly,

Danielle deRoo, Fred Enos, Mike Finnegan, Sue Fricke, Jan Hollingshead, Sue Holmes, Bob Loftus, Mary McLaughlin, Sydney Pamphilon, Carol Roos, Tom Russell, Shirely Swift, Pam Thatcher, and Ginny Minster.



New Junior Class president, Bruce Jones, center, holds book for veep Larry Owens and secretary Jan Pezzaglia.

Bill revising Legislature voting highlights last meeting

A bill to revise the voting procedure followed by Legislature highlighted last Monday's meeting of Legislature.

The bill, introduced by Joe Allen, called for two procedures to be adopted: 1) Only students holding Student Body Cards would be allowed to vote on fiscal bills which are taken back to the classes; and 2) representatives would count the vote in their class and these votes would be tabulated in Legislature to determine if a fiscal bill was passed or defeated.

In other words, a vote in Legislature would not read 21 classes to 30 classes, but rather it would read 961 students to 738 students.

During his opening speech, Allen presented two major premises: 15% of the student population does not hold student body cards and yet they are voting on bills which spend Student Asso-

ciation money; and a little over one fourth of the student body could control the outcome of a bill.

Proceeding on the premise that a Legislature representative must vote as his class does, Allen showed that if one over one-half of the students in one over one-half of the classes voted in a similar manner, they would then control the outcome of the bill.

Craig Swan, in one of the more resounding speeches of the semester, disagreed violently with the premise Allen was basing his argument on. He contended that a Legislature representative does not have to mirror the vote in his class, but rather he represents his class as he views the issues.

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Schaffran remains in competition

Competing against four other contestants, Steve Schaffran won the fourth step in the Lion's Club speaking contest, last Saturday, April 29, at Hoberg's.

The other contestants were winners from all of the districts in the Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, and were speaking on "Our National Heritage--Pattern for Today".

"I think part of my success has been due to my good luck," smiled Steve. "I've spoken last every time so far, and that must be good because Hedi Pavelka, who was State champ two years ago, spoke last every time."

Steve's next competition will be in Stockton on Saturday, May 27, for the Central California Championship.

So far, Steve's prizes have consisted of a trophy at every step of the contest--each one being progressively larger. The competition at Stockton, however, will be for \$500.00, a typewriter, and of course another, still larger, trophy.

What's up?

**Congrats
Mc's;
Son
Fun?**

Logan's multiple satire sets productions

Satirizing murder, overacting, Dracula, silent movies and spies, Let's Make Blood will be presented tonight and tomorrow night in the Harding Elementary School Auditorium at 8 in the evening.

Written by Bill Logan, this play accompanies The Bald Soprano in the double-bill performance. The latter one-act play was written by Eugene Ionesco.

Transylvania is the setting

for Bill's play, in the home of Count Dracula. Ionesco's play is a farce, an anti-play, which takes place in Utopia.

Let's Make Blood has already been presented last Wednesday, May 10, before the student body during periods 3 and 3A. It is explained by Bill Logan as "highly stylized 1920 acting."

Cast members have been working since February on scenery, fin-

ished during Easter and stored at the Boys' Club, and on the play itself. Actual rehearsals and blocking began some five weeks ago.

In order to obtain the use of the Harding auditorium, the play had to be presented by a theatre group. To meet that requirement, the El Cerrito Theatre Guild was formed.

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continually votes in a manner opposite to the wishes of his class, his class may remove him," stated Swan.

Swan also contended that Allen's bill would change the basic structure of El Cerrito's student government from one of a representative system to a modified direct democracy. The passage of Allen's bill would turn Legislature representatives into a mirror instead of thinking, acting representatives, he said.

Student Body president Steve Donaldson then rose to support the bill. It would, he felt, increase student participation in student government.

In a series of questions to Donaldson, Steve Schaffran attacked the practicality of tabulating the vote that Allen's bill would call for. He questioned whether a vote could be tabulated on the Monday following the class meetings if Allen's procedure was adopted.

Time ran out. Debate was then postponed until next Monday.

OTHER ACTION

In other action, Legislature heard opening debate on and sent to the classes a bill to appropriate \$150 for improvements in the darkroom.

Bob Sellner accused the staff of the darkroom of graft and corruption. But Schaffran asserted that Sellner had just clouded the issue with scare words and that he had not refuted or presented any arguments.

Young teaches assorted subjects



"I teach everything except Boys' P.E., Metal Shop, Applied Arts, Wood Shop, and Boys' Family Living," said Mrs. Young, the well-known substitute teacher here at school.

This friendly woman has been coming to El Cerrito High when a teacher has been ill for the past two years.

Of all the subjects she teaches, Mrs. Young enjoys having Drama classes the most. "I love dramatics," she smiled.

New York State College For Teachers in Massachusettes, which Mrs. Young attended, found her participating in many dramatic events. The part she most remembers playing is Peter Pan.

Before her college years, Mrs. Young attended the Albany Academy for Girls from the sixth grade through the senior year. "We wore green uniforms so that's why you never see me wearing green."

Mrs. Young has not spent all of her career teaching. She has also been a private secretary for the president of the New York State tax commission---"he was my father;" an economist for the Department of Commerce in New York; a proofreader and first page editor of THE REPORTER, a local newspaper in Wellsville, New York; a booking agent for the Graceline Ship Lines, which sails to South America; and, at one time, the manager of an interior decorating business in Reno, Nevada.

Besides her many occupations, Mrs. Young was also once a full-time Junior High English teacher in Skaneateles, New York. There, she coached the girls' volleyball team and was the dramatic coach for the school and for plays put on in the town.

Although she now doesn't have much spare time, this active teacher use to participate in such activities as golf, tennis, swimming, ice skating, skiing, and squash---"a combination of tennis and handball."

Now-a-days, Mrs. Young is kept busy tending to her husband, her daughter who goes to Portola, her fourth grade son who goes to Castro; and writing to her stepson who is in Korea with the Army.

Creative Cerritans — The Eye is watching you

I am Sarcastic. I am Tyrannical. I am Egotistical. I am Voracious. I am Eccentric. Put them all together and what do they spell?-- STEVE.

I am not just a face in the crowd nor Jeremiah Bog's third cousin I am an individual with an independent mind and soul. I was put on this earth for a specific purpose. And, that Gargantuan, elephantine, Cyclopean, Titanic and Brobdingnagian purpose is to graduate.

I am a person of many different faces and characters sometimes serious and other times light. I had only one fault as a child--that of self-conceit. But that is all over and done and now I am perfect.

I am a teenager. Being a teenager I am naturally anti-school, anti-adult, anti-police, anti-homework, anti-underclassmen, anti-Lawrence Welk, and anti-the draft. I am naturally pro-TV, pro-food, pro-records, pro-gum, pro-food, pro-cars, pro-stereo, pro-comic books, pro-food, and pro-anti-adults.

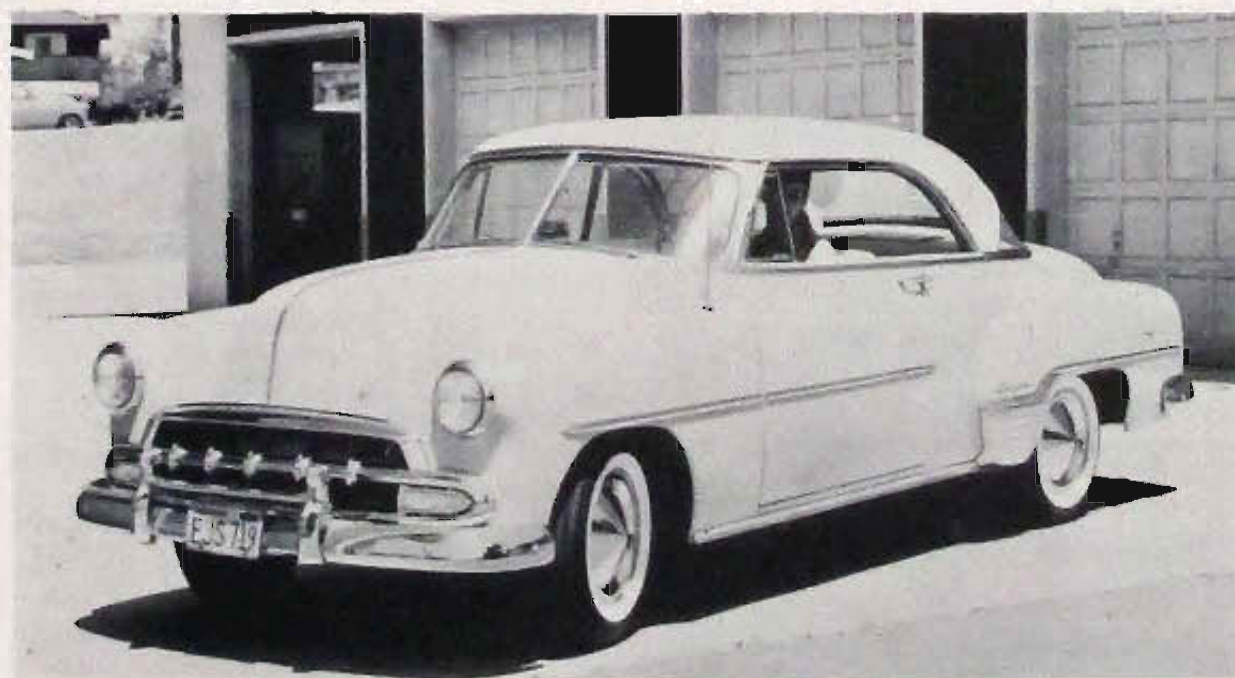
I am also a Republican! Perhaps a radical Republican, but still a Republican!! I am also an American. And, being an American, I am naturally anti-Krushehev, anti-Gargarin, anti-taxes, anti-Democratic Party, anti-Russia, anti-Communism, anti-Red China, anti-Castro anti-anti-American. I am likewise naturally pro-Lincoln pro-baseball, pro-American Flag, pro-Democracy, pro-Star Spangled Banner, pro-Roosevelt (Teddy-Franklin was a Democrat), and pro-anti-Communists.

I am, above all, a Southerner!! Sir, born south of El Cerrito, I am truly proud to say my sympathies lie with that glorious old union of southern states---The Confederacy. I still say we beat them "damn Yankees" at Antietam. So take heed and, pardoning the cliché, "Save your Confederate money for the Neo-Confederate Underground Resistance Movement."

To sum it all up, I haven't the faintest idea of who I am--Except, perhaps, a cynical teenage radical Republican Southerner. Time is the magic factor of who I am. As an old man with greater knowledge than I now possess, I can perhaps look back over my life to see just what I am, or what I have been. One cannot tell who one is unless one was.

Steve Lindsteadt

Barba's car open to many vistas



Having acquired a 1952 Chevrolet hardtop, Clarence Barba has many plans on how to improve it.

Clarence bought the car from a private party and has had it for three months, hardly enough time to make any modifications. But Clarence has been working hard and has molded the front and back and also dropped it 2 inches all the way around. Before he bought the car the former owner had the upholstery replaced with Naugahide from Tijuana.

What Clarence liked most was the general appearance and how the car rides. "It's very com-

fortable riding," he stated. He's undecided but he might change the body around and paint it, or get chrome rims. Right now the color of the car is turquoise and Clarence bought turquoise rugs to match.

Clarence is undecided about the future of the car, but he advocated that he will not race it in any meets. "There was no doubt in my mind when I got the car, that I would not race it, I just wanted to "fix it up" and mold it along the style I wanted," Clarence concluded.

In summary of the information divulged in numerous literature texts used at the school it is honest to contend that poets have always fallen into one of two distinct categories.

One type of poet revels in deviating violently and conspicuously from the norm. The second type prefers to remain in modest seclusion, carefully hiding his work from the public eye.

El Cerrito High School has shown evidences of several poets worthy of the name, but nearly all, through reasons of their own, have chosen to remain hidden and anonymous.

It is the voiced opinion of students and faculty members that El Cerritans' literary achievements should not go unread. In cooperation with expressed desires Cabby has established this column devoted to the literary efforts of the El Cerrito High School student body.

THE EYE

The eye, the eye everywhere
The eye hiding from you, seeking
you out.
Think about it, worry about it,
It follows you still.
Inside yourself you see it---
You think, you think it sees you.
You see it in azure sunsets,
In misty forests, high above the
earth...
And you understand...understand
what it is...
It is you.

GENESIS

Out of the ooze of primeval bogs
come slithering
Life forms---
radiating, scintillating
with life force,
Twisting, turning, searching...
it weaves a pattern stuck in
balstosis---
An organism without cause,
searching for a way...
A way out.

From oceans not yet filled with
fish,
To air without microorganisms,
To mud empty of lung fish...
It summons the heavens;
It grasps them with translucent
tentacles and asks them
Where? Where is there a way out?

The heavens answer in radiant
power---
Over the spengled tygers,
to the core of this planet
You will find a way...

It went.

Off the Wall soon Hate dooms love

Seventeen acts will mark Off the Wall, this year's Junior Varies.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Rick Douth. Designed by Linda Addiego, the set consists of one wall of The Hungry Eye. It is being built by Stagecraft.

Solos, duets, dances, bands, and a short one-act play highlight the Friday evening, May 19, performance.

June Fleming, overseeing the entire production, stated that "the floor show will begin at 8 o'clock, and tickets for 75¢ may be obtained from any Central member or at the door."

Junior Central Committee members in charge of committees are as follows: Publicity, Sue McClasky; Tickets, Linda Melander, who is assisted by Miss McTear; Refreshments, Marilyn Finn; Programs, Nina Diliberto, with Miss Wakida, as assistant; Usherettes, Sandy McCorduck.

A study of intermarriage of races is made in Eugene O'Neill's play, All God's Chillun's Got Wings.

The play begins in a section of New York where the colored and white residences meet. Among a group of young children there is a white girl and colored boy who are teased for being "sweet on each other." As time progresses they are forced to part and follow the wishes of society. But they remain friends—very distant though it may be.

After they are adults and have both gone their separate ways and tasted life, the Negro boy and white girl meet again. Realizing the good in the other they marry and travel abroad where there was no race discrimination. But as life goes on the young couple return only to find hostility.

The emphasis of the play is on these lines:

"You with your fool talk of the black race and the white race! Where does the human race get a chance to come in?"

"Operation Abolition" transposes facts

Do you favor the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee? Would you picket outside the San Francisco City Hall to show your feelings? If you answer yes to the last question, some people would call you a Communist dupe.

There are other people who would take pictures of your picketing and contrast them with pictures of riots and contend that there is a definite correlation between both sets of pictures.

El Caballero does not favor the imperialistic tactics of Russian communism nor does it favor disrespect for law and order, but El Caballero cannot stand idly by while Americans are indoctrinated by a film using the same tactics that are supposed to be indicative of Russian agents.

"Operation Abolition" is a gross misrepresentation of the actual events which took place in San Francisco last May. The film was produced under the auspices of a Congressional committee charged with the specific task of investigating for the purpose of introducing remedial or corrective legislation.

The making and distributing of a factual, chronological film, proving beyond a reasonable shadow of a doubt, that the events pictured were Communist activities would be welcomed by El Caballero. "Operation Abolition", however, does not fit this qualification. The film, in blanket indications, many of which are not supported, labels anything and everything in sight as Communist.

A factual film of the May incident without biased and unsupported editorial comment would indeed be a welcome piece of evidence.

Around and About Future nurses

BY LINDA MILLER

How long has it been since you've gone to the beach? Have you played miniature golf lately? Do you like amusement Parks?

Well, why not spend your next free afternoon at South Shore in Alameda. "South Shore" is California's newest beach and has just about everything necessary for a day in the sun.

For those of you who are working on a tan you'll find a long stretch of sandy beach just waiting for sun bathers.

If you are brave you can swim at South Shore but the water is terribly cold most of the time.

There is also a miniature golf course, a bowling alley, an amusement park and tennis courts near by for more active people.

tour hospital

Monday, May 7, La Medicina attended a tour of the county Hospital in Martinez from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.

This group of future nurses was taken to the hospital by private car at the end of fourth period, and spent the day touring the hospital, seeing movies, and being lectured on the workings of the hospital.

Since it was National Hospital Week, all schools in the area were sent notice of the tour, so that any of the interested students would be able to attend.

Legislature reduced to roll of puppet; voting procedure impractical under bill

Be it hereby enacted by the El Cerrito High School Legislature: that the right to vote on appropriation of Student Association funds be limited to members of the Student Association, and only those appropriations receiving a majority of those voting shall be enacted.

Sound innocent enough? After all it just restricts non-Student Association members from voting on monetary matters. But take a closer look, read the last clause again, some Legislature representatives didn't.

Still sound innocent?

This bill in its present form completely transforms the organization of student government. Now is this good or bad? El Caballero contends that it is bad. Let's now analyze the issue and find why it is bad.

The adoption of this bill would mean that on monetary bills sent back to the classes the Legislature representative would have to determine who in his class holds a student body card. Then he would have to tabulate the results of voting in his class and bring this information to Legislature. Here all the vote tabulations from all the classes would be added together to determine the fate of the bill.

There are two major reasons why El Caballero feels that the adoption of this plan would be disadvantageous. We question if the vote on a bill could be tabulated in Legislature in a speedy and efficient manner. We contend that just the operations necessary to carry the provisions of the bill into effect make the adoption of the bill impractical.

Secondly, and more important, the adoption of this bill reduces the role of the Legislature representative from an important policy-making position to a mere mouthing of his class' wishes. It is our contention that a Legislature representative has an important function in representing his class. He must, of necessity, reflect the feelings of his class, but he must also have the courage of his convictions even if they conflict with those of his classes. This does not mean that a representative may continually flout the wishes of his class, for if he did he would surely be replaced.

The defeat of Bill 431 is of prime necessity if we are to keep our Legislature as a vital, important function of our student government. Bill 431 reduces the role of Legislature to that of a puppet, not a body capable of rational decisions on its own.

Satire sets show

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Turn-out small

"There were fewer parents in the total amount than last year, although certain areas such as the shops and physical education department received more than usual", stated Miss Wolleson concerning the annual Open House last Thursday, April 29. The class rooms were open from seven to nine in the evening.

It was explained that the lower total was probably due to the fact that many parents went to the Back to School night in the fall and preferred this way to acquaint themselves with the school and teachers. The advantage of having fewer parents is that they don't have to line-up to see the teachers.

The purpose of the Open House is to give the parents an opportunity to see what their son or daughter does each day in school. It also gives the parents and teachers a chance to meet.

Two school clubs helped with the activities.

The Guild plans to consolidate with the Kensington Theatre Guild while retaining its' own name. Dues of \$3.50 a year will enable the group to store scenery at the Kensington facilities, and to participate in any of their productions.

In the words of Bill Logan, "I started the El Cerrito Theatre Guild in February of 1961 for the purpose of giving interested teenagers the chance to act and participate in their community theatre."

All posters for the Harding performance were drawn up and made on a silk-screen by Ron Sherman. Tickets are being handled by both Dorothy Jones and Raoul Torres, while Anette Aso is in charge of costumes.

Tickets for the two-hour performance at Harding are on sale for \$1, adults, and 50¢ children.

They may be purchased from any cast member or at the door both nights of the play.

El Cerrito trackmen capture first ACAL meet crown

The Gauchos, staged the biggest track upset of the year by defeating the heavily favored Richmond Oilers, for the championship of the ACAL track competition. The Gauchos who were inspired by the outstanding performances of Charles Booth, Al Courchesne, Mike Mallory and Ray Garcia, led El Cerrito to their first championship in the history of the school.

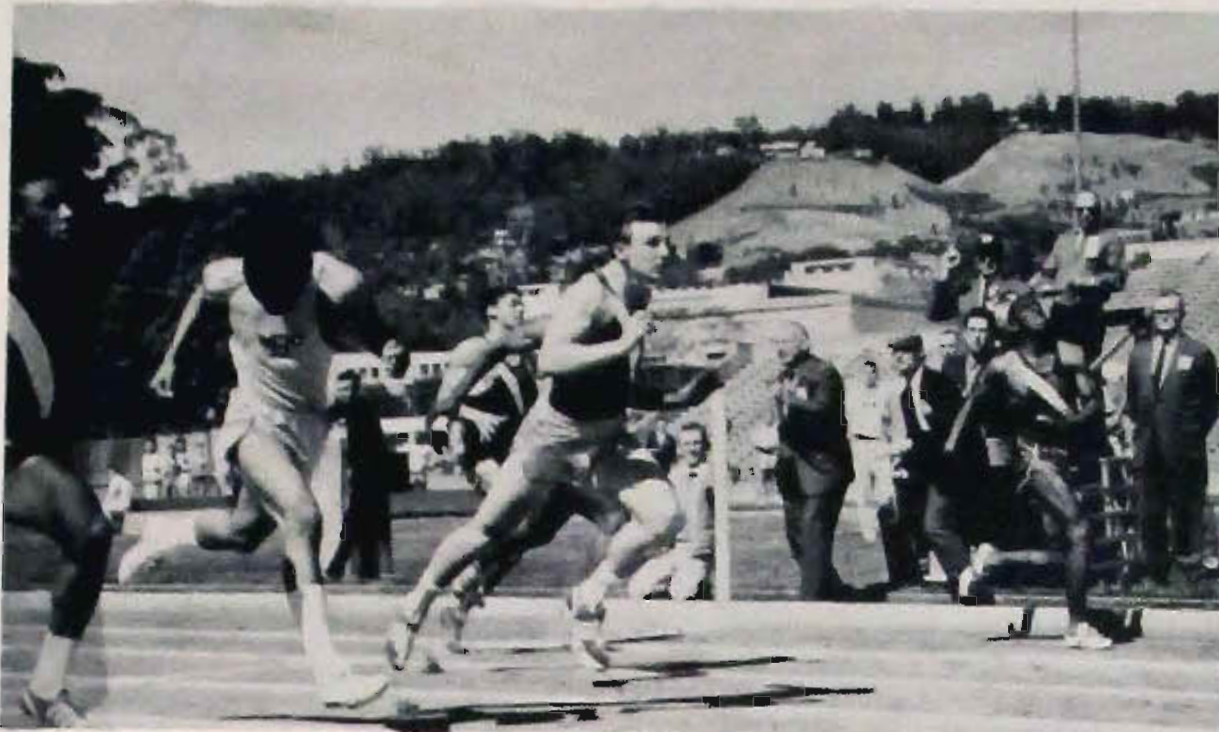
The Gauchos ran up a total of 85 points while second place Richmond could only manage 66 2/3 and defending champion Berkeley with 23 1/3. El Cerrito carried away the meet by winning 8 first places out of 13 events. Richmond took 3 firsts, De Anza and Encinal had one first place apiece.

Charles Booth, the most outstanding athlete of the meet took firsts in the broad jump, and the 220 yard dash. He also ran a leg of the 880 relay which came in first. He also came in fifth in the 100 yard dash. Al Courchesne turned in his best time in the 440 yard dash by blazing through the race in 49.7. Al also came in third in the 220 yard dash and ran a leg of the 880 relay.

Mike Mallory led the weightmen, throwing the discus to a new ACAL record of 166-4 3/4 and won the shot with a put of 57-10 1/2. Pedro Jimenez outstrided Loreste Ballard of Ellis to become the new ACAL 880 yard run champion. Pedro ran the two laps in a time of 1:59.5. The high jump was a tie between Ray Garcia and Sonny James of Encinal at the height of 6-1. Garcia was awarded first place on the account of the least misses.

To make the meet a complete success the Gaucho 880 relay team, consisting of Charles

Booth, Al Courchesne, Kent Bousfield and Al Copher won the 880 relay in their second fastest time to date in 1:29.9.



The 100 yard dash. Ura Campbell of Richmond took first. El Cerrito's Copher is shown taking second in a tie with Richmond's Harris. Charles Booth took fifth.



Gaucho B Mark Morgan taking 1380, his best race to date.

Richmond, the heavily favored team for the championship was hampered by the loss of ace sprinter Ura Campbell. Campbell, won the 100 yard dash in 10.1, pulled up at the finish line with a pulled muscle. This injury caused him to be scratched from the 220 and the 880 relay.

Even with Campbell in perfect running condition Richmond would have had a hard time overcoming the Gauchos who were far in the lead, and led Richmond by 18 1/3 points.

The Varsity results were El Cerrito 85, Richmond 66, Berkeley 23, Ellis 22, Encinal 21, De Anza 13, Alameda and San Leandro tied at 10, Pacific 0.

For their performance at the finals the Gauchos for the first time in the history of the school received the coveted ACAL varsity trophy. Berkeley who has been the defending champion for the past four years finished 62 1/3 points behind the Gauchos.

The B's were overridden by strong Encinal and Berkeley teams and had to settle for a third place birth. The baby Gauchos managed 2 first places, one in the pole vault and the other in the 1320. Jim Lawson vaulted 11-0 for a three way tie for first place during the Wednesday finals in the B pole vault.

Mark Morgan ran his best ever 1320 at the finals Friday break-3:22.0. The final B scores were Encinal 61, Berkeley 60, El Cerrito 49, Richmond 37, DeAnza 12 San Leandro 10, Alameda and Ellis tied with 8, Pacific 1.

El Cerrito nine downs DeAnza, Ellis; lose to Pacific

In the last two weeks or so the Junior Varsity baseball players have lost some very important games.

They lost to Richmond, 11-0; De Anza, 11-2; and beat wishy-washy Pacific, 5-1; while in their first meeting with Pacific, the Baby Gauchos won 18-2.

The reasons for these loses could be attributed to Coach Joe Vargas' decision of cutting six promising lower classmen, who could have supplied next years varsity with experienced material.

The varsity baseball team has won the last two out of three games.

Nineteen innings of struggling ended the DeAnza game in favor of El Cerrito. The game between the two teams was called because of darkness with the score, 2-2. The following Monday the game was replayed from scratch, and the Gauchos won 6-2.

Jim Carter making his mound debut for the Gauchos, was the

Ell Cain, Randy Metlinski, and Denny Guidici, each collected safties; while Norm Olson and Gary Hatzell provided the key hits for the winners.

In other ACAL baseball competition, the Gauchos took a spanking from lowly Pacific and beat Harry Ellis 2-1.

B swimmers take second at ACAL Varsity ends up at bottom of pool

Facing the toughest competition that has ever been assembled in the ACAL, the Gaucho Varsity swim squad placed sixth last Saturday in the ACAL swim finals.

Almost to reconcile the unimpressive showing in the varsity events, El Cerrito's B swimmers placed second in their division.

The lightweights did it the hard way, by accumulating points in almost every event for thirds, fourths and fifths, but not capturing any firsts or seconds.

In the course of the meet two national records were set. Tom Kendricks, the super star of Harry Ellis, captured the national record in the Individual Medley,

Berkeley's exchange student, and an Olympic contender last year, Ilka Savanto of Finland set a new national prep mark in the 400 yard freestyle. The swift Finn swam the distance in 4:01.2.

The score of the Varsity meet was Berkeley - 102, Alameda - 66, Richmond - 45, Harry Ellis - 37, San Leandro - 26, and El Cerrito 9.

The B tally was San Leandro - 88, El Cerrito - 66, Alameda - 58 Berkeley - 57, Richmond - 19, Harry Ellis - 12.

The Richmond City meet which canceled last Tuesday because of rain will be held next Tuesday at the De Anza track.

EC Golfers Place Fourth

After the first league meet of the season, the El Cerrito golf team emerged in fourth place.

The Chabot Public Golf Course in Oakland hosted the seven-team meet. Medallist honors were taken by Bill Shearer with a 71.

Three more league meets are upcoming. Next Monday, at the Richmond Golf and Country Club, league golfing will continue. The next two meets will be held, respectively, at the Alameda Public Golf Course, and once again at the Richmond Golf and Country Club.

League standings at present are as follows: first, Alameda; second, Richmond; third, Berkeley.

Coach of the golf team, Mr. Mansinne feels that "we've got a good chance to come in second for the season, because the second, third, and fourth place teams are within a few strokes of each other."