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Upholt scores twice in scholarship contests

Eight seniors have achieved distinction in competition for Merit and State Scholarships.

One, Bill Upholt, received awards in both Merit and State scholarship competition. Other State scholarship winners are Stan Brown, Pete Dillon, Pat Iiyama, Miles Muroaka, Tom Pittman and Steve Schaffran.

These seven El Cerritos are among 1500 students all over the state who were awarded State Scholarships. These scholarships, like the Merit, are renewable for four years.

MERIT

Besides Bill, Barbara Bolton was awarded a Merit Scholarship. Barbara, who plans to enroll at the University of California to major in teaching, received her scholarship from Shell Oil Corporation through the Merit program.

Bill, who has decided to accept the Merit Scholarship rather than the State, will enroll at Pomona College next fall to major a pre-med course in preparation for a career in medical research. Bill and Barbara were two of the three Contra Costans who earned Merit Scholarships. They are the second and third El Cerrito students to receive stipends from Merit.

STATE

The other six State Scholarship winners will receive money to cover books and tuition at the California Institute of their choice with a maximum of \$900. Pat Iiyama plans on continuing

her education at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

Stan Brown and Miles Muroaka will also join Pat on the Berkeley campus. Pete Dillon and

Steve Schaffran plan on enrolling at the Pomona campus in Claremont, California. Tom Pittman, the other State winner, is undecided at this time as to where he plans to go next fall.



Seated on the Senior Bench are four State Scholarship winners and State/Merit Scholarship winner Bill Upholt. The students are, left to right, Stan Brown, Pete Dillon, Pat Iiyama, Miles Muroaka, and Bill Upholt. Scholarship winners not pictured include Barbara Bolton, Tom Pittman, and Steve Schaffran.

Students request books for Africa

Interested students in the International problems classes, UNESCO, and Los Cosmopolitanos of El Cerrito High School are enjoined in participation in a High School Center of Stanford University's Institute of International Relations' sponsored book drive.

The purpose of the drive in action over the whole of the Bay Area is to gather "proper" books to be sent to English-speaking African countries.

"There is a great shortage of English books in such countries as the Union of South Africa, the Rhodesias, and Kenya," commented Nadya Connelly. "The books will be distributed among the schools."

Students wishing to participate on the book drive committee sponsored by Mr. Wilde, Miss True and Mr. Gustavson, met last Wednesday in room 215. The committee is still welcoming new members, and anyone interested may acquire more information from any of the aforementioned teachers.

Books considered "proper" include used texts, novels, reference books of any sort, paperback books of high quality in good condition, and paperback texts. Publications such as *Stag*, *Mad*, and *Little Lulu* are deemed "unsuitable."

A box will be situated in the

main hall to accept donated books. El Cerrito texts will not be accepted unless the donor has already purchased the book!

Plans are being made to further the drive by extending information to parents by means of a mimeographed letter. The committee is also planning to inquire about possibilities of donating old, stored, unused El Cerrito text books.

Davis bantar of Woolworth as she represents EC at Girls' State

Caroline Woolworth has been chosen as the El Cerrito representative to attend the 16th California Girls' State at the University of California Davis Campus.

Caroline was chosen by Miss Crank, Mrs. Bough, and the representative from the American Legion Auxiliary, who chose her on her fulfillment of certain qualities. These qualities are as follows: (1) She must be physically fit to participate in a strenuous week of activities. (2) She must have outstanding leadership. (3) She must be of excellent character and citizenship. (4) She must be in the upper third of her class scholastically. (5) She must have qualities of courage and honesty. (6) She should be able to take

Hojer's singing earns her \$100

Gunilla Hojer, AFS exchange student, received \$100 from the Club Orpheus for her singing ability.

Along with seven other students last Sunday, Gunilla sang two numbers for the benefit of the judges. Following these presentations the judges retired to reach a verdict. Four students, including Gunilla, were then awarded \$100.

Besides winning the money, the winners will perform in a concert to be presented in the Oakland Auditorium on June 6.

"This money will pay for two years of singing lessons," exclaimed Gunilla with a smile.

After completing high school in Sweden, she plans to apply at the Musical Academy in Stockholm for preparation for a possible career in opera.

Smorgasbord feature of Senior Banquet

When the doors open at 6:30, Wednesday, May 17, seniors will walk into the main dining room of the Hotel Claremont for a banquet featuring the Claremont's world famous smorgasbord.

Following the tremendous smorgasbord, two entries, colorful salads and desert of French pastries will round out the feast.

Helen Stiles, class secretary, reported that seniors can eat as much as they can, but that last year there was so much that it was impossible to eat it all.

Addresses by class president Don Carpenter, Junior Class president Jeff Weinermann, and Principal Claude Samples, along with entertainment will round out the night.

back to her school and community the interest and sense of responsibility of government which she will gain from Girls' State. (7) She should be able to get along with others. (8) She must be single, having no marital status, and not have participated in previous session of Girls' State.

Caroline will spend a week (from June 26 to July 4) at the Davis campus with the girls chosen from other California Schools. The girls will live together, learn more about the government, set up their city governments, and will elect their city officials.

Caroline is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of El Cerrito, and the El Cerrito Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Publications face shortage

The ranks of the journalism classes and Cam Staff are facing a serious shortage.

These classes which are responsible for the production of *El Caballero* and *El Camino*, the school newspaper and yearbook. Their membership is composed of students interested in these two publications. But contrary to popular belief, anyone may qualify for admittance.

El Caballero staff has the pre-requisite of Journalism I while Cam Staff training is provided on the job. Interested students should ask their counselors for details on including Journalism and/or Cam Staff on their schedules. Mr. James McClelland, publications advisor, will review those students who apply and select the final staffs.

Whirlwind courtship marks start of Mrs. Auer's 20-year-old name

"I met my husband three days before we got married," Mrs. Vera Auer, the office receptionist said.

"Everyone thinks I'm kidding when I say that but it's true."

Mrs. Auer went on to relate that at the time she met her husband, she was working as a waitress in a restaurant in Denver, Colorado. "He came in the restaurant, I waited on him, and three days later we were married."

Has it worked out? "We've been married for 20 years."

Besides being a receptionist and waitress, Mrs. Auer has experienced several other types of work starting right after her high school graduation in Guide Rock, Nebraska.

After graduating, she worked as a telephone operator in her small home town. She then spent time as an assistant manager of some apartments in Lincoln, Nebraska. Before staying there long, she became a waitress in Denver and changed her name to Mrs. Auer.

Soon after their marriage, the Auers made their home in Chicago, Mr. Auer's home town. However, they eventually got the "moving bug" and settled in Florida—first Jacksonville and then Miami.

"I didn't like Miami," Mrs. Auer stated. "It's so wet there and the smell from the ocean is terrible."

"Not only that, but there are so many bugs and spiders there too."

Mrs. Auer and her family have been here for five years. She attended the Santa Rosa Beauty School, but soon decided that she would prefer to do secretarial work.

She also has worked as a secretary for the Contour Contract Lenz Company in Richmond and the Costa Rancho Homes Construction Company in San Pablo.

Mrs. Auer spends her spare time playing the piano, or else swimming or playing tennis with her family.

Ron Nicoli paints his 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air white

Upon getting his 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air in January this year, Ron went through it checking the engine and the transmission and giving it everything but an overhaul.

Then he decided to mold it along his own fashions of design. It was of turquoise but he painted it white. Then he carefully cleaned and checked the engine and transmission, which he found to be in good working order.

Some time later he bought traction masters and new brakes along with new rugs. When Ron first looked at the car he knew he liked it. "It was an automatic, and I liked the way it ran," said Ron.

This is Ron's first car and he expressed his intention of keeping it until 1964, when he hopes to buy a new one. He doesn't



Boredom indicates little ingenuity; undeveloped personality condemned

"I don't understand why Cabby wants to print my essay," said Diane Robinson concerning the following essay.

Diane wrote this essay for an English assignment in March. The day the papers were due, Mrs. Bryan, the teacher, was absent.

However, when the substitute read Diane's paper he stated, "This is, without a doubt, the finest paper a junior has ever handed me."

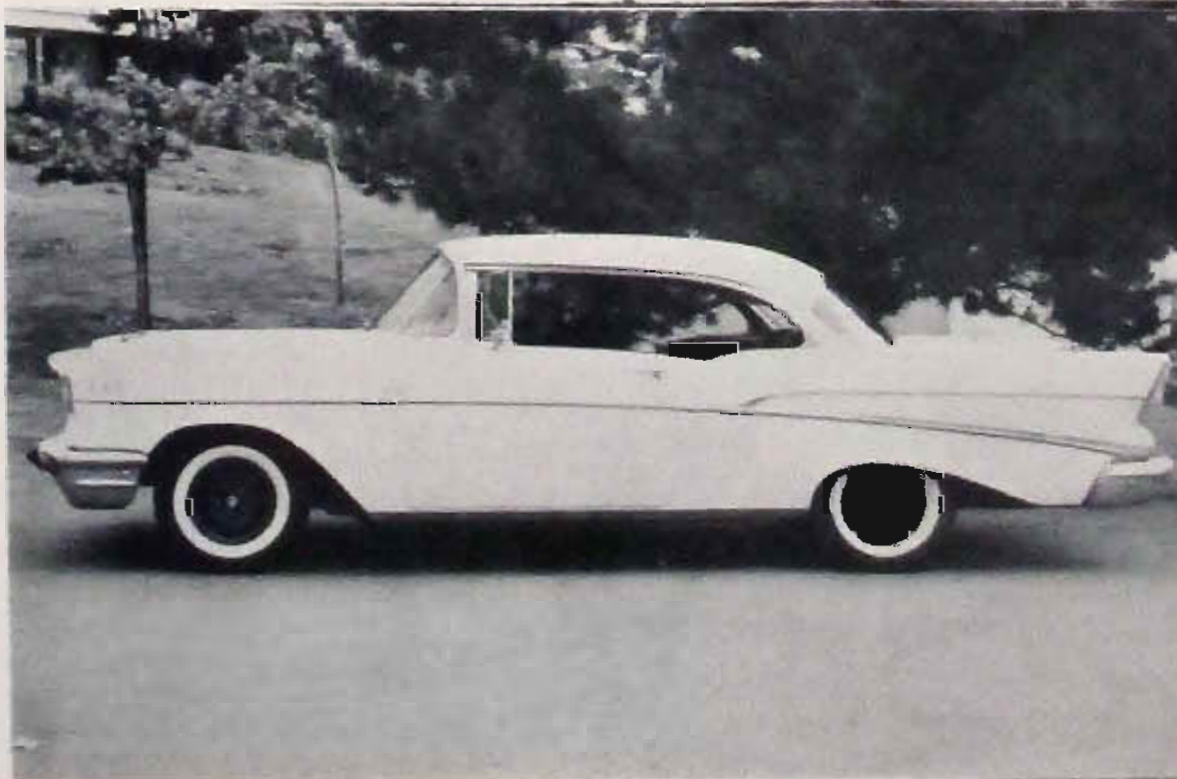
When you read this essay, you will, no doubt, be able to tell Diane why Cabby has printed her A plus essay.

Boredom is the lack of self-reliance. Boredom is an open declaration that your personality lacks ingenuity and foresight. Life holds innumerable adventures for every person. Just because you are not hunting in an African jungle or traveling around the world does not mean that life,

with all of its thrills, is passing you by. On the contrary, it is in one of these spells of apparent apathy in our life that really develop as a person.

A great man is one who uses his spare time to enlarge his character, to build his personality. To be "busy," in the sense that we mean it today, is only to be "moving." We have no faith in the resources of our soul; these resources have not been developed. We can't be alone a second. If we should, by chance, find ourselves alone, we have to turn on the television or listen to the radio. Silence must be deadly!

To admit boredom, then, is to admit that we do not have a well developed personality. We will find, sooner or later, we must rely wholly on ourselves to provide the real adventure in our life. The "adventure" we receive from life will only equal that which we, as self-reliant people, contribute to it.



have any immediate plans for the car, but he emphasized the fact

that he will not race it in car meets.

Travels in the U.S. punctuate Tom Thomas's achievements

The painted Desert and Grand Canyon are among the many scenic wonders which Tom Thomas has seen in his many travels.

Tom is one of the few individuals in this school who have traveled across the United States. Before coming to El Cerrito, Tom lived in Indiana near the Ohio River.

One thing Tom had specifically noted upon coming to California was the weather. "Back in Indiana the seasons were well defined," he said, "but in California the weather never gets real hot or cold; it just stays the same. In Indiana the weather is real hot or cold, no in between."

In the town where Tom lived, everybody knew each other. "Everybody was each other's neighbor because the population was only 6000," He said.

"The town was like one great happy family. A person could be walking down the street and everybody he met would say hello, how are you, or where have you been. This happened so much you would have a hoarse voice by the time you got home."

Tom said it was mostly farm country where he lived and the school he attended had only 450 pupils. "The weather was so unpredictable that the vacation time was altered so that we would start school in August and get out in April. The humidity was so intense at times, that when the weather was 70 degrees, it was almost unbearable."

Upon crossing the United States, Tom visited many scenic wonders, including the Painted Desert and Grand Canyon. The Painted Desert was made up of all kinds of different colored rocks with different shades of sand. "I was very impressed with the Grand Canyon. It was everything I thought it was and more," added Tom.

One interesting thing about where Tom lived was that it could be compared with the Four Corner Monument. Out of one window a person could see the state of Kentucky across the Ohio River and ten miles up the road was Ohio. The Ohio River is about the same size as the Sacramento River," Tom added.

"El Cerrito is a very good school academically, with very friendly students. All of the teachers are very nice, but the grades are easier to get here, at least not as hard as it was in Indiana. Actually, I thought it would be tougher here than in Indiana but I was pleasantly surprised."

Tom said that he thought the Rally committee over-emphasized its power and that the rooting sections could be better organized.

Tom is a strict college prep student with five solids: Spanish 2, Trigonometry, Lecture Civics, English, Physics and P.E. Tom is the secretary of White C, and he played varsity basketball.

He plans to enter Dartmouth but he is also considering Cal, Pomona, and Stanford.

Letters to the editor

In the past few months, the controversy between the student body and the Rally Committee and the hall boys has flared up.

I feel this is due to lack of understanding. The Student Body asks why we always look so serious. After five or six people tell you that you've got them all wrong and that they wouldn't do anything, are you supposed to keep smiling?

We do the same job here as a policeman does for his city, with certain variation. A lot of students try to tempt the Rally, but only a small number will obey. This number we appreciate.

If more students would try to obey when asked to do something there wouldn't be as much trouble. If you are asked to do something, you are going to have to do it anyway, sooner or later, so why not do it the easy way? If the officer request seems unjust it is your privilege to report him. I'm quite sure if you give the Rally Committee and hallboys a break they will be glad to give you one.

--Dick Hunt

Huneke urges Rally, student cooperation

Last week a rumor was started to the effect that Rally would fold if we did not receive our money. This is not true. The only way in which Rally can fold is if every member turns in his equipment. To prevent this from occurring I am calling on the school to co-operate with us. If we had more student co-operation I am sure there would be much less controversy. Let's keep ECHS' fine governmental standards by co-operating with your Rally Committee.

Sincerely-

Doug Huneke,
Vice-President Rally Com.

Notes and news

At James Madison High School, a teacher has obtained a Communist brainwashing tape, which the social studies department has been using to strengthen students' intellectual and emotional devotion to democracy, and provide moral resistance to Communism. The tape reveals the techniques used on American prisoners in the Korean War.

Pittsburg High School's drama club presented "The Diary of Anne Frank," in two acts on April 21 and 22.

Two years ago, San Rafael High School students adopted a foster child from China. They recently received a letter of thanks for 7,800 hwn (\$8.00) and a pair of sneakers. A specified amount of money is sent to the child each month.

An all-expense paid, one-way ticket to South Milpitas, located in the San Jose swamp, will be the first prize to the gentleman who proves himself the homeliest boy at Berkeley High School during their Ugly Man Contest.

AFS rummage sale---

The Annual American Field Service Rummage Sale is to be held this Saturday, May 6, to raise money for the purpose of bringing exchange students to El Cerrito.

The sale will take place at Miller's on San Pablo Avenue, and will last throughout the day.

Mrs. Betty Baker, who is in charge of the rummage sale has set up a box in the main hall, so that students may bring rummage to school to help the cause.

Education needs new national spirit

Our educational system has been criticized from all angles and for a number of reasons. Our educational system has been compared to those of European countries whose students work long hours and have only one day a week out. They have at least seven or more solids. People say that we should duplicate this feat. Education is fine, of course, but look at some of the countries whose students have such educational systems. Take France for instance. France has been a country who has been steadily decreasing in world power for nearly thirty years. Her morals and her prestige is a mere frame of what it used to be. The only country I can recall who is increasing in power with such an educational system as named above is the USSR, and their system is one of propaganda and even as much as fanatical schooling. We in this country cannot take on so much, and it would be a threat to our freedom to do so. But educational communism does lay over us all.

Quite recently demonstrations

I feel the requirement of having to have a student association card to vote in student body elections is unjust. I compare it to a "poll tax". I feel the 15% of the student body which does not possess this card should be able to vote. If this student "government" is supposed to be a democratic group, then why is such a vast amount of students denied the rights to vote? I feel this is a grave injustice. I feel all students should be allowed to vote, student association card or not!

at the Universities around the Bay Area have shown that Communism in some way does influence education today. Demonstrations occur over such things as student right or world events and school activities. Are these really Communist directed activities or are they merely the need of something to follow?

The answer is plain! America and Americas students need some new national spirit. Communism educational pattern, but when the students that get to college they need something. Are we giving the students (a general majority, I believe) the goal they want, or something to follow? The communist influence hopes that they can get students to follow their way. and Communist influence in directing college students has shown that US students need a goal. The general run of students follow an If we are to spare the US freedom and true education we must meet this need in US schools and all phases of American life. This I feel to be true and accurate although other may have other ideas.

Rod-e-o to transform Civic Center

Rewards to safe and good drivers are promised in the Teenage Road-e-o to be held in the Richmond Civic Center May 13 at 9:30 in the morning.

Annually, this event is sponsored by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. All licensed drivers under the age of 19 are eligible for entry unless they have a moving violation or conviction on their record since January 10, 1961.

A written test will be given here at El Cerrito on the 13th. All entrants passing this written exam will be able to compete in the driving test.

During the driving test, cars will be provided. Personal cars may not be used. These cars will be equipped with automatic transmissions.

Plaques, trophies, emblems, and other prizes highlight the list of awards to be given out.

A trophy will be presented to the local level winner placing first by Allstate Insurance Company. The next ten winners will be given emblems. Clock radios and watches will also be awarded at Richmond.

This driving test shall consist of four parts: obstacle course, slalom course, parking test, and a test given on car control.

State finals, to be held in July, will determine who will represent California in the Washington, D. C. National finals. First, second, and third place winners on this top level will be presented scholarships by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

First place winner from Richmond will be sent to the state finals. In charge of the event here at school are Mr. Gustavson, Driver Training instructor, and Mike Ostrov, head of the Legislature Safety Committee.

Injustice voiced on school voting

All students are supposedly subject to the same student body officers, bills, and rules, etc., but the students who do not have the student association card are subject to them, even though they have no voice in their election.

I believe if we are to have real democratic school government, it should be open to all! Student association card or not. I feel it is unjust to have the elections open only to Student Association Card holders. Let us rid ourselves and our school of this unjust practice.

Almost immediately, the staunch supporters of the student body card will cringe in horror! He will say that if the card is no longer needed to vote with it will lose its strength, and power!! But I seriously doubt that this many people would refrain from buying the card if it is no longer needed in school elections. I would welcome all comments, or replies on this articles.

R. D. P.

A GOAL TO MEET



El Cerritans entering who have signed up so far are John Cranstom, Tom Kirsch, Robin Larson, and Mike Ostrov.

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EC swimmers win end ACAL season

El Cerrito swimming team capped its 1961 dual meet season with a strong 55-40 win over George Washington of S.F. at the Richmond Plunge April 26, 1961. Fresh from their victory over San Lorenzo the day before, the 'Cerritans dominated the free style events and pulled off a surprising win in the medley relay composed of Mike Weaver, David Cain, Cliff Donovan, and Earl Van Boeschoten.

Best-ever efforts by Pete Dillon, Dick Dowling, and David Cain were highlighted by the fastest 160 free relay swim at Richmond by the 'Cerritans. The foursome of Lorin Thompson, Dick Cunningham, John McKune, and Pete Dillon were clocked in a stupendous 1:21.6.

Showing come-through strength in the relays, the varsity swim team defeated San Lorenzo April 25 by the score of 57-38. In addition, Pete Dillon, Dave Cain, John McKune, Lorin Thompson, and Tom Momono won their individual events. Dave Cain and Pete Dillon also set meet records.

The 'Cerritans ended up with a 5-4 dual meet record for the season and now look forward to the A.C.A.L. trials and finals at the Univ. of California May 4 and May 6.

Gaucha speedster Courchesne chosen player of week

For a student who holds the school record in the 440, Al Courchesne excels exceedingly well in other track events.

All in all, Al participates in the 440, 220, 880 yard relay and mile relay. It has been said that this year's track team is one of the best and has already broken six school records and

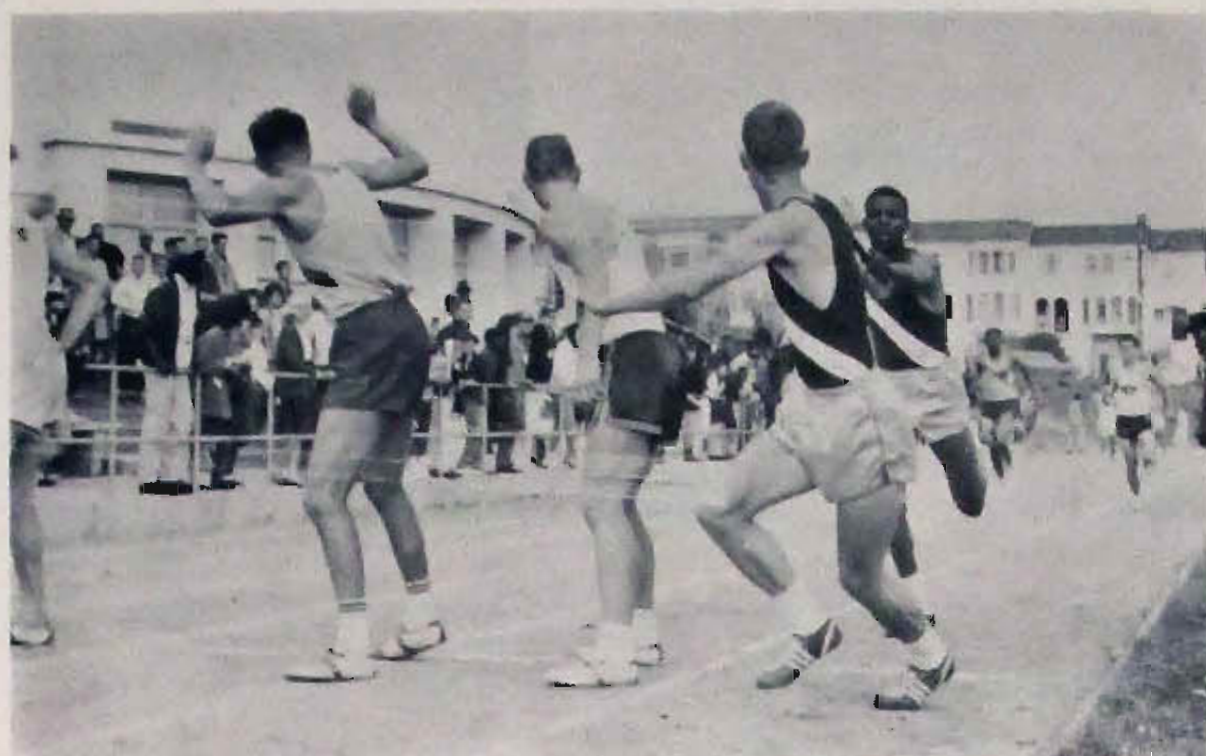
tied one, well, without Al there might not be this many. Weight man Mike Mallory has school records in the discus and shot. Steve Schaffran soared over the bar at 12'3" last Friday and Al had a record breaking time of 49.9 in the 440.

In addition to this, Al is partly responsible for school records in the 880 and mile relay. Al showed confidence in himself when he said there was a real good chance that he would break his 49.9 school record in the 440. He also added that "he hasn't had to exert himself enough to bring out his free potential."

Al's school record is just as brilliant as his track exploits. His schedule includes Calculus, English 4, Family Living, Physics and Spanish 4. He has his eye set on attending Cal and being on the track team there. He plans to major in Political Science.

Al went into some detail about the chances of next year's track

El Cerrito tracksters take second place in George Washington Anniversary meet



El Cerrito Nine Lose to Alameda Darkness Halts De Anza Game

El Cerrito baseballers, trying to come up from seventh place in the Alameda County athletic League stumbled into a No. 7 tie with Alameda.

The Gauchos lost to Alameda, 7-10, at the result of faulty defense, which Alameda took advantage of. The Hornets managed

to register six unearned runs, from hurler Phil Knuckles, who made his first debut as a varsity starting pitcher.

Two runs in the first inning opened the Gaucha scoring. Second baseman Mike Flavin was hit by a ball, and proceeded to steal to second base. With one man down, Centerfielder Norm Olson and Catcher Randy Ketlinski, drew walks to load the bases. Flavin was forced at home by Rightfielder Jim Carter, but a double by Denny Guidici scored Olson and Ketlinski.

The Hornets tied the score in their half of the inning, but the Gauchos rallied again twice in the second. George Muedeking, walked and was bunted to second, Flavin walked, and stolen bases moved the players up a base. A single by Hatzell brought in the two men left on base.

Alameda gained a 8-4 lead in the fifth inning, when El Cerrito committed two errors.

Needing four runs in the seventh inning, the Gauchos only got one. Jim Carter singled home Eli Cain, who had singled and moved up on an error.

GAA has Sports Day

An All-County Playday, was held at Acalanes, Saturday, April 29, where a variety of activities was offered.

There was a tennis tournament, a badminton tournament, and a swimming meet run concurrently with the team sports.

The girls were expected to bring swim suits, caps, towels and sweatshirts to the Playday.

The girls from El Cerrito who attended the Playday were Judy Pope, Majorie Grant, Rita Claver, (who participated in badminton) Roberta Bloom, Kathy Boisen, Linda Park, Sandy Bron, Doris Lewis, Judy Wood, Sandi Jordan, Judy Adams, and Judy Longshore (who participated in sports in general.)

something to be desired. The 880 yard relay team has a good chance to break the school record.

The game between El Cerrito and Deanza, last Friday was called because of darkness, and was rescheduled for last Monday, but because of a late press date, the results will not be printed in this issue.

El Cerrito's cindermen placed second in George Washington's 25th Anniversary Relays last Saturday afternoon.

With better weather and a more familiar field the Gauchos would have had no trouble taking the top spot.

The cool San Francisco wind slowed down the running events, but even so there was stiff competition in the shorter distances.

El Cerrito was caught from behind in the 440 and 880 yard relays, as George Washington's anchor man, Lance Ritter, proved too speedy for the Gauchos.

The mile relay was a different story. El Cerrito went ahead at the end of the first leg and stayed in the lead all the way. The team of Al Courchesne, Pedro Jimenez, Kent Bousefield, and El Cain ran the distance in 3:23.4. This was the first time that Cain has participated in track this year.

E.C.'s weightmen were hindered by the cold wind and the discus hurlers also by the fact that George Washington's discus circle is dirt instead of cement. This was a factor in the platter hurlers not capturing the national record that they planned on setting here.

The shot putters met with stiff competition and were not in their peak form, which would have been necessary to win the event.

El Cerrito's B's swamped all their opposition, winning their division by eight points. The Gaucha lightweights totaled 45 points, while the second place Downey squad could muster only 37.

In their victory the B's tied one school record. The Distance Medley team equaled the mark of 6:10.6. The B's gauchos placed first in the Pole Vault, 440 relay, 880 relay, second in the Broad jump, Shot put, and third in the High jump.

Last Friday's meet with Encinal proved to be one of the most successful meets for the Gauchos by establishing three new school records.

Mike Mallory finally reached the magic mark of 60 feet in the shot put. Hitting the mark right on the button, Mike has now advanced to the second best position in the Bay Area. Mathew Baggett still holds the first position with a toss of 60-11.

Another fine mark was set in the 440 yard dash, Al Courchesne setting a very fast pace won the race in 49.9 seconds. This puts Al in a favorable position for the ACAL finals that are to be held at the Cal track today.

Steve Schaffran vaulted to a new school record, smashing his own record of 12-3/4 he set at the El Cerrito Relays three weeks ago. Last Friday Steve tied with Relays champion John Stulgis of Encinal. Both cleared the bar at 12-3.

The B's pulled a surprising upset by defeating the undefeated Encinal B's by the close margin of 56 to 57.