

El Caballero



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Germans observe American schools

Having received Ford Foundation Fellowships, Dr. Dietrich Goldschmidt and Dr. Friedrich Minseen came from West Germany to study the American educational system.

Dr. Goldschmidt is a professor of Sociology at the Pedagogical Academy of West Berlin, while Dr. Minseen is Senior Inspector of Schools, Ministry of Education and Culture.

The Doctors came to our school last Wednesday, November 2, 1960, primarily to observe our social studies classes, but they also stopped in on other academic classes.

Three weeks were spent by them in other parts of the country, and this was their first stop in California. They flew here from the East. In another four weeks, they will return home.

FIRST OBSERVATION

Their first observation of the American school system in general was that here, students had a better attitude towards things.

However, they did comment that in German schools, students were presented with an earlier academic program.

In Germany, as here, twelve years of schooling are required, but in Germany, the last three or four years are spent in continuation school, whereby students attend classes only once a week.

When students reach the ages from 10 to 12, they are divided into different schools: trade, academic, commercial, and others.

These different schools in Germany are treated as entirely separate schools, and are not under the same roof.

Our own school system varies in that even though there are different programs, they are all contained in one set of buildings.

VARIED LANGUAGES

Students in Germany, in all schools, are required to learn several languages. Among these

languages, Latin and English are "musts."

French is also offered, and in about 30% of the schools, Russian is offered, which may be interchanged with French.

From the German academic high school, as there are no colleges in Germany, students go directly to graduate school, where they begin working on their degree.

The German professors were very impressed with our school, and said that it compared favorably with the others that they have seen.

Visiting all the shops, they commented on the excellent materials in the shop rooms. They also visited the laboratory science rooms.

Our student talent assembly, with no faculty control, was compared with their schools. They said that in German schools, students are not mature enough to do things without faculty supervision. In Germany, too, there is no student government.

The German professors were very impressed with our school. Mr. Samples was quoted as saying, "Their general impression was very good, and this school compared very favorably with any others they'd seen."

ELECTION RESULTS

Nixon and Baldwin emerged victorious in the Junior Statesmen mock election. Final tabulation showed that 521 students voted. The breakdown by candidates and issues is as follows:

Nixon	287	Kennedy	226
Baldwin	328	Page	186
Proposition One	163	Against	307
Fifteen	132		329
A (School Bond)	418		90
B (School Tax)	410		109

Seventeen slaves featured in eighth annual Slave Day

The cry of "Sold" rings out from the auctioneering platform as the first of seventeen slaves is sold to the highest bidder in the eighth annual Slave Day to be held at El Cerrito High School.

The monies derived from this annual tradition go towards the bringing of exchange students to our school for the following year.

Clubs, and individuals if they wish, will bid against one another for the privilege of owning one or more of the slaves to be paraded across the auction block.

Bidding will start in the Boys' Gymnasium on November 15, 1960, during both periods, 3 and 3A.

To make the slaves more attractive to the buyers, each will

be required to demonstrate a bit of what talent he or she possesses, by way of a dance, song, or by means of another method.

Among those to be auctioned by Mr. Richard Lovette, auctioneer, will be all the members of the Student Body Executive Board and our two exchange students. Two "surprise packages" will also be sold.

Last year, the auctioneer himself, Mr. Lovette, consented to be sold as a slave to boost the money which had been taken in at the end of the regular bidding. This act raised the total money collected to \$1,474.04.

The anti-hazing law which past the California State Legislature,

Six finalists chosen to represent ECHS in AFS



Above are, left to right, back row, Sid Smith, Howard Weamer, Alan Taylor, front row, Margie Bewley, Nadine Berthelson, and Diane Robinson.

Six El Cerrito Juniors have been selected as applicants for the American Field Service exchange program.

Nadine Berthelson, Margie Bewley, Diane Robinson, Sid Smith, Alan Taylor, and Howard Weamer were chosen from a field of 19 hopeful juniors.

All applicants filled out an application form and then were interviewed by a nine person panel. The panel was composed of Mr. Claude Samples; Mrs. Robert Belt; Miss Margaret Brunink; Miss Ann Mikesell; Mrs. August Bauer; Mrs. U.L. Tienson, president of the local AFS chapter; Renee Morton; and Josh Diamond.

The names of these six juniors will be sent to the AFS New York office where the final selection will be made. All students are applying for the summer program, and, in addition, Howard Weamer is applying for the New Zealand program and Nadine Berthelson is applying for all other programs except the full-year European one.

Nadine Berthelson would like to go to Switzerland or South America, but like all the applicants would welcome the opportunity to go anywhere. Her schedule includes Spanish 3, Chemistry, US History, English 3, and Applied

Art. Junior Central Committee, Boosters, and an outside girls' club make up Nadine's extra-curricular activities.

"Anywhere at all, preferable a country with an extremely different culture," said Margie Bewley about a possible preference she might have.

Margie's activities include A Cappella, Junior Statesmen, and Junior Central Committee. French 3, US History, English 3, and Geometry make up her school day. Margie also sings with the Hilltoppers, a trio; paints; and gardens.

Spanish 3, Algebra 2, Chemistry, English 3, and US History are Diane Robinson's classes. Diane indicated that she would like to go to Spain for it is a romantic country. Her extra-curricular activities include Legislature, Debate Club, CSF, and George Meudeking, her boyfriend.

France is where Sid Smith expressed a desire to go. Sid, a very active boy, participates in Junior Statesmen, Classics Club, Los Cosmopolitanos, CSF, French Honor Society, Bar Association, White C, Speech Club, and is a justice on the Supreme Court.

Outside of school, Sid is a member of CORE, Congress on Racial Equality and the Friends' Committee on Legislation.

Squeezed into all of Sid's activities is a schedule composed of French 3, German 2, US History Chemistry, and English 3.

Independent African and British stamps occupy much of Howard Weamer's spare time. Also scooter trips are a favorite pastime of Howard's. Howard said that he would like to go to an English speaking country.

Howard's school work is composed of English 3, French 3, Algebra 2, Chemistry X, Wind Ensemble, and Band.

Bar Association, CSF, and French Honor Society comprise Howard's extra-curricular activities.

What's up?

Thursday, November 10:

La Playa sale
Football-Alameda (N)(H)

Friday, November 11:

Legal holiday-Veteran's Day

Classics Club hosts two cellists Mr. Sam Elkind sounds pet peeve

"I've been playing off and on all my life since I was 11," explained Mrs. Phyllis Miller, one of two honored cellists, at a recent Classics Club meeting.

This was one of a series of programs which the Classics Club has planned for the semester. Each week, the club tries to have either a speaker, performer, or an artist appear at a club meeting.

The second performer, Miss Rebecca Rust, daughter of Mr. Ben Rust, also played on the same date, October 27, 1960. Becky, now 12 years old, has been playing for three years under the direction of Mrs. Miller.

Mr. Rust, club sponsor, explained that the club has been in existence for three years. "The purpose of the Classics Club is to introduce some measure of culture into the minds of the student body," stated Ron Clute, Program Chairman.

Officers of the club are Diana Lee, president; Terry Barber, vice president; and Ron Clute, Program Chairman.

Among the other 25 members in the Classics Club are the following: Larry Mason, Mike Chegwyn, Dennis Craig, Steve Lehman, John Becker, Gary Albert, William Perry, Paul Ulrich, and Mike Bergen.

Suzi Sawyer, Eli Casimero, Tom Pittman, Kevin Cevasco, Wendy Fabray, and Dick Voliva are also in the club.

Ginger loves pizza and dance music

Happy, happy, happy. This is the only word in the English language that could even start to describe Ginger Cordray. She is forever flashing her bright smile at everyone.

Ginger spends her spare time sewing, playing the piano, and indulging in sports of all sorts. She especially loves music and would rather go to a dance than anywhere else on a date.

Like all of us teenagers, Ginger is crazy about pizza. "I can never get enough of it," she laughed.

Ginger has been secretary of La Playa, representative to her church youth group council, on the senior central committee, and is a past honored queen of Job's Daughters.

Ginger is also on the yearbook staff and is working on the senior section. She smiled, "This

Other members include Kathi Parker, Roberta Randolph, Robbi McCorkle, Roberta Gladstone, Debbie Gill, Mary Walton, Wendy Edwards, Dorothy Cook, and Nancy Dols.

Weekly, the club has been meeting in room 501 during the "A" period on Thursdays.

Body-changing

Bodyguard and Four Other Short Novels is, as the name implies, an anthology of five fine novellettes, each of which is a superb presentation of plot and character, selected by the well-experienced editor of renown, Horace L. Gold.

"Bodyguard," the first story, is centered around the exciting--even dangerous--game of zarquill, which might commonly be called "Body-changing." Christopher Grimm uses the confusion arising from this game to develop this thought-provoking story.

"How-2" is an attention-holding story which starts with a man who accidentally gets a robot with the "mother urge". Clifford D. Simak uses this beginning to weave a fascinating plot.

Then F. L. Wallace describes the troubles of losing your I.D. card on a strange planet in "Delay in Transit" as an interesting change in pace.

As the reader continues to be absorbed in this book, he comes to Daniel F. Galouye's "City of Force" describing the attempts of two incompatible life-forms to live together in peace.



Mr. Elkind

 Fillet of a fenny snake,
 In the caldron boil and bake;
 Eye of newt and toe of frog,
 Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
 Adder's fork and blind worm's
 sting,
 Lizard's leg and howlet's wing,
 For a charm of powerful trouble,
 Like a hell broth boil and bubble.

Macbeth
 Shakespeare

 Finally, "Whatever Counts" by Fredrick Pohl keeps you in suspense right on through to the end of the book with a tale of men stranded on a planet with apparently superior aliens.

H. L. Gold has taken these five fine novels from Galaxy Magazine and put them into a science fiction volume with quality that cannot be ignored.

Veteran's Day or Armistice Day??

A holiday! That's what most of us think when we hear of Armistice Day or, as it is called now, Veteran's Day.

On November 11, 1918, the Germans signed a truce ending World War 1 with the Allies. It was made in a dining car in the Forest of Compiègne, France.

The Congress of the United States made Armistice Day a legal holiday for the District of Columbia and the States soon followed. The name was changed from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day by Congress six years ago.

The British hold ceremonies commemorating Armistice Day in front of the Cenotaph in London while the French hold ceremonies at the Arch of Triumph in Paris; the United States commemorates Armistice Day with ceremonies at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A number of countries throughout the world acknowledge it with a period of silence at 11 o'clock in the morning, the hour the fighting stopped.



Ginger

year's book could be the best, especially the senior section, if we could sell more books, but as it is now, our section just got cut down because of lack of funds."

Mr. Sam Elkind, drama and English teacher, also sponsors Stage Craft and the national drama society, Thespians.

He considers the lack of theater and its related facilities at E.C. his pet peeve. "It robs the students of opportunities", he stated.

In the Orient with the army he directed the radio stations. Mr. Elkind was in the Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan.

He reads Shakespeare and the older classics. Mr. Elkind said he tries to read as many of the new plays that come out and averages about two or three plays a week.

Another interest of Mr. Elkind is golf. He has just taken up golf and preferred to state nothing further on the subject.

Mr. Elkind attended San Francisco State and Stanford and Columbia Universities. He is also completing work on the Doctorate Theater in New York. He worked his way through college by playing the piano with various groups. In both high school and college, Mr. Elkind participated in the production of plays.

New Speech Club enters debate

The recently founded Speech and Debate Club offers to its members a chance to speak to a group and to debate.

The club has gotten off to a busy start. Already they have scheduled a number of speaking engagements and on November fifth will enter a debate at Richmond High School.

The Speech and Debate Club meets every other Tuesday with their sponsor, Mr. Powell after school.

Their officers are: President; Rick Dout, Vice President; Pat Buchanan, Secretary; Pat Iiyama; Treasurer.

Their membership in the Golden Gate Speech Association entitles the club to become members of the National Speech Society if they wish.

Dark mystery??

School days, school days,
 Dear old golden rule days,
 San Francisco is where he did
 go
 Before he came to El Cerrito.
 Reading and writing are the
 basic parts
 Of our mystery person's select-
 ed arts.
 He pecked in his book
 "I baby sat."
 "When Ralphie was only a kid."

Entries may be turned in to room 209 before or after school.

LONE ★ STAR

I seem to have caused some controversy over my column of two weeks ago. Some people were kind enough to send fan mail to us, and it was printed last week.

Now, it's my turn...When my pot-pourri column was printed two weeks ago, Steve Schaffran dropped in for a visit.

Jokingly (?). I was informed that there were two things which were sacred in this school, and which were not to be criticized. They were, and I quote, "Legislature, and the football team." I took this in my stride, and laughed...jokingly (?).

I believe that anyone, or anything in the public eye has a right to be criticized. Our Legislature and football team are no exception.

I shall now mention that fact concerning the Buildings and Grounds Committee...it is a tradition...

...and an old-fashioned, time-worn one at that. I honestly can not see why it takes a whole committee just to see that the ECMF hedges are trimmed. Can you?

Well, Mr. Schaffran, put that in your pipe and smoke it, or, if you don't smoke, put it in your mouth, along with your foot!

I believe that all "fellow juniors" on Central should be purged, or even worse, put on the Rules Committee.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee, with 14 members this year, is in existence only because, each year, it gives some legislature representatives something to do, and bolsters their ego.

I reckon I'd feel important too, if I was charged with seeing that water fountains got fixed, and that paper was picked up off the grounds...wouldn't you?

Among many people, the Junior Central Committee is known as a "J.C." This means, the Junior clique. Since the third grade, the members of this clique have carried on the fine tradition of disregarding everyone else, and thinking only of their own interests.

Summing up, I'll only state that this column is designed to appeal to the majority....

...and that the football team, Legislature, and fellow juniors, along with the Junior Central Committee...this entire group is not a majority. As a matter of fact, it is such a small minority that it may be neglected.

Yep, I really do think that this student body could use some more controversy.

Until then, I'll leave you with the usual...

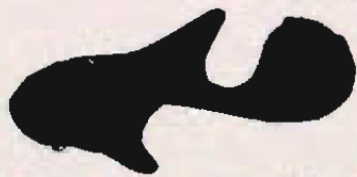
Texas Bob

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Basketball teams

If your Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams are not A.C.A.L. champions, as we hope they are, you can thank three anonymous members of the track team. A few days ago those persons left P.E. early, showered, and got dressed. About ten minutes before the end of seventh period they were caught in the halls by a teacher. Instead of taking their medicine like men they tried to talk their way out of it. They claimed that they were unsupervised, no roll was taken, and no one cared if they came to class or not. This was wholly untrue but the administration had no choice but to instruct Mr. Parker to supervise at every moment the activities of those classes of other sports. This means that instead of dividing his time between the classes and the Basketball Team he must all but forget the team. Officially we can start practice (during 7th period) only six days before our first game. With only after schools left, the players, Mr. Parker, and the managers must stay later at night and the team must work much faster than normal, leading to somewhat ineffective teaching. This is the only way we can work it---all on account of three lazy members of your track team who felt like going in early. We are glad our whole track team is not like this.

Team Member



THINK AGAIN
DONZETTE

El Caballero salutes student body

Most people, when they see an editorial, think "Oh no, what don't they like now." Well, this one is different. El Caballero would like to salute the student body for a job "well done".

Students opened their hearts and their purse strings on Wednesday, November 2, Frank Lacy Day. Mr. Richard Lovette called it "the true El Cerrito spirit." Cabby would like to echo Mr. Lovette's sentiments.

Informed of the situation and the need, students responded to the tune of over \$700 to help defray Frank Lacy's hospital expenses. Many people say that you can really see school spirit at the football games or basketball games, but not wanting to take anything away from the rooting section, Cabby feels that at times like this the "true El Cerrito spirit" shows through.

School spirit

Let's start a revolution. Let us gain back our school spirit. Let's stop throwing things at games, being rude, being sloppy. Let's get back the pride this student body used to have in its own behavior. I'm sure we have not lost it, just misplaced it. Why don't we look around and see if we can find it? It shouldn't be too hard, just act as though you were possessed of the usual manners and intelligence that most people associate with El Cerrito High School students. I'm not asking you to look for something you never had; I'm asking you to get back something you used to have. The present actions of this student body are



Junior Central Committee

Last week, El Caballero printed a letter from a "fellow junior". This "fellow junior" was on the junior central committee and stated that one of the juniors at El Cerrito who was not on the central committee, has criticized the work of the juniors, but had failed to show up and contribute to any of the work that had to be done on the Junior Prom.

This junior was only one out of all the juniors who were not on central committee that did not show up to work on the Junior Prom, but because he dared to criticize their work he was immediately reprimanded.

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In the first place, the Junior Prom was thrown together at the last minute so that no one knew when the meetings were taking place, or what was happening. In the second place, the juniors who are not on the central committee are given the impression that they are not needed or wanted by the central committee members until there is dirty work to be done.

If there were work groups which were open to all the juniors, I am sure that the juniors would be more than willing to help with any projects that the central committee could possibly dream up.

Last year's junior class used this idea and it was a big success, I don't see why it wouldn't be just as big a success this year to include more of the juniors in their projects.

Another Junior



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

disgusting. If the present trend continues, I expect the following very shortly:

1. Strict control of all assemblies,
2. Fewer assemblies,
3. Very strict control of all football, basketball, and track events,
4. A gradual loss of school spirit,
5. Faculty Rally instead of Student Rally.

I say let's stop this trend before it really gets started. I know we can do it, if we've got the guts to try.

(signed)
A SENIOR

Gauchos vie with league leading Hornets tonight



Action shot showing Jerry Strong gaining yards in the El Cerrito Harry Ells game.

J.V.s tally 7 to 0 win over Ells

El Cerrito High's Junior Varsity football team won their second victory of the season over Harry Ells last Thursday by a score of 7 to 0.

Al Copher set up the game's only tally by running back the opening kickoff 90 yards to the two yard line. Dave Thurm went over for the score on the next play on a quarterback sneak.

The Gaucho's closest penetration after the initial score, was the 20 yard line. Even though this is the furthest they got, the El Cerrito offense still

played good ball. Richard Schmidt, Dave Thurm, Al Copher, and Al Gustafson were standouts on offense.

Ells got inside the 10 yard line twice, but on a sturdy El Cerrito defense held off the Eagles. The Gaucho tackling in the first half was a bit sloppy, but it improved in the second half. Bruce Polley, Gerald Fernal, Pete Loya, John McCorduck, and Larry Petterson looked good on defense. Don Stevenson, who is just out of a cast, also played rugged defense. Don was out with a fractured bone in his leg.

B'S still undefeated tie Eagles 13 to 13

With a score of 13 to 13, the El Cerrito and Harry Ells Frosh-Soph teams are still tied for the city championship. The two teams met Friday night in a contest that was to decide the champion, but it resulted in a tie ball-game.

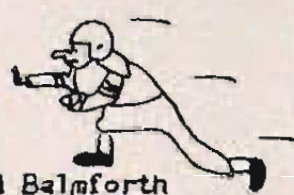
El Cerrito scored on sustained drives with jarring running attacks supplied by fast backs.

Ells scored in long gainers. On their final score, an Ells' back sprinted around the right side with good blocking, and went off to the races on a 50 yard sweep. The nearest man managed to grab his jersey, but couldn't tackle him before he scored.

The players that stood out for the Gauchos were Dennis Kelly, Tim Shaw, Donny Davis, Larry Bridges, and Don Cook.

SPORTS REVIEW

by David Balmforth



With two more games left we see the Alameda County Athletic League beginning to shape up with Alameda still on the undefeated list. While Alameda walked over De Anza, 34 to 6, their cross town neighbor, Encinal, ripped the favored San Leandro Pirates by the score of 19 to 7. Berkeley suffered its worst defeat ever, by being greatly out played in just about every phase of the game, 46 to 0, by the Richmond Oilers. While the Eagles lost their fourth league game, the Gauchos' won their second. Jim Gliebe showed his efficiency to make points by scoring two of the three Gaucho touchdowns.

Mike Doyle's 27 yard run around the right end set up Gliebe's one yard plunge for the first El Cerrito touchdown, with one and a half minutes left in the first quarter. Gliebe's second touchdown came approximately the same time the first one came, one and a half minutes before the end of the second quarter. This touchdown came on a 23 yard gallop from the Eagle's 23 yard line. The Gauchos' third touchdown came on Steve Schaffran's 40 yard run on his interception from Ells' quarterback, Combs' attempt to halfback Bob Nunes.

Ells' Bob Blank enabled the Gauchos to make their second touchdown easier by kicking an inferior punt that went all of seven yards. This enabled the Gauchos to start their drive from the Ells 27 yard line. After Doyle's four yard gain on the first play, Jim Gliebe sprinted the remaining 23 yards around the left end for the touchdown.

Ells only gave the Gauchos one serious threat in the first half. This was on a run starting on the El Cerrito 41 yard line, and finishing on the El Cerrito 19 yard line. The run resulted from a Statue of Liberty play. After reaching the 19 yard line the Eagles lost the ball on downs without moving any farther.

Ells' threat in the last minutes of the last quarter resulted in their lone touchdown. The touchdown resulted in a drive of about 92 yards, which took a total of five plays, the first of which was a 43 yard "ally oop" pass from quarterback Combs to end Hiram Elliott. On the next play Combs traveled 20 yards, but was called on a clipping penalty. Combs ran the ball in the next two plays, the results of which were a 5 yard and 25 yard gain, moving the ball to the El Cerrito 20 yard line. Then the touchdown came on a pass from Combs to Nunes, with Ells making their P.A.T. The final score was 20 to 7.

One play the Eagles seemed to gain ground on was the old Statue of Liberty play. In this play they gained numerous yards. One of these was a 41 yard run. Even so, the superior Gaucho line tore many holes in the weak Eagle line enabling the Gaucho back field to move many plays up the middle.

Mike Doyle was the top ground gainer for the Gauchos, totalling up 127 yards in 19 carries for a 6.7 yard gain average per carry.

Another top performance was given by Jerry Strong, who averaged 46 yards per punt, kicking three times. His longest punt sailed 55 yards. Strong also was credited for 46 yards on the ground in 9 carries for a 5.1 average. Jim Kinnison also deserves recognition for his 2 P.A.T. conversion points.



Tonight the Gauchos will meet the undefeated Alameda Hornets here at the El Cerrito Memorial field at 8:00 p.m.

El Cerrito High, now in sixth place in the A.C.A.L. after its victory over Harry Ells last week, meets high-riding Hornets of Alameda.

The Hornets are presently in first place and have all their tough games behind them. They virtually assured themselves of the league title by beating San Leandro two weeks ago.

The Hornet victory over the Rebels makes an El Cerrito victory seem a bit dubious due to the fact that San Leandro defeated the Gauchos by a score of 26 to seven in their encounter on October 7, 1960.

The Gauchos still could upset the Hornets for they have excellent players and when they are clicking, they look real good.

Most sideline spectators probably think that El Cerrito will be on the short end of an Alameda runaway, but if the Gauchos play the type of ball they are capable of playing, they should be fairly close to the Hornets in the outcome.

Alameda will bring to E.C. Memorial Field both a rugged offense and a rocksolid defense. They will probably win the game in the second half with their strong offensive driving power.

Frosh-Soph win City Meet, A.C.A.L. next

For the third consecutive year the El Cerrito Frosh-Soph team has won the City Meet championship. The Gaucho team put forth their best effort of the season by running over Richmond, Ells, and De Anza High Schools.

Unfortunately, the Varsity and Junior Varsity couldn't quite pull through for their wins. For the first time, De Anza won the varsity competition and seemed to have no difficulty in doing it. De Anza also took the Junior Varsity action without any visible difficulty.

Joe Newlin, the surprise of the Richmond meet, again took a first place for El Cerrito with

the outstanding time of 9:43. Again Jim Eanamen and Bill Steele battled it out for second place. Eanamen out-sprinted Steele in

the last few yards to beat Steele. Eanamen's running time was 9:57, and Steele's was 10:02.

The Varsity just didn't seem to have it--as far as varsity competition goes, although there is a lot of talent on the team. Mark Morgan, Dwight Sanford, Pete Mason, Mike Dones, and Tom Knight. All of these runners seem to lead the Gauchos in all of the Varsity competition. With some of the outstanding Bee's that will be moving up to the Varsity and the Juniors, who will be back next year, the El Cerrito student body can look forward to a winning season.