

# Four El Cerritans named Merit semi-finalists in competition

Four El Cerrito students have been named Merit semi-finalists.

These four students, Pat Iiyama, Ken Ludwig, Es Snell, and Bill Upholt, have started on the road to a possible scholarship.

They took the National Merit Test last March and were part of the top 10,000 students across the nation. The Merit test consisted of five parts: English Usage, Mathematics Usage, Social

Studies Reading, Natural Science Reading, and Word Usage.

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

Besides these four students, 12 El Cerrito students will receive letters of commendation.

These students are some of 25,000 other students who scored well on the test, but not well enough to be named a semi-finalist. These students are Steve Anderson, Greg Bos, Josh Diamond, Pete Dillon, Ricky Douth, George Jura, Ken Kipp, El McCarthy, Tom Pittman, Steve Schaffran, Craig Swan, and Lorin Thompson.

Last year El Cerrito had eight semi-finalists. They were Ron

Brown, Neal Friedman, Roger Howe, Alan Koenig, Margaret Martin, Barbara Maynard, Jim McCollough, and Graham Seibert. Ron and Margaret were recipients of Merit Scholarships.

Pat Iiyama, like the other semi-finalists, finds other things to do besides studying. Pat is a pom-pom girl, a member of Thespians, California Scholarship Federation, French Honor Society, Junior Statesmen, and her church youth group, MYF. Pat's schedule includes physics, Drama 2, Lecture Civics, Modern Dance, French 4, and English 4. Pat is also a section leader in Civics.

Physics X, Calculus, English, Band, Harmony, mechanical drawing and S period PE make up Ken Ludwig's program. Ken is a member of the Marching band, CSF and French Honor Society. He spends his spare time playing tennis and bridge along with playing alto saxophone in the Teen Band. Ken explained that this was a union band which played for dances all over Contra Costa County.

Skiing is what occupies most of Es Snell's free time. Es said that during the winter he goes skiing about once every two weeks. During the summer he enjoys water skiing. Es's school schedule is Trigonometry and Math A, Physics X, German 2, Civics, and English 4. Es participates in CSF, the Ski Club, naturally, and Explorers.

Bill Upholt finds much to take up his time. At school he is taking S period PE, Calculus, Physics X, German 2, Band, Harmony, and English 4. At home he is building a Hi-Fi set for himself as well as experimenting with photography. Bill still finds time for such activities as CSF, Science Club, his church youth group, and a Science Explorer Post sponsored by Beckman Instruments, which allows the boys free use of its equipment.

# El Caballero

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## Classes rewarded for P.T.A. efforts

The annual El Cerrito P.T.A. class competition membership drive began Monday, October 3, with meetings of each class.

The revenue from the first 600 memberships goes exclusively to the P.T.A. Beyond the 600 mark, the classes will receive a percentage of the money raised, based on the number of members each of the respective classes recruits. The classes' share of the proceedings will be used for their senior activities. The class obtaining the largest number of members will receive five dollars from each of the losing classes.

Miss Wolleson went on to explain some of the functions of the P.T.A., which include providing a welfare fund for needy pupils and paying the graduation expenses of the foreign exchange students. She urges everyone to make an all out effort to enroll their parents in the P.T.A.

"This is the only school I know of where the students get a financial share in P.T.A. funds," stated Miss Margaret Wolleson, Executive Vice-Principal.

In the case of there being students from the same family in more than one class, both classes will receive credit for the membership of the parents of these students.

## news in brief

Friday, October 7:  
Deadlines: King and Queen Homecoming floats  
Wednesday, October 12:  
UNESCO sale  
Candidates Night: 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 13:  
Thespian sale  
Friday, October 14:  
HOMECOMING  
Football-Berkeley (H)(3:15)  
Homecoming Dance

## Baldwin, Page top Candidates Night

Junior Statesmen will hold their annual Candidates Night this Wednesday, October 12, at 8:00 P.M. in the cafetorium.

The speakers for the night are the Honorable John Baldwin and Douglas Page. Both are running for Congressman in the Sixth Congressional District.

Douglas Page will speak first for fifteen minutes, and then the Honorable John Baldwin will speak for another fifteen minutes. Both candidates will then rebutt for five minutes. Questions from the floor will be invited at the end of the speaking.

The public is invited to this event, and refreshments will be served. Last year, over 300 people turned up for Candidates Night.

## AFS Information Night scheduled

An "American Field Service Information Night" will be held on Thursday, October 13th, at 7:30 P.M. in the cafetorium. A panel will discuss all phases of the exchange student program. A question and answer period will follow.

A special invitation will be extended to the parents of students who have taken out applications for the Americans Abroad program. All other students and parents interested in learning more about the American Field Service program are urged to attend.

The panel will consist of Josh Diamond, Brian Leonard, Barry Mendelsohn, Miss Margaret Brunink, Mrs. W. B. Donaldson, Mrs. Eliot Swan, and Mr. Claude D. Samples, and will be moderated by Mrs. U. L. Tienson, Local AFS chapter president.



Merit semi-finalists are, from left to right, Ken Ludwig, Bill Upholt, Pat Iiyama, and Es Snell.

## Senior portraits taken by Coleman

The senior portraits have been taken in room 53 by Kee Coleman last week and will continue to be taken through this week.

The proper dress for the pictures for girls is dark classic sweaters and pearls. For boys, dark suits and a neck-tie. No bowties should be worn.

The students will have a choice of poses. One pose will be taken for the year-book, and 4 others will be taken for personal use. The students may choose to wear the traditional cap and gown or the classic sweaters and suits for the personal pictures. The girls also have the choice of a drape which is an additional \$2.50 charge.

For those who miss having their pictures taken, there will be reappointments, however, if they miss the reappointments, they will then have to go to the Coleman studio in San Francisco.

There is no cost for the year-book picture.

## Telluride plans summer program

During July and August of 1961 the Telluride Association will conduct two summer programs for boys having completed their junior year by July 1, 1961. One of the programs will last from July 3 to August 19 at Deep Springs, California, and the other one will last from July 3 to August 11 at Ithaca, New York.

Those boys interested in one of these programs should take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test on October 22 this year and indicate on it to have the results sent to the Executive Secretary of the Telluride Association. Finalists selected on the basis of this test must submit written applications in addition. All fees, except for transportation, are paid by the Telluride Association. Boys interested in this program should see their counselors for more information.

# LONE ★ STAR

Howdy. I'm a rollin' my wheels in to a new column called "Lone Star."

Perhaps you've seen a few people wearing orange buttons saying "MAY THE BEST MAN win." These people are lucky people, because they have seen the play entitled, "The Best Man."

These fortunate people have seen, as one critic put it, a "sharply probing political satire." "The Best Man" was written by Playwright Gore Vidal, who also wrote the stage version of "Visit to a Small Planet."

A satire makes fun of the status quo, and if you haven't seen one, and even if you have, you must see this one. There are moments of tension and moving drama interspersed with uproarious diversions. Both the staging and acting are excellent.

Leon Ames, William Gargan, and Gene Raymond are co-starred in "The Best Man." Leon Ames and Gene Raymond are bitter contenders for the Presidency; Mr. Ames, as William Russell, portrays a man of principle, while Mr. Raymond turns in a fine performance as an unscrupulous opportunist. As potential First Ladies, Ann Morris and Elisabeth Fraser also have major roles.

William Gargan belongs in a class by himself. As Arthur Hockstader, an ex-President, he brilliantly portrays the role of "the cynical head of the party, a blunt and abrasive warhorse who thrives on the excitement of the struggle for power...and who tantalizingly defers his endorsement."

This play takes place at a Presidential convention in Philadelphia in the summer of 1960. It ties in perfectly with the fall elections. Incidentally, it mentions a man who has lots of money in the family and who will do anything to gain the Presidency (Gene Raymond).

"The Best Man" is definitely not for children, but any high-school student with a broad sense of humor would enjoy it...and you too, teachers, if you've got any humor left after classes day in and day out.

The Alcazar Theatre in San Francisco is presenting this play which has been extended another week to October 15. Look in the theatre section of your paper for prices and times of performances. Why not call them tonight, and reserve a seat for some future date, but be sure that you go see "The Best Man."

If you've got time, why not eat lunch in the Mannings Coffee Cafeteria, on Geary. Varieties of food are almost endless, and for you all that ain't Texans, and who don't have loads of cash, prices are low.

Do you wonder why I ate at Mannings?...with all that Texas money--we make our own (Government currency isn't large enough) well, don't...even Texans, once in a long while, go broke.

Well, I'd better be a rollin' my wheels outa here and say, as the Old Ranger says, "S-o-o-o long."

Tex

## El Caballero unmasks "service clubs"

Let's call a spade a spade. This pearl of wisdom should be applied here at El Cerrito High. There are three clubs at school that have been masquerading under the name of service clubs. In reality they are social clubs.

Recently three girls, one from each club, were asked what type of events their club had participated in during the last year. All three girls arrived at a total of five service projects, eleven social events, and three events to supplement their treasuries.

El Caballero feels that for a club to use the name service club, it should participate in more than one and two-thirds service projects per year. A minimum of three if not four would be desirable.

A complaint from the clubs is that there are not enough projects. This is not true. There are more than enough possible projects to make all school clubs service clubs. If any of the clubs wish suggestions on possible projects, they are invited to come to room 209 during their lunch period today.

El Caballero does feel that social activities have their place in club activities but that the present emphasis must be shifted.

## Dear Blabby.....

by Dianne Healy

Dear Blabby

You know the old story-girl introduces boy-friend to her best girl-friend, the three of them talk for a while, then the boy sort of forgets about his girl and only talks to the best friend. So after a few days, the best friend and the boy are going together and the other girl is left with a broken heart.

Well, this is my story and I'm the boy involved. The first girl that I ever went with and I got along fine. She was cute, sweet, and everything I could ask for. But I soon met her cousin and my ring left Cutie's finger and went onto her cousin's. We went together and I knew it was the real thing until she introduced me to one of her girlfriends. By that following week, I had said "bye-bye" to the cousin and was spending my time with her friend. I knew she was the one for me until last Thursday, when she introduced me to her best girl-friend. The same thing has happened again and I don't want it ever to happen. How does a guy prevent it?

### Cousins' and girlfriends' Ex

Dear Ex

The same way a gal does, which is by making up their minds not to go steady with anybody for a while until the right one comes along, and they'll know when that is. So will you!

But, Cassanova, don't get it in your head that you're breaking all the women's hearts. Maybe they have a program set up to get rid of you when THEY find somebody else. If that's the case, they're sure succeeding.

Dear Blabby

The boy I'm going with is a flirt; he's also sloppy, sarcastic, stubborn, and a loud mouth. But besides all these things, I'm crazy about him. How do you figure that?

Beast's Girl

## Yearbook sales begin October 12

"We have many surprises for a better year book," stated Editor Nina Eggett when asked about El Cerrito's yearbook, El Camino which goes on sale October 12 for \$3.50.

The entire Cam staff will circulate wearing signs or hats to distinguish themselves. They will be responsible for all sales during the first three weeks. After this three week period books may be purchased from Mrs.

Lenz for \$4.00 until after Christmas vacation. In January, the price goes up to \$4.50. Extra books will be on sale at the end of the year for \$5.00. Seniors only may have their name engraved in gold on the cover of their book for 25 cents above the standing price.

"I'm really excited about this year's yearbook. The staff has developed some very original ideas," concluded Mr. McClelland, El Camino advisor.

## Dark mystery??

Cabby presents its first clue as to the identity of its new mystery personality.

Down by the seashore  
Out in the sun  
That's where you'll find  
This El Cerritan.

Guesses written on a slip of paper with your name on the back may be turned in to room 209 before or after school. One guess will be picked at random each day.

### Dear Beast's Girl

They say love is blind, but I guess your case is the exception.

You should consider yourself lucky. You don't have to worry about some girl taking him away from you, do you???

If you have a love problem, write it on a piece of paper and leave it in room 209 with any staff member.

# Mademoiselle

by Judy Carver

I've noticed something lately. Most people are full of sympathy for the tall girl----but no one ever stops to think of all the disadvantages a short girl has.

Have you ever noticed how difficult it is for a short girl to dance with a tall boy? Maybe you haven't even considered the tortures a short girl has to go through. Well, then let me clue you in.

In the first place, she can't even look at the boy with whom she is dancing--in fact, because of her height she is forced into looking at his tie clip for most of the dance. It's sort of hypnotizing--looking at one object for so long.

The second thing is the discomfort she is put through. You know those ivy-league shirts the boys are wearing? With the buttons on the collars? Those buttons happen to hit the short girl right in the forehead.

And then there's the beautiful suit he's wearing. It's beautiful all right, and it feels nice and soft and fuzzy, but that fuzzy stuff just wasn't meant for eating--no matter how beautiful.

And while we are giving sympathy to the short girl--what about that tall boy she's dancing with?

I'll tell you about that tall boy. He's just wondering how much longer he can last on the diet of hair he's getting from off the top of her head. There's so much of that stuff that it has to be held in place by mean little pieces of steel called bobby pins. But if that bobby pin does not stop puncturing his chin-----

So you see, all is not bliss for the short girl and the tall boy.



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