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## El Cerrito High School Archiving Project

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### Message from the President,

Wow ! It has been over a month since we celebrated the Grand Opening of our new El Cerrito High School. The Archiving Project extends a special thanks to all of you who participated. Those of you who were not able to attend, it is not too late! Stop by and witness our state-of-the-art beautiful school including the panoramic view of the Bay Area 600 seat beautifully designed Theater and the one-of-a-kind Archiving Museum. There were endless hours of volunteer efforts and thousands of dollars spent creating an up-front and center historical landmark. Walking through the front door, the first thing you see is the Museum. We believe there is none other like it in the Nation. We are excited that hundreds of years from now, ECHS future generations will be able to benefit from the efforts of this weekend.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer!

Don't miss out on the up-coming events this spring and summer. Be sure to read your New sletters and tell other Alumni about the ECHS Archiving Project.

The Archiving Project Committee is committed to keeping the Green & White story alive! We can only do this through your continue support. We appreciate your help.

Go Gauchos!

Patricia (Jones) Durham '68

### El Cerrito High School

*Athletic Hall Of Fame*

#### First Inductions 1944 to 1969

Inaugural Year 2008

To recognize former ECHS athletes and others who have distinguished themselves in the field of athletics, the El Cerrito High School Hall of Fame (ECHS HOF) Committee has selected the following

to represent the inaugural class of inductees. They will be honored on April 26, 2009.

#### ATHLETES:

Ernie Broglio-1953, Les Cain-1966, Winters Calvin-1950, Harvey Dougan-1951, John Flavin-1959, Gerry Giarimita-1957, Cornell Green-1957, Elijah "Pumpsie" Green-1952, Burl Grinols-1953, Lou Guida-1957, Phil "Bo" Hart-1958, Bob Kinnard-1947, Jack Kinnard-1953, Roddy Lee-1967, Dave Masters-1967, Bill Nelson-1966, David "Lefty" Peeler-1955, Larry Plantz-1964, Don Pryde-1952, Willie Reed-1950, John Thomas-1953, Floyd Woods-1956.

#### COACHES:

Frank Milo, John Nules, Larry Quirico, Hale Roach,

#### SPECIAL CATEGORY:

Sandy Berman

#### TEAM:

1951 Varsity Baseball  
1956 Varsity Basketball

#### FAMILY:

The Green Family; Elijah, Credell, Travis, Cornell

All inductees have been voted on and meet eligibility criteria set forth by the ECHS HOF Committee.

Sincerely Yours

Larry Quirico

ECHS Hall of Fame, Director

The public is invited to the inaugural El Cerrito High School Hall of Fame induction. Our initial class of inductees will be honored for their contributions to El Cerrito High School and their later accomplishments.

#### Event: El Cerrito High School Hall of Fame Induction

Cost: \$25.00

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2009

Time:

· 3:00 PM Hors d'oeuvres

· 5:00 PM Induction Program begins

Place: El Cerrito High School Gymnasium

For tickets call George Austin, Athletic Director at 510-231-1437 Ext 26522. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 10, 2009. Please make checks payable to ECHS HOF- George Austin.

Dress: Country Club Casual



#### Museum Hall of History

*ECHS Museum is opened*

After five years of anticipation, the new and unique ECHS Museum is opened to the community and the school population.

The first sight that catches your eye as you enter the front door of the new administration building are big splashes of green and white at the end of the entrance way portal. Your eyes start to focus and there you see in the distance the Pep

Jug, Yell leader outfits and letter sweaters.

The school's contracted architect firm designed a room with the dimensions of about twenty five feet by ten feet with locked glass cabinet with glass shelves from waist height to almost the ceiling. Track lights are both inside the glass cabinets and on the ceiling. As you enter the museum, the first cabinet has the first silk screened football schedule poster, original locker door and wall clock, Frank Shallenberger's book of poetry and two of the six California Tile Company's scenic tiles that were over the water fountains in the old school. The next cabinet is chucked full of spirit items such as the Pep Jug, sport and cheerleading outfits, jewelry pins for clubs and activities,

pictures of the first graduation class, home ec plates and kitchen items, Duke Dewitt's picture with an old clamp he made, original computer and radio items, some choice items from auto shop and a drama section dedicated to teacher Sam Elkin. At the end wall, an old slate board with its redwood chalk board has been installed. Below the black board, is the original 1939 bronze dedication plaque.

As you continue around the room, the next small quiet section shows pictures of the ECHS boys who were killed in WW II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. Clara Mabuchi's freshman picture and story of her forced exile to the Japanese internment camp is in this section as well. The following cabinets highlight grad nights from decades ago, dance cards starting in the 1940's, PTA artifacts, ECHS professional athletes, and finally a section dedicated to Coach Hale Roach.

The room is full of surprises and it takes a few trips through the room for the visitor to see and read about all the two hundred plus labeled items. When you go, see if you can find the pictures of Johnny Mathis and Miss USA from 1956 and the beanie from 1955.

As time goes on, the museum will have items that will rotate in and out with piped in music in the background from the 1960's choir.

Please come and visit the new museum.

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## Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1964

Contact: Jackie Olson

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## Do You Have Items You Would like to have in the New ECHS Museum?

If you have articles you would like to see displayed in the ECHS museum, please follow the steps below.

1-Type out the following information for each item:  
 Department used in such as social science, football, music  
 Physical description of item. Type of item such as trophy,  
 newspaper article. Date of use. Size of item. Donor's name, phone number, email address. 2-3 sentences of background information



2-If the item can be framed, take to the following shop to be framed- The Glenn 7027 Stockton Ave. El Cerrito 510 558 1078. The likelihood of your article being displayed quickly increase dramatically if they come to us framed by The Glenn and ready to be hung. Otherwise, there is no guarantee that it will be displayed in the foreseeable future and will be put into our storage room.

3-If the item cannot be framed or you do not want to frame it, please deliver it to use in acid free envelopes or wrapping. Make sure the wrapping is transparent. Package articles in a durable fashion with the information included.

Joann Steck-Bayat 510 524 9464 Jsbayat1@comcast.net Museum Curator

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## History Scattered Throughout the New High School

Many archive articles are scattered throughout the school in various formats. The first item visitors will see as they enter the school is the bronze sundial which was a gift from the class of 1946. It is placed prominently in the garden area at the entrance. As you enter the main entrance, visitors will notice old silk screen posters from 1960's plays, play programs from the 1940's and a three foot round mosaic tile work of a handsome Gaucho.

Each academic department has glass cases in their hallway. Most departments have a archive

items that illustrate the department's history. The cafeteria has the original lunch tray and menus from the 1950's and the last one from 2004. The auto shop has its original outside art deco letters hung in their new classroom. The library has a full collection of yearbooks and two of their original wooden library chairs. The office has pictures of all ECHS principals and the date of their reign, blueprints from 1938 and aerial shots from the 40s, 60s and 80's. The gym lobby's display cases are full of great historical items such as the first letter sweater, a life size silver football with the game scores between ECHS and BHS, 40s and 50s football programs, championship baseball teams and a few boys' wooden locker doors with graffiti by students back to the 60s. In the main gym, all the sport banners have been hung with oldest one being from 1951.



On the wall are Coach Nules's life size Gaucho on his horse and EL CERRITO letters that he designed and made for the school in the 60s. The music hall way has an old drum major uniform and albums from choir's performance.

An item on the archive committee's agenda will be to develop a walking tour of the school's archive objects. Please stay tuned for its completion.

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## Alumni Information Needed

If you know any Alumni who have not subscribed to the ECHS Archiving Project New letter, please forward their information to [ECarchives@aol.com](mailto:ECarchives@aol.com).

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## Reunion Leaders

Are you a reunion leader for one of our ECHS years? Please send us an updated class list.

We would like to ask for your help to notify us as to whom the reunion leaders are from each missing year. If you know of a missing alumni chair, please notify



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[ECHS Alumni Website](#)

## How to donate to the ECHS Archiving Project

The ECHS Archiving is in need of continuous monetary support! In addition to restoring, preserving and displaying the many artifacts that were saved from the wrecking ball, this year we also were able to give four ECHS seniors \$1000 each in scholarships toward their college expenses.

We would like to continue our work in the future and here is how you can help.

Contact Diane Chambers [dianneminard@yahoo.com](mailto:dianneminard@yahoo.com) or just mail your check to; ECHS Archiving Project 2234 Lupine Rd, Hercules, CA 94547. All donations are tax deductible.

Diane Chambers

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El Cerrito High Archiving Project Mission Statement:

Support the development of a strong El Cerrito High School alumni body - Collect, preserve and celebrate the history of El Cerrito High School - Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.

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