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**El Cerrito High School Archiving Project***Newsletter Issue XXII*

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President's Message

Happy Summer

We wish you all a great and safe summer!

Congratulations to all graduates. Remember that today is the first day of the beginning of your lives. Best Wishes!

Heads Up. The Archiving Committee is planning a Speaker Series this Fall. Our first one is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15 in the ECHS Theater featuring Scotty Sterling.

Check-out the events calendar in this New sletter - Mark Your Calendars Now for future events.

We are excited that hundreds of years from now, ECHS future generations will be able to benefit from the efforts of El Cerrito High School Archiving Committee

We celebrate 2010 for greater prosperity for the El Cerrito High School Students.

Patricia (Jones) Durham '68

El Cerrito Women of the Year

El Cerrito Women of the Year Over the past few years, the El Cerrito High School Archiving Committee has had three of its members be selected by the city's mayor to be honored for their community service. The winners were 2007 Patricia Durham ECHS '68 and 2010 Donna Houser and 2008 Joann Steck-Bayat.

Reunions Happenings

Class of 2000, Saturday, July 24, 7:00PM

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651 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Class of 1990 20th Reunion, July 10, 2010, 7:00 PM

El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moser Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Contact: Larry Fox (510) 965-9351, echs1990@hotmail.com.

Class of 1985--25th Reunion, September 25, 2010.

Scott's Restaurant, Jack London Square.
 Contact--Andrea Lum--andrealum@yahoo.com.
 www.elcerritohighschool1985.org

Class of 1980-30th Reunion, November 6, 2010.
 Shattuck Hotel, Berkeley, CA.
 Contact--Chris Misa-Mackey, bcmackey@cox.net, bcmackey7@gmail.com or Facebook.

Class of 1973, 40th reunion for 1972, 1973, and 1974, August 3, 2013.
 Go to: www.echs1973.com

Class of 1970, tba

Class of 1972--40th Reunion, June 16, 2012.
 Contact--Al Gambetti--agambetti@yahoo.com.

Class of 1967--45th Reunion.
 TBA--Somewhere in California.
 Contact--Roddy Lee--LCP1967@aol.com.

Class of 1965--45th Reunion, October 23, 2010.
 Mira Vista Country Club.
 Contact--Dennis Kalis--dkalis@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1956, 1955, 55 yr Reunion, Oct 23, 2010.
 Colombo Club, Oakland.
 Contact: 1955-Bill Lawton --whlawton@frontiernet.net
 Contact: 1956-Jackie Fonken --j_fonken@hotmail.com

2010 Scholarship Corner

El Cerrito High School Archiving Project Scholarships

Celebrating five years of awarding scholarships Another historical moment for the Archiving Project. The traditional senior awards night was held for the first time in the Performing Arts Center. We were proud and pleased to participate and award three \$1000 scholarships.

The recipients are: Ian Birnam, Jessica Tran and Tiara Williams. All will be attending locally-CAL, Berkeley and San Francisco State University.

This year marked our fifth year of awarding scholarships. Thank you to the committee for their dedication and time. This year's committee included Charlotte Rogata of NYC, Bobbi Griggs, Howard Mackey, Gregg Meyer, Joann Steck-Bayat and Lu Tipping.

Please help us continue to support future Gaucho graduates. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated. Checks payable to ECHS Archiving Project, C/O Dianne Chambers, 2234 Lupine Road, Hercules, CA 94547

Memorandum

Remembering James Morehouse and James Mitchell

James Morehouse July 17, 1936 ~ April 7, 2010 Resident of Richmond Mr. James Morehouse was a student counselor and worked with El Cerrito High School for 35 years. Married to his beloved wife Oveida Morehouse for over 50 years, and lovingly remembered by his 4 sons Lessley, James Jr., Darnell and Paul Morehouse.

James "Pops" Mitchell Sept. 30, 1965 ~ April 15, 2010 Resident of Richmond Maybe it was the simplicity of his nickname. Perhaps it was his infectious smile that made people notice. To some it was the way he could swing a baseball bat or shed blocks on the football field. All remember his kind heart. Left to embrace those memories and many more are family and friends of James "Pops" Mitchell, the former El Cerrito prep legend who died unexpectedly last Thursday of a heart attack. He was 44. Mitchell's health had been in decline in recent years. He suffered from Type I diabetes and received regular dialysis treatments. Born in Richmond, Mitchell was arguably one of the best athletes to ever wear an El Cerrito uniform. He played baseball and football, earning recognition from several publications for his stellar play. He also coached at El Cerrito and worked in the school district as a site supervisor for nearly a decade. "Pops" earned a baseball scholarship to USC and eventually played in the Cleveland Indians organization. Mitchell, who graduated from El Cerrito High School in 1984, was named California's Mr. Baseball by Cal-Hi Sports. A year earlier, he played on a team that went 27-1. One year, Mitchell hit two home runs at Cerrito Vista Park in El Cerrito that scouts estimated traveled nearly 450 feet from home plate. In football, opposing teams double- and triple-teamed him to no avail. He was intensely competitive in athletics and other endeavors he enjoyed like playing dominoes. A fund has been established to help his sons. Contributions to the "Pops" Memorial fund can be made in care of "Shelley Mitchell" at Chase Bank, 12121 San Pablo Ave., Richmond. The account number is 2945893440. Survivors include his spouse Shalan; sons James and Devin; sisters Angela, Lasonda and Shelley; and parents James Sr. and Robbie Mitchell. Extended relatives include nieces and nephews D'Naya, Dahnzhay, Ilyana, Wanya, Kiana, Shayanne, Trey, Jazzmine and Jordan.

2010 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Athletes 1944-1979

Bill Anderson 1975 Football, Track
 Sam Burns 1971 Baseball, Football
 Bill Campbell 1952 Baseball, Track
 Winston Ficklin 1979 Football, Baseball
 Credell Green 1953 Football, Track
 Alan Gustavson 1971 Football, Baseball, Swimming
 Gary Hayes 1975 Football, Baseball, Wrestling
 Janice Knudsen 1979 Volleyball, Basketball, Track
 Karan Mason 1977 Tennis, Basketball
 Dennis Perelli 1958 Football, Baseball
 John Perkins 1956 X-Country, Basketball, Track
 Harvey Salem 1978 Football, Track
 Keith Salisbury 1951 Football, Baseball
 Dale Scott 1972 X-Country, Track
 Ron Selak 1973 Baseball
 Darryl Stowers 1966 Football, Track
 Mike Rudy 1966 Football, Track
 Dick Jones Coach Basketball Men's Women's, Football
 James Morehouse Student Supervisor, "ECHS Heart and Soul"
 1975 Basketball Team #1 Team in the East Bay, NCS Champs, First year of NCS
 1978 Baseball Team #1 Team in the East Bay, I-G Team of the Decade--1970's

Historical ECHS Tours

Mark your calendars! This fall the El Cerrito Historical Society and the El Cerrito Archiving Project will be joining forces and offering a free Saturday afternoon tour of the new high school. There will be many historical surprises at each of the school's departments such as Mr. Mackey talking math and Mr. Robert Fabini talking science. Remember the cyclotron?

The date will be September 25th in the early afternoon. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter edition.

Major Donor Campaign

Investing in Academic Excellence

As we are near the end of the second year in our beautiful new facility, the students, faculty and staff of El Cerrito High School are proud of what we've accomplished and excited about our future. While facing the same economic challenges as other institutions, we take heart from the generosity displayed every day by parents, grandparents, alums, students, and other volunteers.

We're embarking now on our first Investing in Academic Excellence for All campaign. Our aim is to raise funds to maintain and increase academic options for our entire student body. To this end, the campaign is focused on four vitally important projects:

- The Angaza Project
- Art and Culture Programs
- Expansion of Science Learning Opportunities
- Writer Coach Connection

Our ability to continue and expand these projects rests with the ECHS community: those projects rest with the ECHS community: those parents, Relatives, Alum, Friends, Colleagues, and community leaders who are willing to make significant financial contributions. Your generous gift will help ensure the success of the first El Cerrito High School Investing in Academic Excellence for All campaign. All gifts are tax-deductible; please make out your check to "ECHS SAF-Investing in Academic Excellence." For further information, please contact Todd Groves--me@toddgroves.org (510) 558-8018 P.O. Box 2396 El Cerrito, CA 94530

4th of July Celebration

El Cerrito 4th of July Celebration 2010 Join your friends and neighbors at the joyous, fun-filled City of El Cerrito's July 4th Celebration on Sunday, July 4, 2010, Cerrito Vista Park, Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Visit the hundreds of booths for arts and crafts, information from local organizations and plenty of food! The El Cerrito Archiving Project will sell DVD's of Green and White: The Gaucho Story, as well as ECHS memorabilia.

Memorial for ECHS 9/11 Victims

The Archiving Project would like to include in the school's museum the names of those El Cerrito High School graduates who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

If you may know of someone who died during those terrorist attacks, please submit their name and date of graduation to jsbayat1@comcast.net.

Follow up Links

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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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