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# ECHS Archiving Project Newsletter

**Newsletter Issue XL**

**December 2014**

## Gauche News

### President's Message

#### Hale Roach Papers

#### The Name Game

#### New Gifts

#### Newly Donated Poster

#### Update...The New Field

#### Hall of Fame Class #4

#### Reunion Updates

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -December 2014

On behalf of the Archiving Project members I want to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season!

It is my privilege to introduce and welcome two new members to our group. Sammy Burns, track and football star, class of 1971 and Kent Sanctuary, class of 1964.

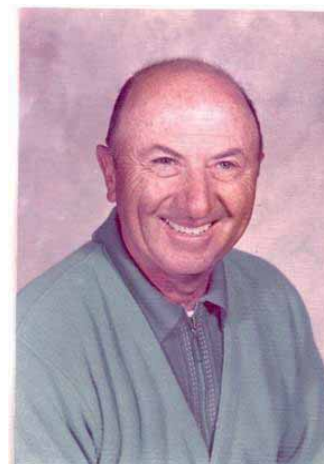
Kent edited and produced the ECHS DVD - "Green & White - The Gauche Story."

Don't forget to check out the list of items that the Archiving Project is selling. Great for Holiday gifts! Money earned goes for student scholarships

## Coach Hale Roach's papers.

From the first of the school opening in 1942 until 1972, Coach Hale Roach kept a complete history of the school's athletic program. The collection includes well-organized and preserved scrapbooks for each year with newspaper clippings and pictures of the Relay queens and athletics.

Papers donated from Mike Roach, Coach Roach's son and the Roach family.



### Contents

- Scrap Book with 1942-1944 Football pictures and press clippings, 1942-1943
- Basketball pictures and press clippings, 1944 Baseball, 1944 Track and Field
- First graduating class of El Cerrito January 1944 and second graduating class June 1944
- Scrap Book 1947-1948 Football and Track
- Scrap Book 1945-1946 Football and Track
- Scrap Book 1946- 1947 Football and Track
- Scrap Book 1948- 1949 Football (New Stadium Opening) and Track
- Scrap Book 1968 El Cerrito Relays and Track team
- Various envelopes of different years from 1942 to 1972, pictures and press clippings, the 1948-49 envelope has the pictures and program from opening night of the new stadium.

## Naming of Spaces Update

One purpose of the ECHS Archiving Project is to preserve the history of El Cerrito High. The buildings may be new, but the time spent here on the same acreage is full of memories. For the students now attending ECHS, there is no reminder of the rich history of the school and the dedicated people who started many outstanding programs. By attaching names of some of these wonderful, productive people to objects or rooms at the school, we hope to memorialize and share some of their great

and expenses for care of  
the Museum.  
Cheers for 2015!

Sincerely,  
Jackie Fleming Fonken,  
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## Upcoming Events

- Grand Opening  
for the Athletic  
Stadium -TBD

accomplishments.

To accomplish this, the Archiving Board members notified the alumnae of what we were trying to do and asked for their opinions and suggestions via a survey in our online newsletter. The results of the survey were tabulated and the Committee chose the following honorees:

Press box - Sandy Berman  
Theater - Dr. Sam Elkind  
Track - Coach Hale Roach  
Football field - Coach Frank Milo

A presentation was made to the WCCUSD School Board members on July 9, 2014. All members of the School Board seemed very positive and said the next step was to determine the cost of appropriate signage. But a public meeting was set for October 21, 2014, at the school, where we learned that some people disagree with our selections. The main area of contention is attaching a name to the ECHS Performing Arts Theater. A few students and teachers expressed their feelings about not putting any one person's name on the title of the theater. At the end of the meeting it was determined by Superintendent Bruce Harter that another meeting will be held so that others at the school can voice their opinion. After a few attempts I discovered that a meeting will be scheduled after the first of the year to allow others at the school to express their feeling about the issue.

Stay tuned - we will let you know when the next meeting is scheduled. We hope you will come out to support our position. Or let me know your thoughts on this at  
- j\_fonken@hotmail.com

Jackie Fonken, President

## Website Link: items for sale

## Quick Links

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Fame](#)



**Coach  
Quirico's**

## 2014 Holiday Gift Idea!

**Pencils . . . . . 2/\$1.00**  
**Pens . . . . . 2/\$1.00**  
**Pins . . . . . \$1.00**  
**School Photos . . . . . \$1.00**  
**Book Marks . . . . . \$3.00**

### DVD's -

**"Green & White/The Gaucho Story" \$15.00**  
**ECHS Bags . . . . . \$10.00**  
**Reunion Bags . . . . . \$5.00**  
**License Plate Frames . . . \$10.00 ea or 2 for \$15.00**

## Corner

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Hall of Fame  
2014 Inductions  
Sunday, November  
9, 2014

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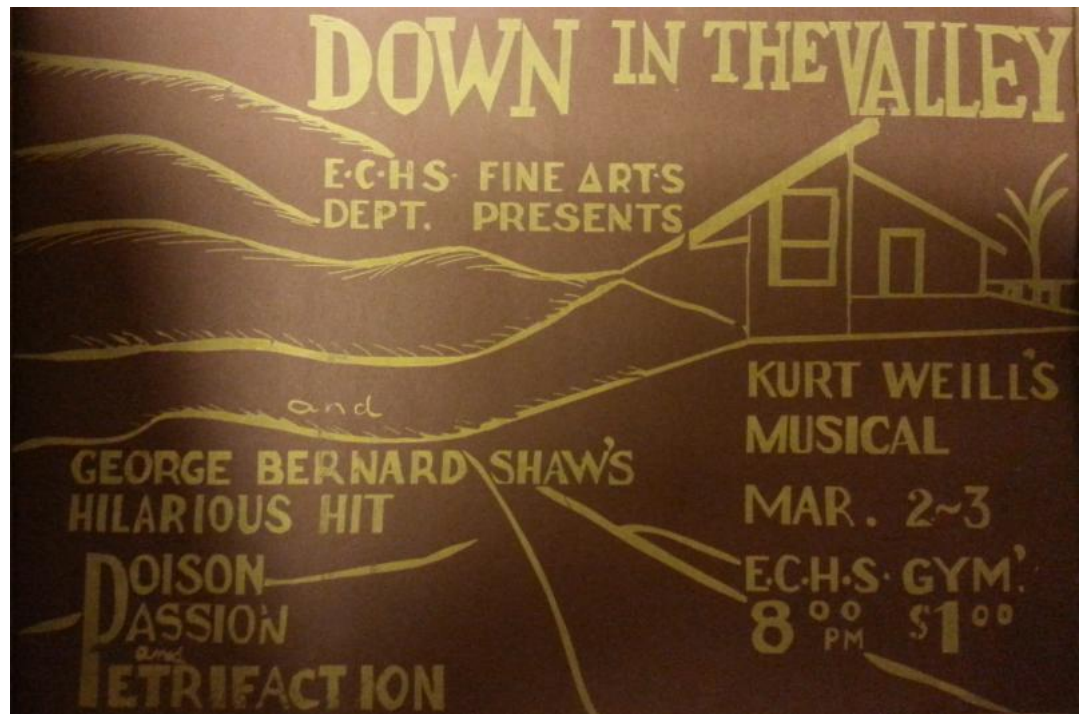
## Take a Look!!



[Old and new, updated  
pictures of ECHS.](#)



## Performing Arts Poster



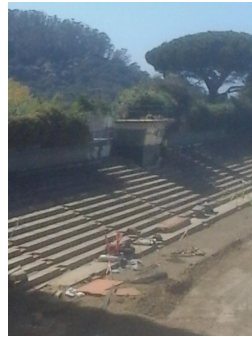
Dan Earl, Class of '61, donated a performing arts poster advertising a rare

dual-bill evening of plays- "Down in the Valley," a Kurt Weill musical, and "Poison, Passion and Petrification," a comedy by George Bernard Shaw.

Directing the 1961 Fine Arts Dept. productions were Sam Elkind, Donald Headley and John Overholtzer. Dan Earl was a cast member in "Down in the Valley."

If anyone knows who designed or painted the artwork on the poster, please let us know by emailing Archiving Committee member Lynn Maack at [l.maack@comcast.net](mailto:l.maack@comcast.net).

## Updated ECHS Field facilities



For more information about the Grand Opening of the Athletic Fields, please contact Roddy Lee at [ECArchProject@aol.com](mailto:ECArchProject@aol.com)



**Athletic Hall of Fame Class 2014**

### **Hall-of-Fame Recap.**

**On Sunday, November 9, 2014, El Cerrito High School inducted the class of**

**2014 into its Athletic Hall of Fame. This is the fourth class to be inducted into the Hall.**

**More than 350 people attended the Hall of Fame ceremony in the new gymnasium. Photographs and newspaper articles were displayed on storyboards in the foyer.**

**Included in the 350 guests, were 26 Hall of Fame athletes and coaches.**

**Twenty five athletes, one coach, one special category, and three athletic teams were inducted into the Hall. Twenty one of 27 inductees attended the ceremony.**

**All in all, there were an outstanding group of athletes. Three former NFL players Jamir Miller, Lamont Thompson, and Terrell Roberts, and one NBA player Andrew Gooden, who is still playing in the NBA (Washington Wizards).**

**We had five outstanding female athletes inducted into the Hall. One female athlete was the Jackie Robinson of girls' ECHS athletics, Rose Aguilar, class of 1975. A real pioneer.**

**Everyone who attended the event had a great time, and we are all looking forward to the next one in 2016.**

**Larry Quirico, Chair  
ECHSAHOF committee**

#### **INDUCTEES 1944 - 2000**

Steve Werren	Student Supervisor & Coach
Chris Huber	Basketball Coach

Ken Butler	1947	Football, Basketball, Track
Sal Tedesco	1947	Football, Track
Eurael Bell	1957	Football, Basketball, Track
Charles Booth	1962	Track
Craig Lusiani	1967	Football, Basketball, Baseball
Rose Aguilar	1975	Tennis, Softball
Marc Covert	1979	Football, Soccer, Track
Ted Perkins	1979	Football, Baseball
Tom Purvis	1982	Football, Track
Terry Brown	1983	Baseball
Thomas Gary	1985	Football



Karryl Smith	1985	Basketball, Softball
Marissa Gardella	1988	X-Country, Track
Sam Bernstein	1989	Football, Baseball
Quentin Youngblood	1989	Basketball
Will Petzel	1990	Basketball, Baseball
Jamir Miller	1991	Football, Track
Jennifer Smith	1992	Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
Raymond King	1995	Basketball
Donnie Davis	1997	Football, Basketball, Baseball
Lamont Thompson	1997	Football
Terrell Roberts	1999	Football
Andrew Gooden	1999	Basketball
Haley Jones	2000	Volleyball, Soccer, Softball
David Rose	2000	Football, Baseball

1955 Baseball Team	First Championship in the History of the School
1962 Boys' Track Team	Northern California Champions
1987 Girls' Basketball Team	League Champions, 29-2 Record, Most wins in girls' Basketball History

[Reunion Information](#)  
[Reviews and updates](#)

Class of 2005--10 year  
Class of 1995--20 year  
Class of 1985--30 year  
Class of 1975--40 year  
Class of 1965--50 year

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[ECHS Website Link to All Reunions](#)

## Executive Board

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Member - Sam Burns, '71  
Kent Sanctuary, '64

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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