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## El Cerrito High School Archiving Project Newsletter, VII

*Mission Statement*

September 2006

### Gauchos!

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.

Roddy Lee, Class of 67



### Reunion Contacts:

*List Your Class*

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## Bricks

### *Want to Buy a Brick?*

Support Grad Night 2007 and the EC Archiving Committee and be Part of ECHS Gaucha History You are invited to support our school and commemorate the rebuilding of El Cerrito High School by purchasing an inscribed brick that will adorn the new building. Surprise your child, honor a family member, memorialize a graduation, recognize a special teacher or just enjoy the sight of your name or your child's name on our new campus. Orders will be accepted on a first come, first served basis- do not let this opportunity pass you by! We are asking for a \$50.00 donation for each brick. Each brick can be inscribed with up to 3 lines of text. Each line is limited to 20 Characters including spaces and punctuation. Families may buddy up and purchase a single brick together. Text is subject to reasonable approval. Make checks payable to ECHS Grad Night. Place this order form and your check in the school office or mail to Grad Night Brick Fundraising c/o 467 Carlston Street, Richmond, CA 94805 For more information, contact Judy Sanders (510) 236-3989. Your donation may be tax deductible.



### Bricks for sale

## Oral History Information

Oral History Information The Oral History Project has been working to record the oral history of students, teachers, administrators and others connected to El Cerrito High School. The goal of the project is to record interviews and create DVDs that can be enjoyed by future generations at ECHS. We are looking for volunteers to help interview and record the histories, as well as interviewers and interviewees. What better way to remember the old times than out of the mouths of those who were there! If you're interested in being involved in this interesting project, contact Janet Abelson at [abeljanet@aol.com](mailto:abeljanet@aol.com) or 510-525-7709. Janet Abelson, Parent of ECHS graduates - classes of '92, '94, '96, and '98 and current student - class of '06

## El Cerrito High School Souvenirs

### *Great for Reunions*

Commemorative T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Postcards and Mousepads. Get your official ECHS archiving gear printed with a 3-color rendering of El Cerrito High School's original campus. If you missed your opportunity to purchase a shirt during the Wrecking Ball weekend here is your second chance to collect more memories. Show up to your next reunion sporting this special t-shirt or sweatshirt. Might as well drop a postcard to your classmates saying you'll be there as well. Proudly click over your Alma Mater mousepad, or send some off to your alumni pals. Go Gauchos! All products are available at our online store. Just go to <http://www.cafepress.com/echarchiveproj> and follow the prompts! All proceeds go to the ECHS Archiving Project.



### Cafe Press

## Past Principal Portraits

We have the large hallway portraits of the past principals, and would like to give them to relatives or other 'near and dear' folks. Could you please contact me if you or your folks are interested in retrieving these portraits. Thanks Susan Yourd. 510/524-4782, [RonYourd@aol.com](mailto:RonYourd@aol.com)



## GREEN & WHITE: The Gaucho Story"

The long awaited DVD edition of "GREEN & WHITE: The Gaucho Story" is planned to be released in December, 2006. This documentary video, which was first shown at the 2005 ECHS Farewell weekend, is being extended to more than twice as long, with added stories from former faculty and principals, a special message from Mr. Rhea, and footage of the Farewell Weekend and demolition of the school. For those who have not already purchased a DVD,

copies will be available for \$25 each. Ordering information will be available when the video is released.

## ECHS ARCHIVING PROJECT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

ANOTHER FIRST---ECHS ARCHIVING PROJECT AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS The Archiving Project continues to make history! Three \$1,000.00 scholarships were proudly presented graduating seniors last May, 2006. Congratulations to Alba Basurto, Cassandra Chu, and Marika Johnson! Alba and Cassandra will attend a UC Campus, and Marika is now attending Diablo Valley College. All are first generation college bound students. We wish them the best as they pursue higher education! Thank you to the selection committee members for contributing and participating in launching this inaugural year: Lu Tipping, Renee Stanley, Howard Mackey, Joann Steck-Bayat, Gregg Mayer, Bobbi Griggs, and Mike Aaronian.

## Do you remember?

Do you remember? Periodically, this newsletter will ask the readership for background 'clues' to items that were found at the school where there is little or no historical data. If you can fill us in with facts or, yes, even tall tales or legends, we will include that on the Archive catalog. The four foot round mosaic pictured here was found buried in an outside closet in the main school building. It is a perfectly preserved picture of a gaucho's head. There is not one piece of mosaic tile missing. We have received a number of ideas about the origin but nothing concrete. Do you remember seeing this piece of artwork? Where was it hung? Who or what class designed and made it? What year was it created? Who was the teacher responsible for this project? In about one month this will be displayed at Jenny K's Gifts on Stockton St. in El Cerrito. Pass any info about this mosaic to jsbayat@comcast.net. We'll pass the scoop on in the next newsletter.



## In Memoriam

*Sandy Berman*

Sanford "Sandy" Berman

Sanford "Sandy" Berman Resident of Richmond Died on July 12, 2006, at 72 years of age. Sandy is survived by his wife Catherine, his children Janice and Glenn, and his grandchildren Alexis and Laurel. No services to be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Gaucher Foundation (National Gaucher Foundation, 61 General Early Drive, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425) or El Cerrito High School (540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito CA 94530). Arrangements by Neptune Society of No. CA, 925- 944-5100. Published in the Contra Costa Times on 7/20/2006.

The Alumni Newsletter is starting a new column that will pass on news of alumni and staff who have passed away. Please submit any news of this nature to Editor Roddy Lee. lcp1967@aol.com.

## Newsletter Subscribers

New sletter Subscribers Increasing! Last month, the Archive Committee sent out over 300 postcards to ECHS alumni and supporters who had given us their address but not their email address. We received a tremendous response. We now have added over 200 new email addresses to our new sletter distribution list of 1700! Thank you for giving us your email addresses. Hey, why not pass our new sletter on to other ECHS supporters and ask if they want to subscribe, too! Email [info@new echs.org](mailto:info@new echs.org) or [ECarchives@aol.com](mailto:ECarchives@aol.com) to get on the distribution list!

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