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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

The photograph below appeared in the April 11, 1935 edition of Riverside Junior College’s “Arroyo” student newspaper. It was taken by the March Field Photographic Squadron. By this time the Quadrangle was three quarters finished. Wheelock Stadium and Gym were also built. However the name “Wheelock” was not attached to the area until 1937 when “Wheelock Field” was dedicated to former Riverside Superintendent of Schools, Arthur N. Wheelock. The wooded area in the lower left hand corner is the current location of Early Childhood Studies. The wooded area behind Old Poly High is where the Lovekin Complex, Huntley Gym, Maintenance/Operations, Cosmetology and the Technology Buildings are located today. To the right of Wheelock Gym and below the Quad can be seen a giant “R” which existed from the 1920’s until the 1970’s when it was removed for construction of the Ceramics Building.

Next week, late 1950’s aerial photographs of the campus.

It is 4 years and 36 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13. 2016.

The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC’s 100th Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

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