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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

World class entertainers are no strangers to the stage of Riverside City College’s Landis Performing Arts Center. Just last December 2010, Broadway legend Tommy Tune performed before an appreciative audience. But 40 years earlier, in 1970, a young British performer by the name of Elton John was making his first tour of the United States. He made a stop at RCC and played before a crowd of not quite 1000 (Landis’ capacity then was around 1350). Opening acts were Gene Redding and a group by the name of American Eagle. In the first photo box below, Tommy Tune is seen in a picture taken by Performance Riverside photographer Ralph Ybarra. The Elton John photo, taken by John Mullany, and the review in photo box two are reproduced from the November 20, 1970 issue of the “Tiger Times” student newspaper.
It is 4 years and 16 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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