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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

This is Homecoming Week at Riverside City College. There will be numerous activities leading up to the 6 pm Football game at Wheelock Field on Saturday November 12th between the RCC Tigers and the Southwestern Jaguars. The football team will be attempting to finish the regular season with a perfect record of 10 wins and 0 losses. RCC's football team will also be attempting to extend its current winning streak to 18 games over the past two seasons. But what was Homecoming like in RCC's past, let's say 1954? A look at the 1955 *"Tequesquite"* yearbook reveals what was going on.

First of all, there were floats and a parade thru downtown Riverside. The floats were built by the college's fraternities, sororities, clubs and organizations. The photo box below shows some of those constructions. For the best float, it was a tie for first place between the float on the upper left corner (a joint project of Kappa Upsilon and Gamma Nu) and the float on the upper right hand corner (built by the Junior Lions). The float in the middle won an honorable mention for Delta Chi Delta.



And a Homecoming without a Queen and her court is unthinkable. A Delta Chi Delta pledge, Nancy Rae, was elected 1954 Queen.



CANDIDATES — What's an event without a queen and what better support for a candidate than club sponsorship. Above are club choices for Homecoming Queen. Around the circle are Louise Love Hildebrandt, Nancy Rae (the winner), Marilyn Thomas, Ginger Smith, and Carol Yohonn.

MEET THE QUEEN- Nancy Rae, Delta Chi Delta pledge, was crowned queen at half-time celebrations.

The College Band played during the game and at halftime, under the direction of Evan Vail (Music Faculty, Counseling and Administration 1950-1992). Vail is seen in the band photo with his left arm upraised. And to make it a perfect evening, the Tiger football team defeated the Santa Ana Dons 25 to 0. The Head Coach was Nate DeFrancisco (RCC Physical Education-Administration 1950-90). His Assistant Coaches were Dr. Paul Roby (Life Sciences-Administration 1951-1992) and Tony Steponovich (Physical Education 1939-71). The article from the November 10th 1954 "Tiger Times" reports the game results.



Paul Roby **Nate DeFrancisco** **Tony Steponovich**

Passes Hurt Don in 25-0 RC Blanking

The Tigers tucked away their third conference win Friday by downing the Santa Ana Dons, 25-0 before a Homecoming crowd of 3,000.

Scoring all their points in the first half, the Tigers managed to fumble the ball five times during the evening, thus stretching to three weeks, the length of time the Tigers have not looked as good as they might have.

The crushing offense of the Bengals accounted for a mighty total of minus 16 yards gained on the ground. However, the passing of Tom Eicketts kept the team's head above water and brought the total offense count up to 188 yards.

The Tigers' first score of the night came five minutes into the contest. End Bob England, who saw action for the first time this year, blocked a quick kick attempt on the Don 17 and then pounced on the kicker with the ball in the end zone. The Tigers led, 2-0.

It is 4 years and 18 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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