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Countdown to Riverside City College’s 100th Anniversary

Riverside City College’s A.G. Paul Quadrangle is a landmark as affirmed by the City of Riverside’s Cultural Heritage Board (CHB). The CHB is a nine-member volunteer citizen body appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The group was established under the City’s Cultural Resources Ordinance. At least two of the nine CHB members must be appointed from among professionals in fields or disciplines related to historical preservation. To date, the CHB has designated 116 City landmarks and 11 historical districts. The Quadrangle has been designated Cultural Heritage Board Landmark #48.

Below is a photo of the plaque that is mounted next to the western entrance to the Quad.

Below is an aerial photo of the Quadrangle as it looked around the time the plaque was dedicated. Note the two buildings seen in the lower left hand corner of the picture. The Auditorium and (behind it) the Outdoor Stage were demolished in 1968. The structures that took their place (in 1971) were razed in 2005 for the building that stands in that area today. The photo is from the 1954 “Tequesquite” yearbook.
It is 3 years and 12 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016. Due to the holidays, the “Countdown” series will be on a two-week hiatus. The next “Countdown” will appear on January 7, 2013.

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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