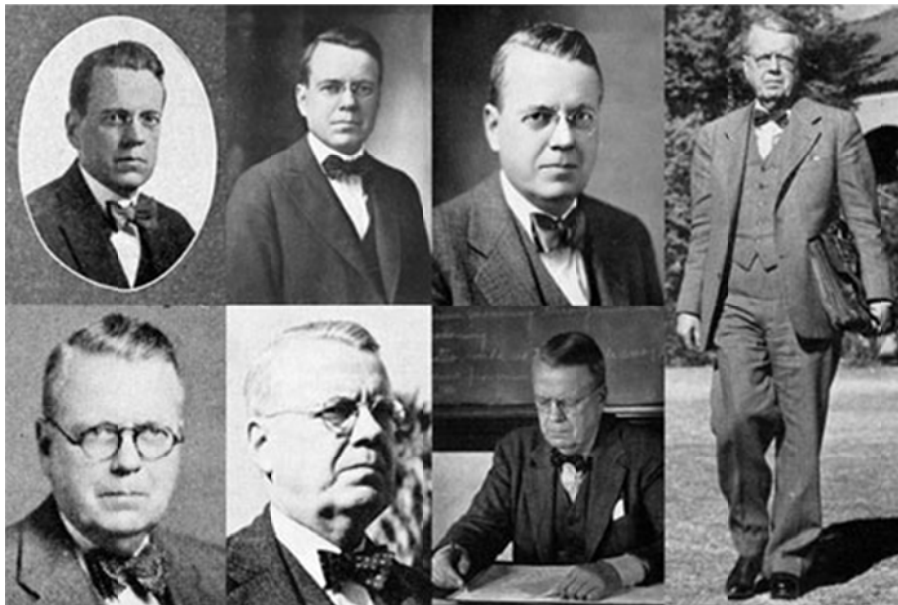


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### Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

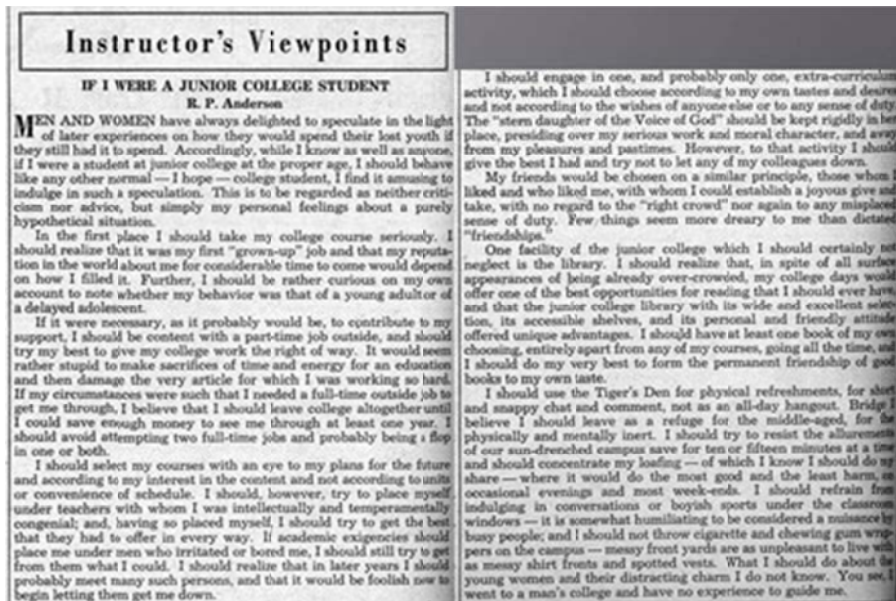
Robert Patton Anderson was a graduate of Princeton University of the Ivy League. He was one of the charter faculty members of Riverside Junior College in 1916 and was the last of the original teaching staff to retire in 1950. For his first 15 years at RJC, he was the sole member of the English department. He taught at the college for some 35 years.

Despite R.P. Anderson's rather stern appearance in the series of photos below, he was a beloved instructor. The 1939 *"Tequesquite"* yearbook described him as *"affable and sympathetic, with graying hair, twinkling blue eyes and a delightful sense of humor. His course on a survey of English literature is ever popular with the students and he lectures to full classes each year. In addition he teaches Advanced Composition, which is mainly short story writing."*



In the late 1930's, Riverside Junior College's *"Arroyo"* student newspaper ran a series of *"Instructor's Viewpoints"* columns giving RJC Professors a chance to express their opinions to the college community. Below is R.P. Anderson's column from February 8, 1939 entitled "If I Were A Junior College Student". An example of his commentary is his rather non-committal advice to male students about the female students of RJC:

*"What I should do about the young women and their distracting charm I do not know. You see I went to a man's college and have no experience to guide me."*



It is 3 years and 42 weeks until RCC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

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

Our thanks go to the RCC Digital Library Archives and the District's Office of Strategic Communications and Relations for allowing us to use their photo and newspaper collections. Thanks as well to all of the RCC students and Faculty Advisors that were a part of the yearbook and newspaper staffs. Thanks also to Tom Johnson and Gilbert Jimenez who wrote "the book" about RCC's history. "Riverside City College 1916-1981- A 65 Year History" is available in the RCC Digital Library.

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