This serene scene appeared in the 1940 Riverside Junior College “Tequesquite” yearbook. It is the first color photo of students to appear in the publication. It was taken in the RJC Quadrangle facing the southeast corner. To the right center of the photo, can be seen the Quad sundial on its pedestal. A man wearing a suit has his left hand on the gnomon. There are obviously more female than male students in 1940 but in less than two years, male students became almost nonexistent.

The entrance of the United States into World War II in December of 1941 dropped the number of male students to almost nothing. The photo below, from the 1944 “Tequesquite” yearbook, is the RJC Class of that year. There were sixteen members of this class, five of which were missing from this photo. This photo was also taken in the Quadrangle (from the opposite direction of the color photo) facing the northern corridor. The cement benches on the right side of the color photo can be seen in the left background of the black and white photo.

It is 3 years and 48 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.
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