Rationing during World War II, made rubber automobile tires a precious commodity. Riverside Junior College students previously driving to work often had to find alternative ways of getting to school. Seventy years ago this week, the March 20, 1942 edition of RJC’s “Arroyo” student newspaper ran a photo and story of how one student dealt with this shortage. Sophomore Harry Irwin made his 5-mile journey to RJC atop his horse “Little John”. He then tethered the horse to a hitching rail in front of the Quadrangle’s Tigers Den and went to class. Needless to say this caused a minor sensation on campus with students patting “Little John’s” nose as they passed him by. No mention was made in the article as to whose responsibility it was to clean up after the horse following its all-day Quad vigil. Irwin’s alternate transportation idea worked fine until weather turned chilly in the fall. The December 14, 1942 “Arroyo” ran a story where he said he had had enough of riding in the cold and declared he would rather walk to college than to brave the wintry wind blasts on the back of a shivering steed.
It is 3 years and 51 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

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