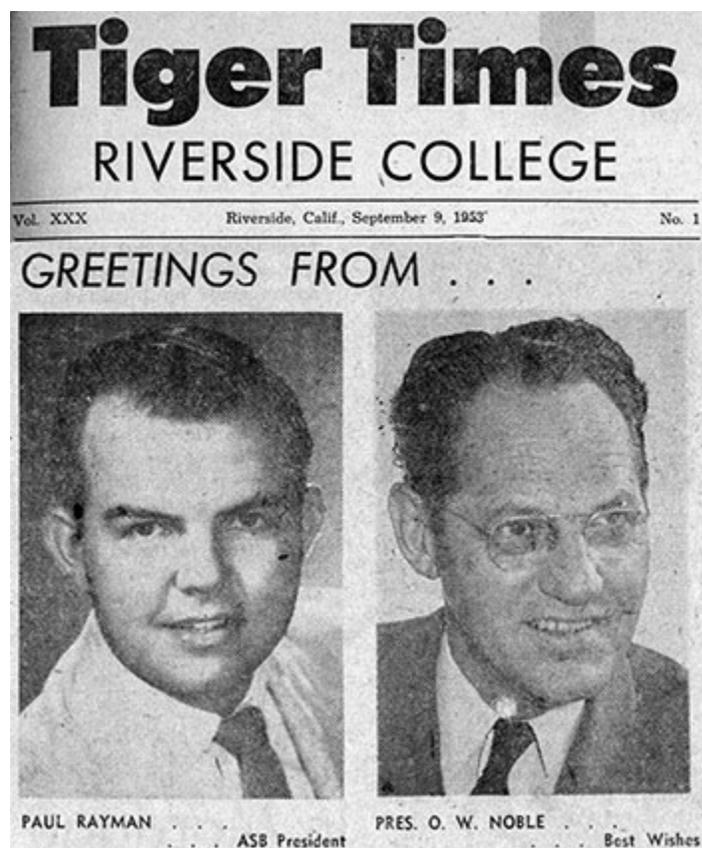


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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

This week Riverside City College opens for its 98th fall semester. Sixty years ago, RCC (then known as Riverside College) opened for its 38th fall semester. The September 9, 1953 edition of the "Tiger Times" student newspaper welcomed students with the following news items.

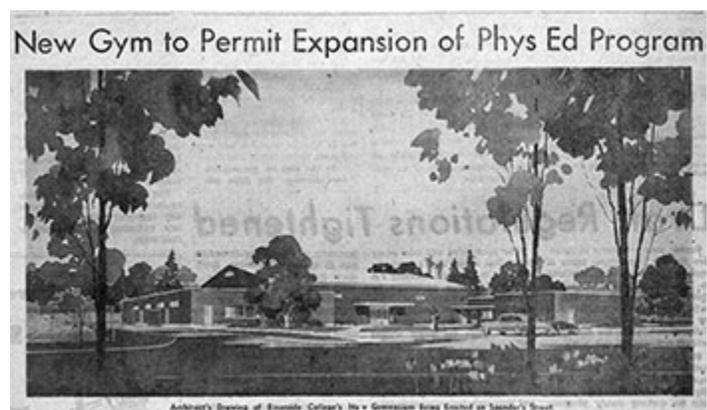


First of all, there were "greetings" from two Presidents. ASB President Paul Rayman said: *"It's really nice to see the old College coming back to life again. The janitors have been wiping off three months accumulation of dust and getting everything in tip top shape for us. More important than the buildings, however, are you, the Student Body. New and old students alike must work together to form a school spirit that is unfailing, whether we are winning or losing, working or playing. In order to do this, we must do our part. If there is any special thing you are interested in, don't hesitate in letting us know about it. If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak to some member of the Student Council. Whether your interest lies in student government, social activities, athletics, or any other field, there is a place for you at Riverside College."*

Riverside College President Orland William Noble said: *"In this issue of the Tiger Times you have visual evidence of the initiative and interest in the College of both students and faculty members. It took a lot of work to get this edition out ready to put in your hands during the registration period. The College expects to make many contributions to the intellectual and social welfare of its students. It is*

my hope that, in turn, all students will make some worthwhile positive contribution to the College. I wish to extend to you a most cordial welcome and my best wishes for a successful college year."

Below is an artist's rendition of the new College Gym (today known as the Catharine Huntley Gymnasium). In an article previewing the facility it was reported: *"Completion of the new College gymnasium this year will at last make it possible for RC to offer a full education program on the college level, reports Glenn Gilkeson, Director of Athletics. Located on Lovekin Field, the old football practice field, the new building will contain a full size basketball court which can be marked off in cross-floor basketball and badminton courts and a general purpose room suitable for modern dance, corrective exercises, social dancing and recreational games, or the showing of movies. Shower and rest room facilities for both men and women are so planned that they can be available without opening the rest of the building. Outside facilities will include tennis courts, handball courts, and a practice field to be located on the site of the old eucalyptus grove. Availability of these new facilities will enable the College to extend its program of training in activities with a carry-over value in adult life, Gilkeson said."*



In the article below, students were told of a "Mixer" that was scheduled at 8:30pm the Friday before the start of classes. Held in the Quadrangle Pit, it was announced that one "Raoul Sanchez and his five piece band" would be providing the music. Students were to be given name tags to ease introductions. The announced activities were "mixers", "novelty dances", a 'square dance exhibition" and "regular ballroom dances". Candidates for "pompon girls" were to perform for the attendees and that same evening, an election was to be held to decide the members of the squad. Door prizes were donated by Riverside merchants and the raffle drawing was to be held at 11:30 pm. The refreshments included hot chocolate and cookies.

Mixer to Kick-off RC's Social Whirl

RC's social whirl begins this year with a mixer scheduled for 8:30 P. M. this Friday, even before classroom doors are opened.

Raoul Sanchez and his five piece band have been engaged to play for the affair, which will be held in the Pit. So that they can be given name tags, students are asked to enter the pit by the narrow stairs which lead into that area from opposite the entrance to the Cosmetology Department.

George Blatchford, social chairman, promises enough action to entertain the most blasé. There will be mixers, novelty dances, a square dance exhibition, and—oh yes—regular ballroom dancing.

As an added attraction, candidates for pompon girls and cheerleaders will demonstrate their prowess during the first intermission, and election for these positions will be held during a second break in the dancing.

Door prizes have been contributed by Hillmer's, Grayson's, Miller Co., Hosch's, Mode O'Day, McGrath-Olson, Gabriel's, and Sweet's. The drawing will be held at 11:30.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served for refreshments.

Among those most actively assisting Blatchford in making arrangements for the mixer have been Paul Rayman, Willa Thompson, and Larry Barrett.

For those students entering RC expecting attendance rules to be less stringent than those experienced in high school, the article below gave them a "reality check". In part, it said: *"You are expected to attend all of your classes regularly, Riverside College attendance regulations read. Excuses are granted only for illness or authorized school activity. It is the responsibility of each student to file an excuse in the Main Office immediately on his return to the campus after an absence caused by illness. Excuses for activity-caused absence must be requested in advance by the instructor or advisor concerned and approved by the dean. Students are warned that they may be tentatively dropped from a course after they have accumulated four absences, whether or not those absences have been excused. Failure to do so will result in the tentative drop being made effective and the student will receive an "F" in the course involved."*

Attendance Regulations Reviewed

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Students who receive drop notices are cautioned to check carefully the procedure for reinstatement. Failure to do so will result in the tentative drop being made effective, and the student will receive an F in the course involved.

Welcome everyone to RCC's fall semester 2013.

It is 2 years and 28 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.

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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