Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

Christmas 1963 (Part Two): The December 19, 1963 issue of “The Tiger Talk” student newspaper reported that RCC singing group The Vocalaires, an instrumental ensemble and a dance group performed at Twin Pines Boys Ranch. Additionally, The Vocalaires also went caroling in downtown Riverside of Friday December 13th and performed at the Masonic Temple on December 16th. The newspaper also reported that the nursing students of the Kappa Kappa Chi sorority visited Riverside Hospitals on the 18th to sing Christmas carols through the corridors. The newspaper article (see below) said “All the students wore their official uniforms while they brought joy to the confined patients. After the caroling, the student nurses had a social hour, where they enjoyed refreshments and good conversation.” Below left are photos of the student nurses seen in the 1964 “Tequesquite” yearbook. The text that accompanied these photos read: “THE NURSES – A large membership and a busy calendar of activities made Kappa Kappa Chi one of RCC’s most important organizations this year. Highlighting their program were trips to Rancho Los Amigos and the UCLA Medical Center and attendance at various educational films and lectures. RCC’s fine Nursing program has brought many of these women to the college and therefore, to membership in Kappa Kappa Chi. It serves a useful purpose in coordinating the nursing activities with campus life.”

The RCC Christmas Assembly was held on December 20, 1963 in the Quadrangle’s Little Theater. This performance space was formerly located in the corner of the Quadrangle where the Art Gallery is today. Among the performers were an instrumental ensemble, dancing groups, the choir and singing group “The Vocalaires”. The dancers performed to the music “Jingle Bells”, “Thirty-Two Feet” and “Calypso Carol”. Specialty student numbers included “Christmas Carol” by Beverly Linrud and two numbers from the “Nutcracker”, “Chinese Dance” with Ingrid Walker and Melinda Connel plus “Sugar Plum Fairy” danced by Ce Kazmire. “The Vocalaires” are seen below in a photo from the December 19, 1963 “Tiger Times”.

Nurses Sing At Hospitals
The spirit and inspiration of Christmas were brought to the patients of all the local hospitals by the professional student nurses of Kappa Kappa Chi last night when they sang carols through the corridors. All the students wore their official uniforms while they brought joy to the confined patients. After the caroling, the student nurses had a social hour, where they enjoyed refreshments and good conversation.
The Christmas Wassail was held in the Quadrangle as can be seen in the two photos below from the 1964 "Tequesquite" yearbook.

On Thursday December 19th and Friday December 20th the Sigma Phi Kappa sorority was selling Christmas candy canes. RCC students could buy one candy cane for ten cents or two for fifteen cents. The Sigma Phi Kappa sorority had a busy year of activity. At Homecoming, they sold mum corsages. At Christmas, besides the candy cane sale, they gave a party for children at Matthews Cottage. The sorority was the campus sponsor for the RCC baseball team and held a dinner for the team members at the end of the season. The sorority members seen below are: (top row) Janet Roddy, Francis Harvey, Carol Phelps, Sandra Udell and Eileen Boyer (bottom row) Joan Mansfield, Cathy Culbertson, Cheri Dalhms, Lynne Skaug and Linda Pierce.
Below is an editorial and photo that appeared in the December 19, 1963 “Tiger Times”.

It is 2 years and 9 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.

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