The first semester at UCR

February 1954
Are there other charter students here?

• I need you to keep this honest--in 57 years things can slip!
Concrete evidence of the first 127 students.

- Walks were packing crates and concrete walks were not installed until after the rain and muddy season.
The early campus

- Webber Hall
- Physical Science
- Library
- Humanities and Social Science
- Physical Education
My introduction to UCR

• A visit to campus and a job offer
The Student Body and Early Faculty

- 127 students
- 50 faculty members
The first physics classes

• 2nd semester first year physics
• Upper division E&M
The first Summer--the Division Grows

- Geology added.
- Chemistry gets larger.
Thoughts about the future of High School Physics

UC and UCR involvement
My early interest in being a science teacher

• Either Chemistry or Physics
The California Teach Program (SMI)

• UC program introduced in 2005 for undergraduate STEM students
• K-12 school experiences
UCR involvement in High School Physics Teaching

- Past and present involvement
The future of Physics Education in the US

- Where are scientists coming from?
- Don’t fail to encourage a future physics teacher.