The Finding Aid of the Pepperdine University Archaeological Survey and Excavation Collection 0114

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Abstract: In 1970, UCLA Archaeologist John Beaton and his team surveyed the site that would become Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. They excavated a rock shelter at Winter Canyon that uncovered 597 artifacts which were catalogued and returned to Pepperdine in 1971. The collection includes memoranda, correspondence, and notes regarding the excavation, as well as some of the artifacts discovered.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Archaeologist John M. Beaton and his crew uncovered 597 artifacts. They returned the artifacts to Pepperdine University in August, 1971. The artifacts remained in the Provost’s office for a short time before they were transferred to the Natural Science Division. On March 25, 2013, the artifacts were transferred to Special Collections and University Archives.

Historical note
Before preparation could begin on the construction of Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, the site had to be surveyed for possible Native American habitation. UCLA Archaeologist John Beaton and his team surveyed the site during the summer of 1970. They excavated a rock shelter at the mouth of Winter Canyon (which extends up from the Seaver Drive entry) and discovered 13th century remains of intertidal shellfish, pelagic fishes, sea mammals, land mammals, birds, plants, and the special stone and bone tools associated with the processing and consumption of the resources. Altogether, Beaton and his team catalogued 597 artifacts, which they returned to Pepperdine in August, 1971.

Scope and Content
The collection includes memoranda, correspondence, and notes regarding an excavation led by UCLA Archaeologist John Beaton and his team during the summer of 1970, of what would become Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. The collection also includes some of the remains uncovered during the excavation.

Processing Information note
The collection was arranged and described by Katie Richardson in July, 2013.

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