The Finding Aid of the David Davenport Papers 0020

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Abstract: The collection contains papers from David Davenport's time as president of Pepperdine University from 1985 to 2000, and includes earlier items from the president's office beginning in 1968. The collection contains donor files and subject/correspondence files on various topics. Items include mainly correspondence, photographs, and other printed materials such as brochures and reports.
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
The exact date of acquisition is unknown, but it is likely the material was transferred at the conclusion of David Davenport's tenure as president of Pepperdine University in 2000.

Biographical note
David Davenport's tenure at Pepperdine University lasted from 1980 to 2008. He was a law and public policy professor, general counsel to the university, executive vice president, and the sixth president of the university.
He grew up in Overland Park, Kansas. He attended Stanford University for his undergraduate work in international relations, and interned two summers in Washington D.C., serving on the staff of Senator Robert Dole and later in the Executive Office of the White House. After graduating from Stanford University, he attended the University of Kansas for his law degree, earning national and international awards in the moot court competition. He was elected to the Order of the Coif and was an editor on the Kansas Law Review.
Davenport met his future wife, Sally Nelson, at Kansas' Overland Park Church of Christ, while he served as youth minister. They attended the University of Kansas together while he studied law and she completed her undergraduate degree in graphic design. In 1977 following graduation, the couple married on August 13, 1977, and moved to San Diego where David started work in corporate litigation for the San Diego law firm of Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye.
While in San Diego, Davenport took a year leave of absence from the law firm to fill a temporary ministerial vacancy at the nearby El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ. During that year, Pepperdine came to his attention and he accepted an assistant professorship at Pepperdine's School of Law in 1980. One year later, he was named general counsel for the University and promoted to associate professor. In 1983, he was named executive vice president.
In 1985, Davenport was selected by the Board of Regents as the sixth president of Pepperdine University. He was 34 years old when he was inaugurated and had the distinction of being one of the youngest college presidents in the country at the time (Hugh Tiner and William Banowsky, other past Pepperdine presidents, did as well). His inaugural address, Lighting the Way, was given on October 21, 1985.
Davenport took part in multiple fundraising campaigns at Pepperdine, including the Wave of Excellence campaign, and the Challenged to Lead campaign from 1992 to 2000. With his leadership, the campaigns increased Pepperdine’s endowment from $56 million in 1986 to more than $386 million in 2000.
During Davenport's time as president, many projects were undertaken, including the completion of the Thornton Administrative Center and major expansion of Payson Library; implementation of an overseas study program in Florence, Italy; the establishment of a doctor of psychology degree program and a Malibu M.B.A. program; several major building projects that involved the expansion of the Natural Science, Communication, and Business Administration Divisions; and
the establishment of a fifth Pepperdine graduate school (the School of Public Policy) and its outreach arm, the Institute for Public Policy. One of the final tasks Davenport completed was the adoption of the mission statement of Pepperdine University.

Davenport stepped down after 15 years as President in 2000. To honor his achievements, the University endowed (with the help of regent Flora Laney Thornton and others) the David Davenport Institute for Public Policy. He then served as a Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Law at Pepperdine University from 2003 to 2008, and is now a research fellow and a counselor to the director of the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace at Stanford University.

**Scope and Content**
The collection contains papers from David Davenport's time as president of Pepperdine University from 1985 to 2000, and includes earlier items from the president's office beginning in 1968. The collection contains donor files on 11 donors and subject/correspondence files on various topics. The donor files primarily contain correspondence about gifts to Pepperdine University, but the folders also include photographs and other materials such as a partial construction layout plan of the Eddy D. Field Baseball Stadium. Some items in the donor files are dated before Davenport's presidency as a result of certain individuals' long history with Pepperdine University. The subject/correspondence files contain correspondence, brochures, photographs, and other printed material related to Davenport's interests in higher education, Pepperdine University, and Malibu.

**Arrangement**
The collection's contents have been kept within their original folder groupings. Original folder and series titles were used to describe the materials when the titles could be deciphered. Otherwise, folder and series titles were assigned based on the contents. Folders are arranged alphabetically within each series. The collection is arranged in two series:

- Series 1: Donor Files
- Series 2: Subject/Correspondence Files

**Processing Information note**
The collection was processed and described by Jamie Henricks in December 2011. The finding aid was updated by Katie Richardson in July, 2013.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
College presidents -- California -- Malibu
Brochures
Universities and colleges -- California -- Malibu -- History
Multiculturalism
Malibu (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century
Promotional films -- California -- Malibu
Real estate development -- California -- Malibu
Photographs
Correspondence
Publications
Pepperdine University
National School Safety Center (U.S.)
Pepperdine University. School of Public Policy
Hammer, Armand
Hahn, Kenneth
Getty, Gordon
Pepperdine University. Office of the President
Davenport, David -- Archives
Denney, Corwin (Corwin D.)
Dewey, Ray M.
Deukmejian, George
Di Loreto, Edward
Douglas, Ione
Eltinge, George
Field, Eddy D.
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Series 1: **Donor Files 1968-2000**

- Denney, Corwin 1977-1992
- Deukmejian, George 1983-1992
- Dewey, Ray 1985-1993
- Dewey, Ray and Christine Scholarship Fund 1986
- Di Loreto, Edward 1985-1997
- Douglas, Ione 1973-1999
- Eltinge, George 1991-1993
- Field, Eddy D. 1977-1994
- Getty, Gordon 1972-2000
- Hahn, Kenneth 1968-1992
- Hammer, Armand 1977-1989

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Series 2: **Subject/Correspondence Files 1987-1995**

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance 1991
- Articles by Davenport 1994-1998
- Christmas Greeting Cards
- Cultural Diversity and Minority Issues 1991-1992
- Cultural Enrichment Initiative 1991-1992
- Davenport Leaving Pepperdine 1999-2000
- Enrollment Profile 1993
- General Correspondence 1992-1995
- Higher Education Articles 1992
- Independent Colleges of Southern California 1989-1992
- KABC 1992
- Malibu (Pepperdine) Consumer Survey undated
- Malibu Times 1990-1991
- Master's in Science and Technology Management (MSTM) Program 1990-1992
- Media Contact Information 1987-1990
- National School Safety Center 1990
- On-campus Housing 1990
- Personnel Policies 1990
- Photographs, Slides, and Negatives- Davenport and White
- Photographs, Slides, and Negatives- Davenport (Black and White)
- Photographs, Slides, and Negatives- Davenport (Color Shots)
- Photographs, Slides, and Negatives- Davenport Family
- Photographs, Slides, and Negatives- Davenport, Sally
- Photographs, Slides, and Negatives- Inauguration 1985
- Planned Giving 1993
- Presidential Replacement Search 1999
- Promotional Videos 1990-1995
- Interview Film Summaries for *Challenged to Lead* Production 1994
- Public Service Announcement Video Production Notes 1990
- Rose Productions Promotional Videos 1993-1995
- Public Affairs Meetings 1992
- Public Relations Association of Southern California Colleges (PRASCC) Mini-Conference 1992
- Publication M&M in Action 1993 January
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