The Finding Aid of the Donald V. Miller Papers 0046

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The materials were collected by Donald V. Miller, and photocopies were given to Howard A. White in 1988. A note describing the context of the records was prepared by Howard White, and he turned the collection over to Harold Holland on August 16, 1988. Dr. David Baird later acquired the papers, with the addition of a 1998 explanation of events, and gave the materials to the University Archives.
Biographical note
Donald V. Miller was born on August 20, 1906, in Los Angeles. His parents were William Edgar and Emma Miller, and Donald was the third of four children (his siblings were Ada, Everett, and Haven). He received a business degree from the University of Washington and eventually was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Pepperdine University. He lived in and around Pasadena during the 1930s and held various bank jobs including being a teller and eventually the Vice President of United California Bank/First Interstate Bank until his retirement in 1971. He was an original member of the Board of Trustees at Pepperdine College, beginning in 1937. Donald was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Pepperdine College from 1956 to 1976. He continued serving as a member of the Board of Trustees until his death, and was also made a Life Regent of Pepperdine. Donald was involved in various organizations including being the past president of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and a member and once-director of the Tournament of Roses Association.
Donald married Louise Arnett (July 30, 1908-August 20, 1991), and they had two children, Marilyn Joyce (born on March 13, 1928) and Donna Louise (born on July 11, 1941). He died in Exeter, California, on February 23, 2004.
Scope and Content
The materials in this collection are photocopies of original correspondence, reports, and other items collected by Donald V. Miller, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Pepperdine College. The items are related to the change in administration in 1957 and 1958 at Pepperdine with the resignation of President Hugh M. Tiner, Dean of Students Earl V. Pullias, and other professors, and the hiring of new President M. Norvel Young.
The documents include letters of resignation; correspondence about the changes in campus administration and Pepperdine's relationship to the Churches of Christ; recommendations, memos, and reports from the Board of Trustees about the situation; newspaper clippings; and other items. The materials range from 1955 to 1998, but the bulk of the items date from 1957 and 1958.
Arrangement
Materials are arranged by topic, and all correspondence is arranged chronologically within each folder.
Related Archival Materials
Materials related to the change of administration in the 1957 and 1958 and the influence of the Churches of Christ on Pepperdine can be found in the M. Norvel and Helen Young papers, Earl Vivon Pullias papers, and the Howard A. White
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Processing Information note
The collection was arranged and described by Jamie Henricks in April 2012. Some collection information was taken from Howard A. White’s 1988 description of the collection. The finding aid was updated by Katie Richardson in July, 2013.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History
Reports
College presidents -- California -- Malibu
Correspondence
Universities and colleges -- Faculty
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Pepperdine University, Office of the President
Pepperdine University, Board of Trustees
Tiner, Hugh M. (Hugh Marvin)
Miller, Donald V.
Pullias, Earl Vivon
Young, M. Norvel (Matt Norvel)
Pepperdine College

box 1, folder 1  Collection Introductory Material 1988-1998
box 1, folder 2  Letter to Hugh Tiner from George Pepperdine (about how a potential college should be operated) 1937 March
box 1, folder 3  Student paper with administrator commentary (about student government and Religious Life Committee) 1957 April
box 1, folder 4  Board of Trustees Statement Regarding Change in Administration at Pepperdine College (regarding for Pullias’s resignation) [circa 1957]
box 1, folder 5  Report to Board of Trustees from President’s Committee 1957 June
box 1, folder 6  Memo to Board of Trustees from M. Norvel Young (regarding progress for the school year) 1957 August 29
box 1, folder 7  Draft of By-Law Amendments by the Board of Trustees undated
box 1, folder 8  Review by the Board of Trustees of Pepperdine College of the AAUP Pepperdine Chapter Report on the 1957/1958 Situation at Pepperdine College undated
box 1, folder 9  Making and Administering Institutional Policy excerpt and letter from Jimmy Lovell undated
box 1, folder 10-11  Correspondence 1955-1964
Scope and Content
The folder contains correspondence primarily to and from Donald V. Miller regarding the issues surrounding the resignation of Hugh M. Tiner and Earl V. Pullias; Pepperdine’s role as a Christian college; and individuals’ comments, critiques, and suggestions for improvement for Pepperdine.

box 1, folder 12  Resignation Letters 1957-1958
Scope and Content
Included are letters of resignation from Hugh M. Tiner, Earl V. Pullias, Lonnie T. Vanderveer, Eiji C. Amemiya, W.B. West, Jr., and L.C. Houser. Also included is a letter from M. Norvel Young to Earl V. Pullias accepting his resignation.
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