Title: Hugh M. Tiner papers
Identifier/Call Number: 0101
Contributing Institution: Pepperdine University. Special Collections and University Archives.
Physical Description: 2.92 linear feet (3 boxes)
Date: 1937-1959, 1981
Abstract: The collection contains materials related to Hugh M. Tiner, first dean and second president of George Pepperdine College and member of Rotary International. Items include subject and correspondence files (biographical materials, certificates of appreciation, ephemera and photographs, speeches and publications, radio program transcripts, and travel ephemera); newspaper clippings; plaques; and memorabilia.
Location note: Pepperdine University. Special Collections and University Archives.
Language of Materials: Materials are in English.
Creator: Tiner, Hugh M. (Hugh Marvin), 1908-1981

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Biographical/Historical note
Hugh Marvin Tiner was born on a small farm near La Vernia, Texas (east of San Antonio, Texas) on April 16, 1908, the second of ten children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Tiner. He attended La Vernia school until graduating from the 10th grade in 1924. He then attended Brackenridge High School in San Antonio, Texas until graduation in June, 1925. Tiner went to the University of Texas Junior College (later called San Antonio Junior College) in its first year of existence, and transferred to Abilene Christian College in 1926. He was the business manager of the college newspaper, The Optimist, and received his B.A. in December, 1928. After moving to Palo Alto just after graduation, he attended Stanford University for his M.A. degree, received in August, 1929. His thesis subject was "The Playground Movement in the United States."

He returned to Texas to marry a woman he met while at Abilene Christian College, Lola May Lammey (November 2, 1907-July 21, 1996), and the two moved to Lynwood, California for Tiner to accept a position teaching English at Woodrow Wilson School. While there, he started a playground and recreation department at the school. He eventually moved to school administration, and was assistant superintendent of the Lynwood School District before he was appointed supervisor for Los Angeles County Schools in 1934.

Tiner was also minister at the Sichel Street Church of Christ, where he started the Sunday morning radio program "Take Time to Be Holy," which ran from 1933 to 1956. George Pepperdine was a frequent listener of Tiner's radio program, and eventually met Tiner in person. Tiner became one of the founding board members of George Pepperdine College. He was the first dean of the college, and later became the second president in 1939 after Batsell Baxter left Pepperdine for Tennessee. At age 30, he was the youngest college president in America. He was named "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" in 1940 by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Tiner kept students busy during World War II, organizing picnics, intramural football games, and other campus events. Between 1937 and 1945, he helped increase enrollment from 167 students to 1,500 students. In 1945, he completed his Ph.D. degree at the University of Southern California. Tiner also preached at the Vermont Avenue Church of Christ.

Tiner was involved in multiple organizations in Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce (he served as Chairman of Committees); the Southside Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce (he served as a vice president and director); the Church of Christ Children's Home in Ontario, California (he served as a director); the Southwest Los Angeles YMCA (he was on the Board of Managers); Phi Delta Kappa (as a member); the United Nations Committee of Southern California (as chairman); and the Board of Trustees of George Pepperdine College (as a member). He was also a longtime member of Rotary International -- he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Southwest Los Angeles, a governor of Rotary International, and a chairman of the Rotary Club's International Affairs Committee.

He was succeeded as Pepperdine's president in 1957 by M. Norvel Young, but remained active in civic groups and the ministry. Until his death on January 7, 1981, he was a Pepperdine Life Regent and continued to serve as minister for the
Uptown Church of Christ in Long Beach.

**Scope and Content**

The collection contains materials related to and collected by Hugh M. Tiner, first dean and second president of George Pepperdine College. The majority of items are subject and correspondence files and newspaper clippings. Files include biographical materials, certificates of appreciation, memorabilia and photographs, speeches and publications by Tiner, radio program transcripts, and travel ephemera from trips to Hawaii and abroad. Rotary International is featured frequently in the collection, in correspondence, printed material, certificates of appreciation, photographs, and plaques. Also included is a copy of *Through the Years with William A. Johnson* (a biography of Johnson inscribed to Tiner), two plaques, a wooden desk nameplate of Tiner's inlaid with mother-of-pearl, and a scrapbook with newspaper clippings and other ephemera related to Tiner.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in the following three series: Series 1. Subject/Correspondence Files; Series 2. Newspaper Clippings; and Series 3. Memorabilia.

**Related Archival Materials**

Other collections with material related to the founding and early years of George Pepperdine College include the George Pepperdine family papers 0026 and George Pepperdine College records 0087. Collections of other administrators include the M. Norvel and Helen Young papers 0014, Howard A. White papers 0010, William S. Banowsky papers 0002, and David Davenport papers 0020. Photographs, negatives, and slides related to Hugh M. Tiner can also be found in the Pepperdine University Archives Photographs, Negatives, and Slides 0031, or online via the Pepperdine Digital Collections, in the University Archives Photograph Collection (http://pepperdine.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/).

**Processing Information note**

The collection was arranged and described by Jamie Henricks in March, 2013.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

- Pepperdine College.
- Rotary International.
- Tiner, Hugh M. (Hugh Marvin), 1908-1981
- Articles
- Christian education
- Clippings
- College administrators--United States--History
- Correspondence
- Education, Higher--California
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The Finding Aid of the Hugh M. Tiner Papers 0101
Box 1 Memorabilia -- Rotary International and Golf Souvenirs

Physical Description: (3 folders)

Box 1 President's Council -- Hugh M. Tiner's speech notes and speech transcript from first meeting [1954 or 1955]

Box 1 Publications 1948, 1951

Box 1 Radio Program Transcripts -- "Take Time to Be Holy" (KFVD) and "What Do Labor and Management Want in a Post-War World?" (KFI) 1940, 1955

Box 1 Rotary Club -- correspondence 1946-1947

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Box 2 Speeches 1946-1951

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Box 2 Series 2: Newspaper Clippings 1937-1959

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Box 2 Through the Years with William A. Johnson (inscribed to Hugh M. Tiner) 1955

Box 2 Plaque -- American National Red Cross, Los Angeles Chapter -- Outstanding Fund Campaign Service merit award 1954

Box 2 Plaque -- Rotary International -- International Service award 1949

Box 3 President Hugh M. Tiner desk nameplate undated

Box 3 Scrapbook 1939-1950s