The Finding Aid of the Howard A. White Papers 0010

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Title: Howard A. White papers
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Contributing Institution: Pepperdine University. Special Collections and University Archives.
Physical Description: 97.71 linear feet(79 boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1938-1991
Date (bulk): 1957-1990
Abstract: The collection contains professional and personal papers of Howard A. White dating from 1938 to 1991. The bulk of the materials range from 1957 to 1990 and document his professional involvement with Pepperdine University in various administrative roles, and personal documents including speeches, personal and family history, and book research for Crest of a Golden Wave.
Location note: Pepperdine University. Special Collections and University Archives.
Language of Materials: Materials are in English.
Creator: White, Howard A. (Howard Ashley), 1913-
Conditions Governing Access
Advance notice required for access. Materials in sub-series 2.3 are restricted until January 1, 2020. Materials in series 3 are restricted for 50 years after their date of creation; the entire series will be open in 2036.
Conditions Governing Use
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Preferred Citation
[Box/folder# or item name], Howard A. White papers, Collection no. 0010, Special Collections and University Archives, University Libraries, Pepperdine University.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Items in the collection were transferred to the University Archives in October 1989, and after Howard White's death in 1991.
Biographical note
Howard Ashley White was born on September 28, 1913, in Cloverdale, Alabama, to a family of teachers. He attended David Lipscomb College, and was almost forced to leave due to money issues during the Depression, but the school loaned him the money to continue his education. White then planned to attend Tulane University, and sought a ministerial position in New Orleans part-time to augment his schooling. He received the position of minister at the Carrollton Avenue Church of Christ. While the elders there initially wanted him to work full time, he convinced them to allow him to attend Tulane as well, where he received his bachelor's and doctorate degrees in history. White extensively studied the Reconstruction Era in the United States, and later published a book, The Freedmen's Bureau in Louisiana (1970).
White served at the Carrollton Avenue Church for 12 years before academia called again. He began teaching at David Lipscomb College in 1953, and eventually became chairman of the history department. In 1958, Norvel Young recruited him to teach at Pepperdine College, where he served as a history professor and the chairman of the Department of Social Studies.
In 1962, White was named director of Pepperdine's graduate program, and in 1965 he became Dean of Graduate Studies. He also served as the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, before being appointed the Executive Vice President in 1970 under President William S. Banowsky. He held this position until Banowsky's resignation in 1978, whereupon he was appointed President of the university. During his time at Pepperdine, he also became the founding director of the Pepperdine's Year-In-Europe program, and helped M. Norvel Young recruit students for the first program in Heidelberg, Germany.
As President of Pepperdine, White is credited with bolstering faculty numbers and raising faculty salaries, tightening admissions standards to make Pepperdine a selective school for the first time in its history, and establishing four urban education centers in Los Angeles and Orange Counties to serve graduate students. He also famously doubled Pepperdine's financial resources through the university's first nine-figure capital campaign, called the "Wave of Excellence". It ultimately raised $137.8 million dollars for the university, far exceeding the $100 million dollar goal. These funds helped White add 200 acres to the campus and construct major facilities, including music and theater buildings, student and faculty housing, the Helen Field Heritage Hall, and the baseball stadium. A major sports supporter on campus, White was also instrumental in bringing the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics to Pepperdine for the water polo competitions.
White retired from the Presidency in 1985, but continued to serve as President Emeritus until health problems no longer allowed him to do so. He passed away on February 1, 1991, and was survived by his two sons. His wife, Maxcine Elliott Feltman White (May 5, 1919-January 19, 1973), preceded him in death, passing away after a struggle with cancer. White's
legacy is honored in many ways at Pepperdine, including the Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence, the Howard A. White Professorship in History, and the Howard A. White Center (HAWC) on campus.

**Scope and Content**
The collection contains professional and personal papers of Howard A. White dating from 1938 to 1991. The collection contains chronological correspondence files; subject and correspondence files from White's office at Pepperdine University; files related to university boards (including the Board of Trustees, Board of Regents, and University Board); White's appointment books; notes and copies of speeches and sermons; and personal files including biographical information, personal and family history, and notes made in the course of writing the book *Crest of a Golden Wave*.

White documented many aspects of Pepperdine's history and people, and made extensive notes and reports about the university. As a result, the collection also contains correspondence and files originally created by other individuals including M. Norvel Young, William S. Banowsky, Thomas Bost, Jerry Hudson, Donald Miller, and others.

Items are primarily paper, but the collection also includes photographs and large blueprints.

**Arrangement**
The collection is arranged in six series:

- Series 1: Chronological Correspondence
- Series 2: Subject/Correspondence Files
- Series 3: University Boards
- Series 4: Appointment Books
- Series 5: Speeches
- Series 6: Personal Files

**Processing Information note**
The collection was arranged and described by Jamie Henricks and Jessica Geiser in June, 2012.

**Separated Materials**
Contact information cards from William Banowsky's rolodex were moved from the Howard A. White papers to the William S. Banowsky papers.

**Related Archival Materials**
Other collections with material from Howard White's time at Pepperdine are the M. Norvel and Helen Young papers and the William S. Banowsky papers.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Banowsky, William Slater
Graziadio School of Business and Management.
Miller, Donald V., 1906-2004
Pepperdine University. Board of Trustees.
Pepperdine University. Office of the President.
Pepperdine University. School of Law.
Pepperdine University.
Seaver College.
Tiner, Hugh M. (Hugh Marvin), 1908-1981
White, Howard A. (Howard Ashley), 1913-
Young, M. Norvel (Matt Norvel), 1915-
Administrative records
Appointment books
College administrators--United States--History
College presidents--California--Malibu
Correspondence
Education, Higher--California--Malibu
Financial records
Malibu (Calif.)--History--20th century
Memorandums
Box 1-15  
Series 1: Chronological Correspondence 1967-1988

Scope and Content
The series contains Pepperdine University correspondence and interoffice memos collected from Howard White's office from 1967 to 1988. Correspondence is primarily to and from Howard White, but also includes correspondence of M. Norvel Young, William S. Banowsky, Jerry Hudson, and other individuals that was collected by Howard White. Some files contain logs of phone calls from the office as well.

Arrangement
Materials are arranged chronologically.

Box 1  October 1967 - July 1969
Box 2  July 1969 - October 1970
Box 3  November 1970 - August 1971
Box 4  September 1971 - August 1973
Box 5  September 1973 - April 1975
Box 6  March 1975 - 1976
Box 7  January 1976 - June 1976
Box 8  January 1977 - June 1977
Box 9  July 1977 - July 1978
Box 11  November 1981 - December 1982
Box 12  January 1983 - December 1983
Box 13  January 1984 - December 1984
Box 14  January 1985 - December 1986
Box 15  January 1987 - November 1988
Box 15-65, 78-79  Series 2: Subject/Correspondence Files
Sub-series 2.1: Howard A. White Subject/Correspondence Files circa 1957-1990

Scope and Content

The sub-series contains files on various subjects and people that contain primarily correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, notes, and other paper materials collected in the office of Howard A. White during his time at Pepperdine University in the capacity of professor, Dean of Graduate Studies, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Executive Vice President, President, and President Emeritus. The files contain documentation of university policies and procedures, material generated from administrative work and activities at Pepperdine, and information related to interests that would improve the Pepperdine community, including the process of moving the campus from Los Angeles to Malibu.

Major topics include budgets; commencements and commencement speakers; introducing computers to campus (with the Computer Services Committee and Computer Systems Company evaluations); enrollment; finance; faculty and faculty salaries; salary studies; IRS investigations; the McKinsey report; the Seaver family; the Malibu and Los Angeles campuses; campus professional schools (including the School of Law, School of Business and Management, and others); tuition; Hydrl; the University Planning Consultants investigation; the Year in Europe study abroad program; and the 1984 Olympics.

Arrangement

Subject files are arranged alphabetically according to the original folder titles. Multiple styles of filing were present in Howard White’s offices over the years. General miscellaneous files include one folder for a letter of the alphabet, sometimes one per calendar year (e.g., M, or M 1976). These folders were catch-all folders for correspondence to or from people or about topics that did not amount to enough to fill their own folder. Other miscellaneous files that included a greater volume of paper were broken down into multiple ranges for each letter of the alphabet (e.g., AA-AC). Finally, there were many files about individual people or topics (e.g., Budget).

For each letter of the alphabet, general miscellaneous files are arranged first (e.g., M, or M 1976), followed by miscellaneous files labeled with letter groupings (e.g., AA-AC), which are then followed by individually labeled subject files starting with that particular letter (e.g., Budget).

Box 15-61, 65, 78-79

Box 15
A (misc.) - American Association
Box 16
American Council - Bei (misc.)
Box 17
Bei (misc.) - Bet
Box 18
Beverly Hills - Budget
Box 19
Budget - Carr (misc.)
Box 20
Cars (misc.) - Colw (misc.)
Box 21
Com (misc.) - California Postsecondary Education Committee
Box 22
California State Universities - Chain
Box 23
Chalala - Commencement
Box 24
Commencement Speaker (Wernher von Braun) - Dorms (misc.)
Box 25
Dorr (misc.) - Edaw, Inc.
Box 26
Educational - Fifty (misc.)
Box 27
Film (misc.) - Finance
Box 28
Finance - Furniture
Box 29
Friend - Gaudin
Box 30
Gauthier - Hern (misc.)
Box 31
Hero (misc.) - Hill
Box 32
Hon - Interfund
Box 33
International - IRS
Box 34
IRS - Keck (misc.)
Box 35
Kenney (misc.) - Lane (misc.)
Box 36
Lang (misc.) - Lincoln
Box 37
Lind - Maro (misc.)
Box 38
Marp (misc.) - More (misc.)
Box 39  More (misc.) - McKinsey
Box 40  McKinsey - Nelms (misc.)
Box 41  Nelson (misc.) - Nelson
Box 42  New - One
Box 43  One Hundred Club - Paz (misc.)
Box 44  Pea (misc.) - Pack
Box 45  Palm - Prospective
Box 46  Q (misc.) - Rose (misc.)
Box 47  Rosen (misc.) - Russian
Box 48  S (misc.) - Shel (misc.)
Box 49  Shep (misc.) - Stua (misc.)
Box 50  Stuc (misc.) - Salary
Box 51  Salary - School
Box 52  School - Seaver
Box 53  Seaver - Systems
Box 54  Systems - Tcheng (misc.)
Box 55  Teach (misc.) - Tuition
Box 56  Tuition - University Planning Consultants Investigation
Box 57  University Planning Consultants Investigation - W (misc.)
Box 58  Ward (misc.) - Wood (misc.)
Box 59  Woodcarving (misc.) - World
Box 60  Wright - Young
Box 61  Z (misc.) - Mixed alphabet (misc.)

Box 78-79  Subject File Addendum Boxes

Box 61-63  Sub-series 2.2: William S. Banowsky Subject Files circa 1960-1980

Scope and Content
This sub-series contains subject folders of William S. Banowsky's that Howard White collected in his office, dating from approximately 1960 to 1980. Most folders are labeled with a single letter of the alphabet, with individual papers inside from a range of individuals and about topics starting with that letter (e.g., A). Some folders are named according to individual topics (e.g., Budget).
Arrangement
Items are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Box 61  A - Budget
Box 62  Budget - LACC
Box 63  Law School - Z
Sub-series 2.3: Howard White's Research on Pepperdine University's Relationship to the Churches of Christ 1965-1989

Conditions Governing Access
Items in this sub-series are restricted until January 1, 2020.

Scope and Content
Materials in this sub-series were collected and arranged by Howard White primarily regarding the history of the relationship of Pepperdine University to the Churches of Christ. There are also folders about M. Norvel Young, William S. Banowsky, the Seaver family, and the politics of presidency.

Series 3: University Boards 1957-1986

Scope and Content
The series contains materials produced by the governing boards of Pepperdine University: the Board of Regents, Board of Trustees, and University Board. The materials include correspondence, meeting minutes, background information, reports, and copies of organizational amendments to bylaws and articles of incorporation made during this time. Between 1975 and 1976, the governing board was expanded and the name was changed from the Board of Trustees to the Board of Regents, while the members of the former Board of Trustees became the Religious Standards Committee.

Arrangement
Materials are arranged chronologically, and divided by specific organizations when possible.

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Scope and Content

Arrangement
Materials are arranged chronologically.

Series 5: Speeches circa 1940-1985

Scope and Content
The series contains drafts, notes, and copies of speeches written and delivered by White on a variety of subjects, including his address given to Pepperdine University upon his inauguration as President in 1978. Other files include notes for speeches before board meetings and notes for sermons.

Arrangement
Speeches are arranged chronologically when possible, and arranged by topic when folders are undated.
Series 6: Personal Files 1938-1990

Scope and Content
The series contains White's personal materials, such as biographical information, photographs, family history files, and other information. The series also includes his research for the book on Pepperdine's history, *Crest of a Golden Wave*. Materials include correspondence, notes, articles, drafts and copies of book chapters.

Arrangement
Materials are arranged by topic.

Box 75
Box 75-77

Personal Files

Box 76-77

Book Research