The Finding Aid of the John F. Wilson Papers 0012

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Abstract: John F. Wilson is a field archaeologist, writer and lecturer on archaeology in the Middle East, and Professor of Religion, Emeritus at Pepperdine University. The collection consists of printed materials related to Wilson's career, including correspondence, date books, and publications authored by Wilson. Pepperdine University. Special Collections and University Archives.  
Language of Material: Materials are in English.  
Conditions Governing Access  
Advance notice required for access. Chronological files with material from Wilson's time as Dean of Seaver College are closed for 25 years from their date of creation, beginning with the file for 1983. The entire series will be open in 2023.  
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[Box/folder# or item name], John F. Wilson papers, Collection no. 0012, Special Collections and University Archives, University Libraries, Pepperdine University.  
Immediate Source of Acquisition  
The collection was donated by John F. Wilson in August 1998. A new series, "Office of the Seaver Dean," was transferred to us by Dr. David Baird.  
Biographical note  
John F. Wilson is a field archaeologist, and writer and lecturer on archaeology in the Middle East, particularly focused on the relationship between archaeology and Christianity.  
Wilson attended Central Senior High School in Springfield, Missouri, where he graduated in 1955. While in school, he was active in choir and musicals, as well as church and service extracurricular activities. He graduated from Harding University in 1959 with a BA in Religion and Music (and served as the student body president), and then continued at Harding at the Graduate School of Religion, where he received an MA in 1961. Wilson then went on to receive a PhD from the University of Iowa in New Testament and Ancient History in 1967. After completing his degrees, Wilson returned to his hometown of Springfield, Missouri, where he founded the Christian Student Center at Missouri State University as a branch of the South National Church of Christ in Springfield. He served as the Director of the Student Center from 1959 to 1973, as well as a Professor of Religious Studies at the University from 1961 to 1983. Wilson also was a visiting lecturer at Abilene Christian University from 1971 to 1976.  
Wilson took his first archaeological trip in the mid-1970s, and went on sabbatical in 1981 to Cambridge University, England, to study notes taken from 19th century archaeological expeditions to the Holy Land. In 1983, Wilson came to Pepperdine University, where he served as the Dean of the Seaver College of Letters, Arts and Sciences for 15 years. During this time, Wilson was also a Professor of Religion at Pepperdine, as well as the Director of Pepperdine's Institute for the Study of Archaeology and Religion. He took Pepperdine students on archaeological trips to Israel for over 25 years.  
Wilson retired in 2006 from his last position as Professor of Religion, Emeritus, at Pepperdine. He is the author of a number of publications, most notably his work on a famous archaeological site in the Middle East: Caesarea Philippi: Banias, the Lost City of Pan. He has also written for radio and television, produced religious television programs, and appeared on television in an A&E series about archaeology and the Bible. John F. Wilson is married to Dr. Claudette Wilson (a former Assistant Professor of Education at Pepperdine, who retired in 2004). They have three daughters, Laura, Amy, and Emily.  
Scope and Content  
The collection consists of materials related to John F. Wilson's academic and professional career ranging from high school through post-graduate degrees, and teaching and administrative positions. The items include correspondence, articles, date books, calendars, a faculty portfolio compiled for his five-year evaluation at Pepperdine, and a print of the film One Life. Copies of works authored by Wilson are represented in the collection, including a signed copy of his book Discovering the Bible, as well as copies of Wilson's master's thesis and PhD dissertation. There are also materials about the activities of
the Office of the Seaver Dean during Wilson's tenure as Dean. The collection dates span from 1953 to 1998.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in five series:
Series 1: Chronological Files Series 2: Date Books and Calendars Series 3: Authored Works Series 4: Miscellaneous Series 5: Office of the Seaver Dean

Processing Information
The collection was arranged and described by Jamie Henricks and Jessica Geiser in March 2012.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Theses
Dissertations
Appointment books
Correspondence
Wilson, John Francis

box 2, folder 1-11, box 1, folder 1-37
Series 1: Chronological Files 1950-1998

box 3-4
Series 2: Date Books and Calendars 1967-1998

Series 3: Authored Works
box 3 Discovering the Bible (signed copy) 1986
box 3 Masters Thesis - The Consummation of All Things June, 1961
box 3 PhD Dissertation - The Christian Message: Its Place in Ordering the Life of the Pauline Community February, 1967

box 3, folder 1-2 Series 4: Miscellaneous
box 3 Pepperdine Faculty Evaluation Portfolio
box 3 Production #9503 One Life 28:23 Color Release Print

General
One Life is one part of a three-part television series titled The End of the Century: Shall We Hope or Shall We Die? produced in the 1970s by Herald of Truth. The film features John Wilson.

Office of the Seaver Dean
Scope and Contents
The materials in this series revolve around the activities of the Office of the Seaver Dean during John F. Wilson's tenure. Many of the materials are about Seaver College itself, as well as its faculty members and academic divisions. These materials include evaluations of the chairs of the academic divisions within Seaver College. The Seaver College's chairpersons meeting minutes should contain information about the administrative history and agendas of Seaver College. There are also faculty lists, as well strategic and budget planning documents. The correspondence and memorandums between the staff of the Office and other staff at Pepperdine, as well as policy documents, should also provide some information about policies regarding the faculty at Seaver College, including policies about tenure and promotion, hiring policies, and faculty evaluations. There are also statistical documents, which contain information such as faculty salaries and faculty to student ratio.

box 5, folder 1 Budget Planning 1993-1996
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<th>Box, Folder</th>
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| 5, Folder 2 | Business Administration Chair (Jere Yates) 1992-1996  
 Scope and Contents  
 Contains evaluations and reviews for the Business Administration Chair, Jere Yates. |
| 5, Folder 3 | Chairpersons meeting 1991-1996 |
| 5, Folder 4 | Chairpersons meeting 1997-1998 |
| 5, Folder 5 | Church Recruitment 1986-1996 |
| 5, Folder 6 | Convocation 1989 |
| 5, Folder 7 | Davenport, David 1992-1995 |
| 5, Folder 8 | Division Chair Evaluation: Form and Procedures (Seaver College) 1993 |
| 5, Folder 9 | Faculty: Churches of Christ 1989-1993 |
| 5, Folder 10 | Faculty Salaries 1992-1998 |
| 5, Folder 11 | Financial Aid 1994-1995 |
| 5, Folder 12 | Fine Arts - Gary Cobb 1992-1995 |
| 6, Folder 1 | Full Cost Allocation 1993-1995  
 Scope and Contents  
 This file contains financial and budgetary documents for Pepperdine University. |
| 6, Folder 2 | Humanities/Teacher Education - Chairperson Search 1994 |
| 6, Folder 3 | Humanities/Teacher Education - David Baird 1995 |
| 6, Folder 4 | International Program: Strategic Plan 1995-1997 |
| 6, Folder 5 | International Studies 1994 |
| 6, Folder 6 | Kuchenbecker, Shari - Faculty Search 1990-1996  
 Scope and Contents  
 This file mostly contains materials relating to the faculty search and hiring process at Pepperdine. It seems that there are no materials relating to any individual named Kuchenbecker in this file. |
| 6, Folder 7 | Long Range Planning 1981-1987  
 Scope and Contents  
 Contains strategic and academic plans for Seaver College. There are descriptions about majors and academic programs at Pepperdine in this file. There are also a few statistics, such as the optimum number of enrollments for Seaver College. |
| 6, Folder 8 | Meetings of Christian College Deans (1969-1994) undated |
| 6, Folder 9 | Miscellaneous Articles about Pepperdine, Malibu, and Los Angeles 1992-1995  
 Scope and Contents  
 This file contains a few articles revolving around Los Angeles and Malibu. There is a community profile for Malibu, which contains information about its population. There are also articles describing the architecture of Pepperdine's Malibu campus. A few more miscellaneous items, such as burnout indexes and advertisements for Pepperdine, are also included. |
| 6, Folder 10 | Rank, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Committee 1993-1997 |
| 6, Folder 11 | Recruiting: Natural Science/Physical Education 1984-1997 |
| 6, Folder 12 | Religion - Tom Olbricht 1993-1995 |
| 7, Folder 1 | Religion Division Chairs Search 1995-1996 |
| 7, Folder 2 | Religious Standard Committee 1998-2000 |
| 7, Folder 3 | Review of Ben Hutchinson 1994-1995 |
| 7, Folder 4 | Seaver College Faculty Lists 1972-1998 |
| 7, Folder 5-6 | Seaver College Faculty Lists 2000-2007 |
| 7, Folder 7 | Seaver College worship services 1993, March 23. |
| 7, Folder 8 | Seaver Organization 1993  
 Scope and Contents  
 Contains a survey taken by several deans from various universities. Those deans spoke about their experience as deans, and also offered tips on how to be deans to new deans. |
box 7, folder 9  Social Science - Ron Fagan 1994-1995
box 7, folder 10  Starr, Kenneth 1997-1998
box 7, folder 11  Student Engagement Proposal - Seaver Trust 2008
box 7, folder 12  University Planning Committee 1993-1996