Larry N. Vanderhoef Papers

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Abstract: Larry N. Vanderhoef, Chancellor Emeritus of University of California, Davis, led UC Davis for 25 years, first as provost/executive vice chancellor (1984-1994) and then as chancellor (1994-2009). As chancellor emeritus, he remained involved in campus, regional and national issues until his death in 2015. His papers include correspondence, speeches, writings, resource files, course files, clippings, photographs, DVDs, CDs, and realia. Files created in Vanderhoef's capacity as Chancellor are located in AR-023, Office of the Chancellor and Provost Records.

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Biography/Administrative History

Scope and Content of Collection
The Larry N. Vanderhoef Papers include personal correspondence from 1970 to 2015 (from his early days as a University of Illinois assistant professor of botany scrambling to keep NSF funds flowing to his lab, to his last e-mail exchange with a soon-to-retire colleague one week before his death—and the communications his 10/15/2015 death set into motion); special files of correspondence with Robert and Margrit Mondavi, UC Davis Chancellor James Meyer and Professor of English Gary Snyder; speeches/remarks from 1984 to 2014, including state-of-the-campus addresses to the Academic Senate, and commencement and convocation speeches; writings/remarks on leadership and land grant universities; Indelibly Davis book background and early chapter drafts (including for unfinished chapters), with extensive resource materials on such topics as the successful quest to build a performing arts center and to transform an old county hospital into a top-flight academic medical center, the tragic Sea of Cortez boating accident that claimed five researchers’ lives, the controversial transition from Division II to Division I athletics, the impact of votes of no-confidence, and the regents’ contentious decision re: affirmative action; Vanderhoef news releases and clippings from 1984 to 2017; materials re: his 1984 appointment as Executive Vice Chancellor, 1994 appointment and inauguration as chancellor, 1995 UC president candidacy, 2009 stepping down, and 2015 death; course files for biology classes he developed and taught at UC Davis and in Taiwan as chancellor emeritus; photos, DVDs, CDs from childhood through 2015, reflecting many events and subjects; a selection of his doodles gathered over 20 years; a box of university buttons and pins collected across three decades; a tire tread-marked file folder (and its Chancellor Vanderhoef-rescued contents) that took an unexpected ride on the roof of his car from Mrak Hall to Davis’ In-N-Out Burger; and much more. Some materials have been removed or redacted to protect individuals’ privacy
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