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December 19, 1969

Dr. M. Norvel Young  
Pepperdine College  
8035 South Vermont  
Los Angeles, California 90044

Dear Norvel:

Pepperdine College continues to take giant strides. All of us who know of the College's progress are thrilled and inspired.

I could suggest four possible names as dean of your Law School: Mr. Harold Roney is a lawyer in his early thirties who is a member of the City Council in McMinnville, Tennessee and has been practicing law there for approximately ten years. Harold has been a member of the Tennessee State Legislature and is an outstanding young man. Mr. Richard Mitchell practices law in Cookeville, Tennessee and has been General Counsel for the Select Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives. Mr. Mitchell served with distinction in Washington and is well known throughout Middle Tennessee for his work with Congressman Joe L. Evins. I would also like to suggest that you consider Mr. Ron Phillips, a young attorney practicing here in Abilene, and graduate of the University of Texas Law School. Ron has an excellent mind and is vitally involved in the life of the Highland congregation. I would also recommend Mr. Andrew J. Hairston who has just received his J. D. from a Law School in Atlanta, Georgia, and preaches for a church in Atlanta.

I know of only one man at this time that I could suggest as assistant to Dr. Allen. This man is just finishing a residency in Internal Medicine and would be a highly valuable man to have on the West Coast. He is genuinely concerned about making his life count for Christ and could be persuaded I think, with the proper kind of approach, to make the move to Los Angeles. He and his wife are graduates with Fine Arts degrees from the University of Arkansas and are both talented musicians, having sung with the Little Rock Symphony for the past several seasons. His name is Dr. William White. He will be making a move in the spring of 1970. At this point, he has decided to move to Searcy, Arkansas and go into practice there but is open to possibilities in other directions.

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Dr. White's specialty allows him to earn enormous sums of money which he has already committed to the Lord.

Unfortunately, I know of no capable "finance officer" that I can recommend at this time.

At the end of 1969, and in the midst of the holiday season, I want to send you and your family my warmest personal regards and my genuine best wishes and prayers for God's great use of you in 1970.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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PEPPERDINE COLLEGE

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December 10, 1969

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
809 Byrd Drive  
Abilene, Texas 79604

Dear John Allen:

Pepperdine College stands on the threshold of its greatest academic achievements in its 33-year history. In addition to our Malibu Campus plans, we have recently acquired a night law school in Santa Ana, California, located south of our Los Angeles Campus. (This fall, 235 students enrolled to pursue their law degrees at night.)

While this new addition to our academic studies is indeed exciting, it is creating a need for an outstanding dean for this law school. Could you assist us by suggesting names of young Christian men who in your judgment would make an excellent dean for the direction of this law school? We feel the individual must have his law degree, should be a member of the church, and have demonstrated leadership capabilities. The names of any possible candidates you may feel would be acceptable should be forwarded to me.

In addition, we are in need of a doctor to serve as an assistant to our campus physician, Dr. William Allen. He is in desperate need of locating a man who would be interested in living in Los Angeles and helping him in his private practice, as well as with his work with our students in the campus medical center.

Our tremendous growth has created another important opening, that of a capable finance officer. This individual should have his C. P. A., and preferably have experience in school accounting, although this is not absolutely necessary. Again, we would want this individual to be a member of the church, and one who could take a role of financial leadership in the business affairs of Pepperdine.

Any recommendations that you may have to offer in any of these three openings would be truly appreciated.

Cordially,

*Norvel*

M. Norvel Young  
President

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*Andrew J. Hairston, Harold Roney, Ron Phillips, Richard Mitchell, Fred Gray, William White*