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**Events in the Life of
 RAYMOND H. HOUSER, D.C., N.D.**

-Houser is native of Kansas, moved to So. Cal at age 9 (This, 1951)

1937: National College's yearbook, *Mirror 1937*, includes photographs of graduates:



RAYMOND HAROLD HOUSER D.C., N.D., D.D.T.

"I wish I could sell another one of these machines." A Californian by choice and will return to his home city of San Diego. Ray's a tinker of those electrical things classed as physiotherapy equipment. He also has a hobby of collecting railroad timetables. Delta Tau Alpha Fraternity; Editor-in-chief of the "Mirror."



JOSEPH JANSE D.D.T.

"What the hell(o)." From Salt Lake City, Utah, and will return there. Joe has a hobby of teaching, but who wouldn't if one asked so many questions?

1938: Houser graduates from National College (This, 1951)

1939: Houser returns to San Diego (This, 1951)

1940: Photograph of Houser at National College, 1940 (courtesy of Herbert K. Lee, D.C.):



1942-44: serves in U.S. Navy (This, 1951)

1946-47: teaches at National College (This, 1951)

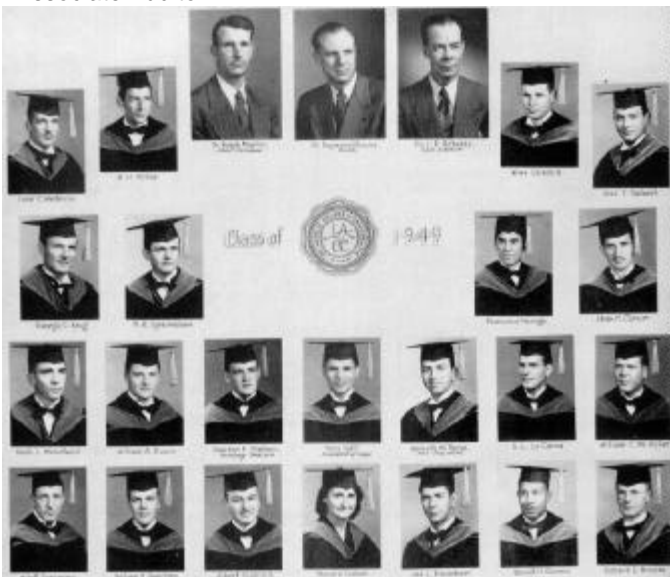
1948: Houser becomes Dean at LACC (This, 1951)



“Our Dean,” Raymond Houser ([Aesculapian, 1951](#))

1950 (Jan 7): CCEF Board Minutes #35:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Clifford B. Eacrett DC; Mr. Julian A. Rachal
- also “In attendane for reports and counsel” are: Ralph J. Martin DC, President of LACC; Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Leland P. Roberts DC, Acting Dean of LACC; Lee H. Norcross DC, Dean of LACC Graduate School; Mr. Wm. H. Daughtrey, LACC Bursar; Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel to CCEF; Mr. John B. Norbert, Auditor; Mr. W.L. Mitchel, Associate Auditor



LACC graduating class of 1949 ([Aesculapian, 1950, p. 82](#))

1950: according to Martin (1950):

The new campus covers the block on Broadway and Belmont. The building have a floor space of 33,000 square feet. The Broadway building will house the general offices and class rooms. The clinic will be on the ground floor of the Belmont building, and the laboratories on the second floor of the same building. Technic rooms, dissection, bookstore and library will be nicely accommodated in the third and fourth buildings which adjoin the parking lot on the west. Surrounding an open court in the center, the buildings give a pleasant atmosphere of seclusion to students who wish to enjoy the open air and sunshine.

Credit for finding and engineering this move goes to Dean Raymond H. Houser, who has worked night and day for many weeks to bring about this solution to our problem of housing the entire school in one adequate and suitable location. While a clinic will still be maintained in the Venice Boulevard neighborhood, the entire school will be moved to Glendale for the opening of the new semester on May 1st.

1950 (Feb 4): CCEF Board Minutes #36:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Clifford B. Eacrett DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino; Mr. Julian A. Rachal
- also “In attendane for reports and counsel” are: Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Lee H. Norcross DC, Dean of LACC Graduate School; Mr. Wm. H. Daughtrey, LACC Bursar; Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel to CCEF
- Houser notes Harrower Laboratory buildings in Glendale available on rental basis, owned by Cecil B. DeMille, now leased by Lambert Pharmaceutical Company who have vacated property
- some Regents (Milbank, Stump) distressed that Ralph Martin has authorized purchase of alternative, “Knight property,” at 908 Venice Blvd in LA
- Houser, in executive session, asked to explain LP Roberts DC’s resignation; notes students have little respect for Ralph Martin or bursar Mr. Daughtrey; Stump says Ralph Martin himself proposed that he be replaced as president by a well-trained educator; Houser proposed that Roberts serve as “Dean of College” and he, Houser as “Dean of Students”

1950 (Feb 4): CCEF Board Minutes #37:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Clifford B. Eacrett DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino; Mr. Julian A. Rachal
- also “In attendane for reports and counsel” are: Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel to CCEF
- Von Herzen will negotiate with IRS for tax-exampt status
- Houser discusses availability of Glendale campus

1950 (Mar 4): CCEF Board Minutes #38:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Clifford B. Eacrett DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino; Mr. Julian A. Rachal; Mr. Van A. Nation
- also “In attendane for reports and counsel” are: Ralph J. Martin, President of LACC; Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Lee H. Norcross DC, Dean of LACC Graduate School; Mr. Harry Q. Scott, LACC Business Manager; Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel to CCEF

- still seeking IRS tax-exempt status
- Martin pushes for campus development at 908 Venice Blvd in LA; Houser notes progress with Glendale campus option; Milbank raises issue of investing in equity vs. rent; **Bof R approves lease of Glendale campus**



Cecil B. DeMille of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) movie studios meets with leaders of the LACC in association with the College's lease agreement for its Glendale campus; left to right: board member Robert F. Stump, D.C.; Dean Raymond Houser, D.C., N.D.; board member and secretary John Koer, D.C., N.D.; Mr. DeMille; college President Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D.; board President Sidney W. Milbank, D.C.; Graduate School Dean Lee Norcross, D.C., N.D. (LACC Registrar's collection)

1950 (Mar 18): CCEF Board Minutes #39:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Clifford B. Eacrett DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino; Mr. Julian A. Rachal; Mr. Van A. Nation
- Regents absent: Clifford B. Eacrett DC
- also "In attendane for reports and counsel" are: Ralph J. Martin, President of LACC; Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC
- BofR finalize plans to lease Glendale campus

1950 (Apr 1): CCEF Board Minutes #40:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Clifford B. Eacrett DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino; Mr. Julian A. Rachal
- also "In attendane for reports and counsel" are: Ralph J. Martin, President of LACC; Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Mr. Harry Q. Scott, Business Manager
- Martin "called attention to the minutes in which no reference was made to his opposition to Glendale property"
- Houser notes that CCA has asked for space on new campus in Glendale; Houser feels there is inadequate room; Martin feels CCA office would be politically wise
- Houser's written report includes:
 4. Mrs. Russell of the San Francisco College of Chiropractic spent three hours in my office on Friday during which time she stated that she is now of the opinion that there should be but one chiropractic college in California, and that she is willing and ready to cooperate fully to bring this about. She is ready to negotiate on

almost any reasonable terms. It would seem necessary and advisable, however, that the students which she has matriculated should be completed at the college or at some college in the bay area. She had in mind that perhaps we might acquire her college, conduct an undergraduate curriculum long enough to complete the training of those now enrolled and at the same time to use the facilities of the college for the Graduate School work. At the present time they have **enrolled 60 students**. From a financial standpoint the college represents an investment of \$15,000.00, \$10,000 of which was borrowed from her husband and \$5,000.00 of her own money. The new value of the equipment which she now has is \$11,000.00. The present value, as recently computed, is \$8,000.00. She indicated, of course, that she would like to get out of the college her original investment though she also made clear that she is ready and willing to negotiate.

1950: Photograph of Houser, Norcross et al.:



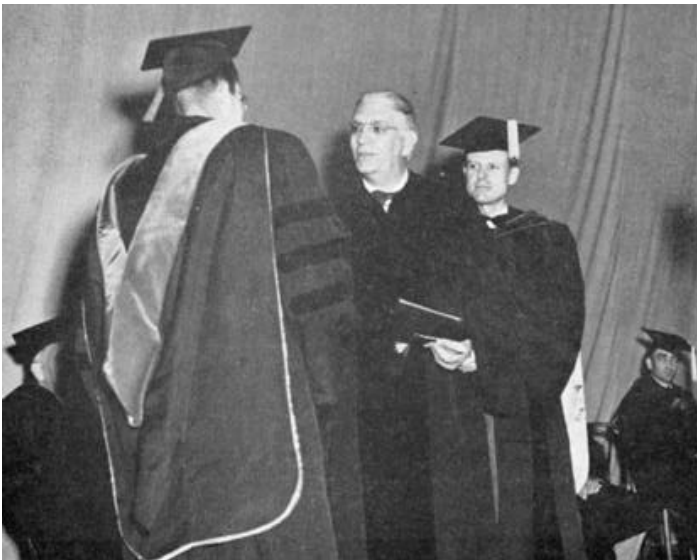
1950 (May 6): CCEF Board Minutes #42:

- FIRST MEETING OF BOARD ON GLENDALE CAMPUS
- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Clifford B. Eacrett DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino;
- also "In attendane for reports and counsel" are: Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Norcross; Von Herzen; Mr. Harry Q. Scott, Business Manager; Mr. Edward Flynn, Public Relations; Mr. R.N. Witt, President of the Student Body LACC; Mr. W.E. Thomas, Student Council, LACC
- BofR considered LACC name change to "College of Chiropractic Physicians" and add "Surgeons" later; Von Herzen says Attorney General will undoubtedly disallow
- "Committee on Research & Evaluation of Treatment Procedure" appointed by Milbank, including Eacrett (chair), Martin, Houser, Roberts, Dr. L.G. Roeder, Haynes & Mr. Von Herzen
- BofR reviews letter from U.S. Treasury Dept. granting tax-free status of the CCEF as of 23 June 1949



“Raymond H. Houser, D.C., Dean” ([Aesculapian](#), 1950, p. 20)

1950: Photograph of Ralph J. Martin, D.C., N.D. (back to camera), John J. Nugent, D.C. and Raymond Houser, D.C., N.D. at LACC commencement exercises:



1950 (June 3): CCEF Board Minutes #43:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Clifford B. Eacrett DC; Leo E. Montenegro DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino; Mr. Van A. Nation
- also “In attendane for reports and counsel” are: Ralph J. Martin, President of LACC; Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Lee H. Norcross, Grad School Dean; Mr. C.P. Von Herzen,

Legal Counsel to CCEF; Mr. Harry Q. Scott, Business Manager; Mr. Edward Flynn, Public Relations Manager LACC

1950 (July 8): CCEF Board Minutes #44:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Leo E. Montenegro DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino; Mr. Julian A. Rachal
- also “In attendane for reports and counsel” are: Ralph J. Martin, President of LACC; Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Lee H. Norcross, Grad School Dean; Mr. Harry Q. Scott, Business Manager
- “In absentia:” Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel to CCEF; Mr. Van A. Nation
- George Haynes is “Assistant Dean”

1950 (Aug 5): CCEF Board Minutes #45:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Leo E. Montenegro DC; Mr. F. Paul Marino
- also “In attendane for reports and counsel” are: Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Mr. Harry Q. Scott, Business Manager; Frank B. Hamilton DC, Chief Obstretical Clinician; Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel to CCEF
- “In absentia:” Mr. Van A. Nation, Mr. Julian A. Rachal, Ralph Martin, Lee Norcross
- Frank Hamilton DC notes loss of observation privileges at area hospitals, could do home deliveries, notes cost of \$57 for “home pack” recommended by Los Angeles City Maternity Service; loss of privileges due to State Board of Health’s ruling that hospital must have “teaching license” to permit DC-students to observe
- Percy of BCE recommends “...we do only normal cases - any other cases bordering abnormal or pathological problems should be referred to other professions.”
- Hamilton notes LA Fire Dept will give “full cooperation” if first aid or resuscitation needed; County Hospital will accept any case in labor deemed in need of in-patient referral; consider using former dissection lab at 920 Venice Blvd in LA as site for “lying-in service”
- note that:

...we must continue to fight the legality of the practice of obstetrics by our field -- in past 15 years no cases have been lost by the Chiropractic profession.

Counsel offered the following information -- Attorney General U.S. Webb rendered a decision about 20 years ago that Chiropractors cannot practice obstetrics and offered the following cases. Dr. Shook case acquitted, Dr. Long case acquitted, Dr. Hightower case acquitted, Dr. Rigler convicted on charge of surgery -- episiotomy. Mr. von Herzen recommended that we must sustain the practice of obstetrics in our profession. Recommended further that we remove OB cases from the college until we are sure that the Veterans Administration is favorable to our case.

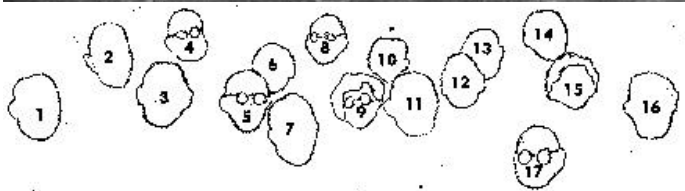
Board of Regents unanimously agreed that we press our case for legal recognition -- that we do all in our power to maintain OB clinic and that we render all legal assistance necessary to practitioners involved in court action.

-Houser’s written report notes:

As you know our obstretical clinic program has been progressing nicely under the guidance of Dr. Hamilton. Since the inauguration of this service, less than a year ago, there have been a number of deliveries and the Senior students participating in the clinic have been

very active in building up this department. It seems now, however, that we are faced with the loss of hospital affiliations for deliveries. Apparently pressure has been brought to bear on the hospital which we use by the State Department of Public Health who have informed the hospital that since they do not hold a teaching permit undergraduates cannot be permitted to observe activities within the hospital. This naturally is a serious blow to our obstetrical program. At the present moment no solution to this problem is seen.

1951: photograph of meeting of NCA Council on Education at LACC's new Glendale campus:



1. Wm. N. Coggins. 2. Thure C. Petersen. 3. Walter B. Wolf. 4. John J. Nugent. 5. Joseph J. Janso. 6. Arthur G. Hendricks. 7. Geo. A. Bauer. 8. Ralph J. Martin. 9. Mrs. W. A. Budden. 10. Geo. H. Haynes. 11. H. C. Herring. 12. W. A. Budden. 13. Raymond H. Houser. 14. S. W. Cole. 15. Mrs. S. W. Cole. 16. Edward H. Gardner. 17. Lee H. Norcross.

1951: Photograph of Houser:



1951 (Apr 28): CCEF Board Minutes #53:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Leo E. Montenegro DC; Mr. Van A. Nation, Mr. Julian A. Rachal, Mr. F. Paul Marino
- also "In attendance for reports and counsel" are: Martin; Raymond H. Houser DC, Dean of LACC; Lee Norcross DC; Mr. George D. Klimer, Business Manager LACC; Frank B. Hamilton DC, Member, Committee on Clinics; Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel to CCEF
- BofR considers whether they should ask Martin to continue without pay as president; Nation would have Martin continue, Montenegro says Martin did not represent the CCA's views when Martin was their representative on the BofR; Montenegro wants Norcross appointed temporary president, Milbank recommends looking for someone else; Milbank is appointed new LACC president
- Martin steps down as LACC president; BofR "authorizes Dr. Martin's pay be extended to April 30 and with two weeks separation pay"
- von Herzen notes that CA Sec'y of State rejects name change to "College of Chiropractic Physicians"; BofR tells counsel to continue to try to secure new name



“Author Marsh Morrison presenting an autographed copy of his first published book, “City of Fingerless Men,” to Dr. Raymond H. Houser as Mrs. Morrison and members of the faculty of Los Angeles College of Chiropractic observe” (*Chirogram* 1951 [Dec]; 20[12]: 19)

1951 (May 9): CCEF Board Minutes #54:

- Regents present include: Sidney W. Milbank DC, President; John W. Koer DC, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Stump DC; Leo E. Montenegro DC; Mr. Julian A. Rachal,
- also “In attendane for reports and counsel” are: Raymond H. Houser DC, “Acting Administrative Officer, LACC”; George D. Klokmmmer, Business Manager; Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel to CCEF; Dr. Martin (no title)
- “In Absentia:” Mr. Van A. Nation, Mr. F. Paul Marino
- notes:

Board of Regents discussed the rumors that are existent regarding the appointment of Dr. George H. Haynes as Acting Dean of LACC - - there seems to be some dissension because of this temporary appointment.

1951 (Aug 17): “Report covering the April 20, 1951 to August 17, 1951 Semester” from “Acting Dean” George H. Haynes, D.C. to “Acting Administrative Officer” Raymond H. Houser, D.C., reviews courses taught, number of students, etc.; notes “semester started with a total enrollment of 394 students”; notes also that the San Francisco College of Chiropractic (SFCC) “closed its doors on May 9, 1951” (LACC Registrar’s Archives)

1950s: Houser serves as member of the Board of Regents of the California Chiropractic Educational Foundation (CCEF), governing body of the LACC (see CCEF minutes)

1953 (July): *CaCAJournal*[9(12)] includes:

–“Doings of the Doctors” (p. 16):

Dr. Raymond H. Houser, San Diego, Calif., was elected a trustee of the Electronic Medical Foundation, San Francisco, Calif. a non-profit educational and research institution, according to an announcement by its president, Mr. Fred J. Hart. Dr. Houser has been Dean of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic for the past five

years. In the past decade he has become widely known for his part in modern chiropractic education in carrying out the policy of high standards.

Prior to the late war, he was a faculty member of the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, and he is co-author of the leading text used in the field, **Chiropractic Principle and Technic**. His specialties are neurology and nutrition. The Foundation was instituted by the late Albert Abrams, M.D., in 1922.

1954 (Apr): *CaCAJournal*[10(4)] includes:

–“News highlights: Dr. Boydjieff now Californian” (p. 6)

Dr. Virginia Boydjieff, formerly of Reading, Pa., is now practicing in association with Dr. Raymond H. Houser at Mt. Ecclesia, Oceanside. Dr. Boydjieff obtained her California license in 1948 and has re-visited since then, particularly at the CCA-NCA convention when she appeared on a number of radio and television programs as “the best looking doctor in the United States.”

Drs. Houser and Boydjieff are now conducting an out-patient practice at the Mt. Ecclesia Sanitarium that formerly was operated by the Rosicrucian Fellowship. Alterations and installations are under way to permit re-opening the 35-bed sanitarium with its outstanding and complete facilities, of which the treatment departments are now in use.



Houser, member of the CCEF/LACC Board of Regents, awards prize to student (Robert Moore?) for “fine essay” (*Aesculapian*, 1958, p. 73)



“California Chiropractic Educational Foundation, Inc., Board of Regents. TOP ROW, left to right: C.P. Von Herzon, legal advisor; C. Robert Hastings, D.C., Secretary; Raymond H. Houser, D.C., Vice-President; Julian Rachal, member. BOTTOM ROW: Sidney Milbank, D.C., President of the College; Linnie Cale, D.C., member; Floyd Cregger, D.C., President of Board of Regents. Not shown: O.C. Kelly, member.” (Aesculapian, 1959, p. 6)

1960 (Apr): *CaCA Journal* [15(12)] includes: “Gift” (p. 3):

Long time an active supporter of chiropractic education, Dr. Linnie A. Cale recently contributed \$500 to the school she co-founded in 1911, the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. Dr. Cale had on numerous occasions presented money raised largely through her continuous efforts in scholarship drives; this time, however, the gift to the grateful college was from her own savings. Above (l. to r.), Dean Haynes, Donor Cale, and Regent Houser.



Left to right: “Mr. O.C. Kelly, Dr. Houser, Sec., Dr. C.R. Hastings, Pres., Dr. Goodman, Dr. F. Maynard Lipe. Not Pictured: Mr. C.P. Von Herzen, Legal Counsel, Dr. Floyd Cregger, Vice-Pres., Mr. Julian Rachal” (Aesculapian, 1962, p. 9)

1960 (May/June): *Digest of Chiropractic Economics* [2(6)] includes:
-“Dr. Houser joins staff of Woodard Laboratories” (p. 14)

1964 (Feb 20): Minutes of the BofR of CCEF:
-members of the BofR include Frederick Bullard, D.C., chair; Mr. O.C. Kelly; Gordon M. Goodfellow, D.C., N.D.; Alexander Goodman, D.C., Sec’y; Raymond Houser, D.C., N.D.
-BofR accepts Houser’s resignation from the BofR

LACC History:

Lupica’s replacement was Raymond H. Houser, D.C., who had first been listed as “Asst. Dean” in September, 1947 (Houser, 1947). The August, 1947 issue of the *Chirogram* listed him as “Assistant Editor.” Houser, who was born and raised in San Diego, was a graduate of the National College of Chiropractic and co-author of *Chiropractic Principles & Technique* (Janse et al., 1947). He was previously associated with the SCCC and its sister institution, the College of Naturopathic Physicians & Surgeons (see Table 6b). Houser was known as an outstanding anatomic illustrator and author (Nilsson, 1964), and particularly for his book, *Visceral Innervation* (Advertisement, 1946a; Houser, 1946, 1947a&b; The Clinical, 1947).

Houser’s appointment as “Acting Dean,” circa June, 1948 (Advertisement, 1948b; Barrett, 1948), may initially have meant *academic dean*, a role which gave him responsibility for the educational program at the College; J. Ralph John, D.C. was then “president” of the institution. In September, 1948, when John J. Nugent issued a very favorable report card to the LACC (Nugent, 1948), he mentioned that Houser was now the newly appointed “Dean,” and was serving under Ralph Martin, now “school president” as well as “President of the Board.” In May, 1949 Houser was acknowledged as “Administrative Dean” (Journal, 1949a), the title Lupica had earlier been accorded (Advertisement, 1948a; Lupica, 1948a). At about the same time, Houser relinquished the reins as editor of the *Chirogram* to faculty member J. Gordon Anderson, D.C., N.D. Minutes of the Board of Regents indicate the Houser’s later designation as “Administrative Director of the college” was meant to be equivalent in authority to the of a president (Minutes, 1951b).

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