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### Abstract

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## **Biographical Note**

T. Marshall Hahn, Jr. (1926-2016) served as the 11th president of Virginia Tech and CEO of the Georgia Pacific Corporation. Hahn earned a B.S. in physics from the University of Kentucky at the age of 18, served two years in the U.S. Navy, and received his Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) at 23. In 1954, Hahn joined Virginia Tech as the head of the Department of Physics.

In 1962, Hahn became the 11th president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI). During his tenure, he was influential in obtaining university status and changing the institution's name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1970. Hahn expanded female enrollment by severing ties with Radford University, which served as the Women's Division of VPI from 1944 until 1964. He was also an advocate of the Virginia Community College System, with Virginia Tech becoming the first college or university to accept community college students without loss of credit. Additionally, the university dropped the mandatory military requirement for male students, created several colleges, and expanded the arts programs.

Hahn resigned from the university in 1974, becoming the executive vice president of the Georgia Pacific Corporation (GP). In 1976, he was promoted to president and in 1983 became chief executive officer, which he served as until his retirement in 1993. He led the company's takeover of Great Northern Neekooska, making it the largest paper manufacturer in the U.S. at the time.

T. Marshall Hahn, Jr., married Margaret Louise "Peggy" Lee in 1948, and the couple had three children.

Source:

In memoriam: Virginia Tech President Emeritus T. Marshall Hahn Jr., Virginia Tech News, May 30, 2016.

## **Scope and Content**

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## **Related Archival Materials**

See also the Records of the Office of the President, T. Marshall Hahn, Jr., 1962-1974, RG 2/11 from his tenure as President of Virginia Tech.

## **Keywords**

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The collection is arranged chronologically with undated material at the end.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Georgia Pacific Corporation retirement dinner**

**Unit Date** 1994-02-17

**box-folder** 1 (box)

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### **Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. resolution of appreciation**

**Unit Date** 1997-04-21

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Memorial service**

**Unit Date** 2016-06-11

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Watercolor portrait**

**Unit Date** undated

**oversize** 1 (folder)