

Finding Aid to the Papers of Albin O. Kuhn  
Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

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Papers of Albin O. Kuhn (1950-1980)  
Size of the Collection: 67 linear feet  
Accession Number: UARC 1982-01  
Records Created by: Albin O. Kuhn

### **Short Description of Collection**

The Papers of Albin O. Kuhn documents Kuhn's employment in the University System of Maryland including his involvement with the College Park, Baltimore County, and Baltimore campuses. Kuhn served as a professor, administrator, chancellor, and advisor during his tenure and this collection reflects the breadth of his involvement. The development of UMBC was overseen by Kuhn and he served as the campus's first chancellor and both of these roles are extensively covered.

### **Selected Search Terms**

University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
University of Maryland, Baltimore  
University of Maryland at Baltimore  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University Maryland (System  
Universities - History  
Universities - Campus planning  
College presidents  
United States - Maryland - Baltimore County  
Manual Labor School and Farm

## **Biographical Note**

The Albin O. Kuhn Papers represent nearly two decades of the work and influence of Dr. Kuhn on University of Maryland affairs. His administrative experience ranged from the School of Agriculture at the University of Maryland College Park to the creation of the University of Maryland Baltimore County to the renovation of the University of Maryland at Baltimore professional schools. Dr. Kuhn worked with the Middle States Association for accreditation of colleges and universities as well as the University Health Center Administrators Association. Dr. Kuhn served as the administrative head of the UMAB professional schools – including Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and Community Planning. Dr. Kuhn was Chancellor (now called President) at UMBC from its planning stages in 1963 until Calvin Lee replaced him as Chancellor in August of 1971, thus allowing Kuhn to become full time Chancellor of the UMAB campus. A curriculum vitae for Kuhn prepared circa 1968 is available in the collection folder.

## **Scope and Content**

The Kuhn papers are divided into 5 series. The first two series of the Kuhn papers contain a great deal of information on the planning and creation of the UMBC campus. Details pertaining to how the land was acquired, projected traffic patterns, campus buildings, the formation of curriculum and a faculty are documented. Information on decisions such as admission requirements, grading policies, and student discipline are included.

Series A and B contain many of the key documents pertaining to the history of the UMBC campus. In particular, documents on expansion of the University of Maryland System in boxes 4 and 4 and boxes 22 and 23 contain items that relate to UMBC's early days. Box 23 contains a photography album and scrapbook put together by Mrs. Leroy Haile that documents the Stabler Manual Labor School and Farm that stood on the site of UMBC. There are also photographs of the campus under construction and of the first buildings.

## **Organization**

This collection has been divided into five series. Only the first two series are fully processed at the folder level; please contact Special Collections for further information.

### **Series A. Pre-UMBC, 1950s-mid-1960s. Boxes 1-10.**

The folders in this series are arranged alphabetically by subject.

### **Series B. UMBC years, mid-1960s – mid-1970s. Boxes 11-25.**

The folders in this series are arranged alphabetically by subject.

### **Series C. UMAB and the University Hospital, 1965-1980. Boxes 26-53.**

### **Series D. Materials relating to the University of Maryland System. Boxes 54-62.**

### **Series E. Miscellaneous papers and records. Boxes 63-67.**

## **Provenance**

The papers of Albin O. Kuhn were housed originally in the basement of the Health Sciences Library at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Before being transferred to UMBC the papers were surveyed. They were found to be in disarray and no order was apparent among the papers. Approximately one-half of the papers were labeled file folders. The remainder of the collection, including correspondence, reports, publications, budget and financial statements were not similarly organized or identified. The decision was made to move the papers to the Special Collections department at UMBC for purposes of locating material pertaining to the founding and early development of the Baltimore County campus.

The papers were originally arranged and described in February 1990 by Lori Voskull & Timothy Pyatt. The focus was placed on the first two series due to time and staff constraints. A folder listing is available for these two series only; please contact Special Collections staff for information on the remaining three series.