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The James M. AuBuchon Collection

Collection Number	MS 135
Title	The James M. AuBuchon Collection
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1968-2007
Collection Size	12 linear feet
Creator	James AuBuchon, donated to PSU over a number of years, ending in 2007

Scope and Content James AuBuchon was an administrator at Pittsburg State University for a majority of his professional career. He obtained two of his degrees at PSU before going into the Army, where he served for 36 years. This collection contains correspondences, resumes, university policies and other related materials, materials on the colleges and buildings within the university, the Veteran's Memorial, materials related to organizations, committees, businesses that AuBuchon was involved with.

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages English

Biographical Note James M. AuBuchon was born in Baxter Spring, Kansas. He graduated from the Pittsburg State University in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in social science. He received his master's degree from PSU in 1969, and his Ph.D. in 1978 from Kansas State University. AuBuchon joined the Army in 1963, as a second lieutenant with an emphasis in army intelligence, and was in active service until 1967. AuBuchon spent thirty-six years total in the Army, both active and inactive, retiring as a brigadier general in 1999. Some of his military positions include Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader, Battalion Intelligence Officer with the 1st Infantry Division, and Headquarters Company Executive Officer in the 2d Battalion, 18th Infantry. While in the reserves, AuBuchon was a member of the Reservist Headquarters, 89th US Army Reserve Command, Commander of the 326th Area Support Group, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at Headquarters for the 89th US Army Reserve Command. The awards he earned are the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, and several other service ribbons and medals. He was also inducted into the US Army ROTC National Hall of Fame. After leaving active duty in 1967, AuBuchon became the assistant director of the student union at Pittsburg State University. In 1972, he was promoted to associate director of Student Affairs and International Student Advisor. In 1982 he became the director of Placement and Student Development, and in 1992 he became the vice president for Student Affairs. In 1995 he also took on the role of director of Major Giving, and in 1998 he was promoted to vice president for University Advancement and Executive Director. After his retirement from PSU, AuBuchon was awarded the title of vice president emeritus. While as director of Major Giving, AuBuchon

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served as the executive director of the PSU Foundation, Inc. During this time he raised \$6 million for the completion of the Kansas Technology Center, and managed the \$100 million capital campaign completed in June of 2000. He also oversaw the creation of the Veterans Memorial Amphitheater, which had its dedication in May of 2004. Some of his civic affair include: Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Carmel Medical Center, and president of the Board of Directors of the Family Resource Center. He was a part of the Southeast Kansas Regional Economic Alliance, Southeast Kansas, Inc., STARBASE and he led the Transportation 2000 committee. He was active in the Pittsburg Community Schools system and community theatre. He promoted Green Thumb, a work plan for elderly persons and was a member of the American Heart Association. He has also served two four-year terms as City Commissioner in the 1990s and two one-year terms as Mayor.

Series

The **Correspondence** series contains both personal and professional letters that are to AuBuchon. A majority of the letters are work-related and were sent from various departments within Pittsburg State University. This series is organized chronologically.

The **Personal Papers** series includes biographical materials, such as resumes and fact sheets, and personal work papers. These papers consists of his application to Kansas State University's doctoral program, some of his research for his dissertation, and three copies of the dissertation. There are documents over the work he did within the Kansas Democratic Party.

The **Pittsburg State University** series includes materials from the various positions AuBuchon held while working for the university. The papers in this collection are broken down into a several subcategories. The first subcategory is PSU Administration, which contains papers from several different departments on campus. The second subcategory is PSU-Taiwan Relations, which has materials from AuBuchon's trip to Taiwan. There are correspondences, booklets and pamphlets over Taiwan and their education system, including higher education, and information about the 50th Anniversary of South China University of Technology. During this trip, AuBuchon gave a presentation about Pittsburg State University and how a relationship between the universities could be formed. The third subcategory is Athletics. The fourth subcategory is Research. The fifth subcategory is the 75th Anniversary Committee. Most of the materials in this subcategory include correspondences, budgets and funds, and programing. The sixth subcategory is University Programs and Buildings, which includes overviews of programs on campus, especially the Kansas Technology Center. There is also information over the nursing and business programs, a new Fine Arts Center, and the University Bookstore. The last subcategory is about Miscellaneous Events and Student Organizations.

The **Military** series includes documents related to the creation of the Recreation Center, and the Veteran's Memorial Amphitheatre. The papers concerning the Veterans' Memorial Wall contains research for building the Memorial and the importance that it would have to this area.

The **Talks and Presentations** series includes talks and presentations AuBuchon gave during his time at PSU, between 1971 and 2006. The range of the topics vary from leadership to community service. This series is arranged alphabetically.

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The **Organizations** series consists of information about the organizations that AuBuchon was involved in. This series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Businesses** series includes some of the business that AuBuchon was involved with, either through PSU or by himself. This series is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

The **Committees** series includes committees that AuBuchon was a part of.

The **Community Involvement** series contains groups and organizations AuBuchon was involved with. AuBuchon was the President of the Board of Directors for the Family Resource Center when it opened. AuBuchon was a member of the Pittsburg Community Theatre Board of Directors in the early 2000s, included in these papers are the PCT constitution, an agenda, an article and a brochure for the 2000 season. He was involved in several committees concerning the welfare of the Pittsburg public schools, and this folder contains memos, agendas, and minutes. Green Thumb is a program that gives elderly people a chance to work again and was created by several bills that protected aide to senior citizens. AuBuchon also helped plan a few events and drives for the American Heart Association. This series is organized chronologically.

The **Clippings** series consists of newspaper clipping of events, projects, services, and job promotions that AuBuchon accomplished. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Photographs** series includes photographs of AuBuchon and events he attended. This series is arranged chronologically, with the photographs before the slides.

The **Miscellaneous** series include papers that did not fit into any of the series stated above. AuBuchon's daily planners and calendars have personal notes from him about meeting reminders and daily agendas.

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