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DR. KUHN GREETES STUDENTS



REVIEWING PLANS - for the opening of the Baltimore County Campus at Catonsville is Dr. Albin O. Kuhn, vice-president of the University of Maryland.

126-Year History Of UMBC Site Recalled

by Martin Schlesinger

In this issue and succeeding ones, the newspaper will run an account covering the history of UMBC and the campus. The article below concerns the exchange of hands of the land on which the college now stands.

In 1840 the State of Maryland acquired a large tract of land from the Stabler Estate. An Orphans' Home, "The Baltimore Trade School", was established that same year. A few years later a large building was constructed near the southern end of Walker avenue. This building provided both dormitories and kitchen facilities for the 50 members of the school. The remaining area was farmed by this institution, thereby making the farm more independent and providing more activities for the orphans. This trade school was used until World War II. By 1845 about 300 acres in the Catonsville area belonged to the State of Maryland. Because of the need for more space for the school, a smaller building was erected around 1890.

Used As Dormitory

This building which still stands today, was used solely as a dormitory. The old dormitory building was then converted to classrooms. The newer structure has been in constant use ever since and is now recognizable as the gray building at the South end of the campus. At about the same time, the stone house which is located near by was being used for vocational classrooms.

The property was later added to the Spring Grove State Hospital. This institution continued operation of a farm on the land until the late 1960's. In 1966, 436 acres were turned over to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Estate Provides Natural Weekend Setting

Motorists driving east over the Susquehanna River bridge on the J.F.K. Highway are awed by a spacious mansion placed atop a sheer rock cliff overlooking the sleepy town of Port Deposit, Maryland. This building and the surrounding 20 acres are now the property of UMBC.

The late Mr. Donaldson F. Brown, past General Motors and Dupont executive, built this majestic home primarily for his family. In his later years, Mr. Brown envisioned this estate as a future University retreat. His foresight is now a reality. In January of this year, the deed to the Donaldson Brown Center was transferred to the University of Maryland.

Dr. Albin O. Kuhn, vice-president of the Baltimore Campuses of the University of Maryland, reports that in addition to the main residence, Mr. Brown and his family established an endowment of \$250,000 to help finance the operation of the estate as an educational center. The UMBC faculty has recommended that the Center be devoted to the theme, "educated man in his environment". Under this general theme students and faculty will share scheduled

by Dr. Albin O. Kuhn

The start of a college year is always a time of excitement for the students, the faculty and the staff. Entering the freshman year has special significance that is not quite recaptured in succeeding college years. Opening a completely new campus is an experience that few have known previously. This first year of the operation of the newest campus of the University of Maryland can be expected to be a rewarding experience for all concerned.

We welcome the new students, for a campus does not come alive until it has a student body. We look forward to the way in which you will become a part of the activities on the campus and will begin to develop the traditions that are so important in college life.

We do not expect UMBC to be quite like any other campus. Each of you brings individual background talents and education to our new campus. Collectively,

you are a different student body from any previously assembled. In working with the faculty and with the staff of UMBC, make the most of this opportunity to help create a center of learning in which those who give their best in the classroom, in the laboratory and on the playing field develop a brilliance that is the mark of their efforts and the UMBC environment.

Decade In The Making

A little more than a decade of planning by the President of the University, Dr. Elkins, and by the members of the Board of Regents has gone into the development of this new campus so that it might open in September, 1966. Collectively, these leaders of the University have given unselfishly of their time and effort and have brought outstanding vision in the considerations leading to this new center of learning.

Dr. Homer W. Schamp, Jr., Dean of the Faculty, together with several professors has,

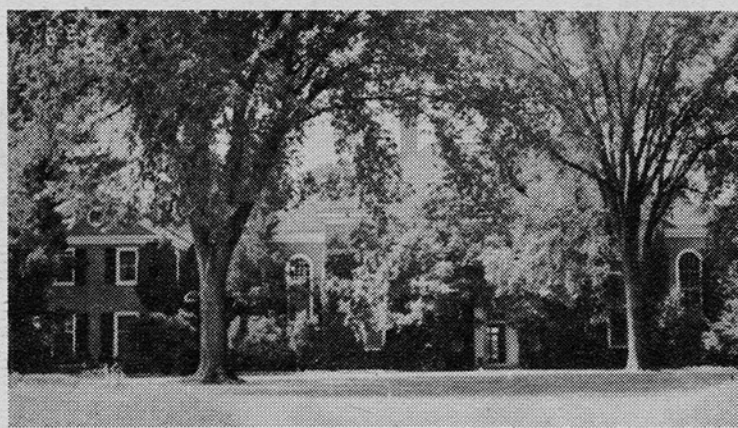
during the past year, assembled a faculty for our new University who come from many outstanding institutions of higher learning in this country. On the occasion of the opening, it is a pleasure to welcome these faculty members to the exciting challenge of developing this new campus.

State Firms Involved

The buildings we will be using during the first year are the result of appropriations from the State; the planning of the Maryland architectural firm of Rogers, Taliaferro, Kostitsky and Lamb; the guidance of the State Planning Department; the Department of Public Improvements; and the highest governmental board in the State, which is headed by the Governor, the Board of Public Works. Further, they are the product of knowledge gained over the years by the Physical Plant Department of the University, which is headed on this campus by Mr. Guy M. Chisolm, Jr. The furnishing and equipment are the result of the planning of the State Department of Budget and Procurement and with on-site continuing work of Mr. Robert C. Brown.

As new students, you probably first became acquainted with Mr. Robert H. Turner, our Registrar, who came to UMBC from a similar position in the Munich center of the University's overseas program. You will soon meet Mr. John D. Haskell, Jr., who is in charge of the UMBC Library. He was the first UMBC full time employee, starting in February, 1965 to assemble the Library for your use. In the near future you will come to know Mr. Arthur A. Libby, III, who is charged with the responsibility of developing the various programs in student life on campus.

Teamwork has marked the development of this new campus and we believe you may find it a contagious part of your life on campus. I hope we may find the opportunity to visit often during the coming year through the medium of this new campus newspaper. You will find many open doors to the offices of the faculty and staff who are anxious to make UMBC an outstanding center for educational adventure. Use these opportunities and we may be surprised at the success achieved.



UNIQUE PLUS - for students and faculty at the Baltimore County campus is the magnificent estate of the late Donaldson F. Brown.

programs allowing the individual to examine the value of education, to achieve a meaningful life, and to make a contribution to society.

The 20 acres of land and buildings offer the student an exciting array of academic and recreational activities. The main house is itself an adventure in Georgian architecture. It has 64 rooms and 11 fireplaces. This count includes 12 bathrooms and several anterooms; it does not include porticos or lobbies. The mansion is completely decorated with the furnishings from many periods.

The sleeping accommodations are excellent. Four faculty and 28 students will sleep in the main house, while a beautiful brick stable building has been renovated to accommodate an additional 22 male students.

The food is already famous. Weekend visitors will dine in one of three informal or formal dining rooms. A garden and orchard provide delicious vegetables and fruit in season. A greenhouse yields flower blooms every month. Woods and an elaborate natural water sys-

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