

**Inventory of the
Office of the President,
Youngstown State University,
Albert L. Pugsley,
Records.**

1966-1973



RG 04/2

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Descriptive Summary

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- Abstract:** This collection contains documents and publications relating to the presidency of Albert L. Pugsley. Dr. Pugsley served Youngstown State University in this capacity from 1966 to 1973.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Information

Albert L. Pugsley was born in 1909 in Woodbine, Iowa. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1930 from South Dakota University and his Masters of Architecture from Harvard in 1934. A registered engineer and a licensed professional architect, Pugsley held honorary doctoral degrees from South Dakota State University and Kansas Wesleyan University.

Prior to coming to being named President of Youngstown University, Pugsley served Kansas State University as Dean of Academic Administration, Dean of Administration, Professor of Structural Engineering, and Administrative Vice President. He was also active with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, becoming its President in 1971.

Pugsley is regarded as the architect of the modern Youngstown State University. As YSU President, he guided the institution into the state system of higher education in 1967 and accelerated the physical and academic expansion of the campus. He especially placed great emphasis on undergraduate education. President Pugsley (and the university community) also faced the challenges brought about by the Vietnam War, the Kent State Shootings, and an evolving "youth culture" that characterized America during the mid-1960s through the early 1970s.

Pugsley retired from YSU in 1973 and retired to Florida, where he passed away in 1977.

Scope and Content

The archival material preserved herein includes memoranda generated by President Pugsley, as well as information pertaining to the University's governance and finances, plus matters relating to accreditation and educational support foundations. In addition, the legal battle resulting from the termination of the teaching contract of Bhagwati P.K. Poddar (Sociology Department) is extensively documented.

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Pugsley, Albert L.
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