



**Collection #:** MSS 937  
**Name:** The John E. Buhler, DDS Papers  
**Dates:** 1923-1972  
**Size:** 1.85 cubic feet  
**Processed:** January 2008 by JMW  
**Restrictions:** Restrictions are specified in the Professional Series note.  
**Citation:** The John E. Buhler, DDS Papers, MSS 937, Waring Historical Library, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

**Biographical Note:** John E. Buhler was born in Marion, Indiana in 1908. He received his DDS from the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1935. Dr. Buhler was a professor at Indiana University, Temple University, and Emory University. Dr. Buhler was Dean of the Emory University School of Dentistry, as well as the Medical University Of South Carolina School of Dental Medicine. During World War II, Dr. Buhler served in the reserves of the United States Public Health Service.

Dr. Buhler was the founding dean of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine. Dr. Buhler was instrumental in developing the faculty and curriculum of the program. He retired in 1971 due to illness.

Dr. Buhler's professional affiliations include serving as the executive vice president of the Hanau Engineering Company, president of the American Association of Dental Schools, and chapter president of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental fraternity. Dr. Buhler also published more than 85 papers over the course of his career. His portrait hangs in the MUSC

Macauley Museum of Dental History, and there is a scholarship fund named in his honor at MUSC. Dr. Buhler died in 1976.

**Scope and Content Note:** The John E. Buhler, DDS Papers, 1923-1972, 1.85 cubic feet, document Dr. Buhler's career as a dentist and educator. The collection has been arranged into three series: Correspondence, Personal, and Professional.

The **Correspondence Series**, 1948-1972, .25 cubic feet, contains correspondence relating to Dr. Buhler's retirement from MUSC, letters to Senator Rembert C. Dennis concerning the dentist to patient ratio in South Carolina, and personal correspondence. Correspondents include Senator Rembert C. Dennis, Dr. Herbert Butts (Dr. Buhler's successor as Dean of the Medical University of South Carolina's School of Dental Medicine), and J. Hampton Hoch. The series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Personal Series**, 1923-1970, .50 cubic feet, includes biographical information about Dr. Buhler, his CV, 2 issues of the *Arbutus* (the annual publication of the junior class of Indiana State University, photographs of his house and children, and a lock of his daughter Karen's hair. The series also includes elementary school certificates for excellent spelling and writing. The series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Professional Series**, 1940-1972, 1.10 cubic feet, includes materials from Dr. Buhler's tenure as Dean of the Indiana State University School of Dental Medicine and Dean of the Medical University of South Carolina's School of Dental Medicine. These records consist of memos, photographs, accreditation and budget materials, speeches, and commencement records. The series also includes records from Dr. Buhler's World War II service. The folder of patient records is restricted. The series has been arranged alphabetically. The series includes a bound copy of memos issued by Dr. Buhler while Dean of the Emory School of Dentistry (housed in a phasebox), as well as a Hanau "Facebow" device (housed in Artifact Box 1).

Printed materials from the collection have been cataloged separately.

**Subject Headings:**

Buhler, John E. (1908-1976)

American Association of Dental Schools

Hanau Engineering Company  
Medical University of South Carolina School of Dental Medicine  
Emory University School of Dentistry  
Omicron Kappa Upsilon  
Indiana University

Education, Dental- South Carolina  
Education, Dental- United States- history

**Inventory:**

- Folder 1: Correspondence: Miscellaneous, 1948-1965, 20 items
- Folder 2: Correspondence: MUSC, "Bill", 1965-1971, 4 items
- Folder 3: Correspondence: Personal, 1949, 1964-1971, 43 items
- Folder 4: Correspondence: Personal, 1964-1970, 33 items
- Folder 5: Correspondence: Political, 1967-1968, 3 items
- Folder 6: Correspondence: Retirement, 1971, 33 items
- Folder 7: Correspondence: Students, 1965-1972, 10 items
- Folder 8: The Arbutus: An Annual Publication of the Junior Class of Indiana University, 1932-1933, 2 items
- Folder 9: Biographical Materials, 1964-1967, 1970, no date, 21 items
- Folder 10: Certificate: Excellence in Spelling, 1923, 1 item
- Folder 11: Certificate: Excellence in Writing, 1923, 1 item
- Folder 12: Children, 1954, no date, 3 items
- Folder 13: Home of Dr. and Mrs. Buhler, no date, 3 items
- Folder 14: Accreditation: MUSC Dental School, 1971, 3 items
- Folder 15: American Dental Association, 1967-1973, 18 items
- Folder 16: Budget for Dental School, 1965-1971, 17 items
- Folder 17: Certificates of Appreciation and Commendation, 1964-1970, 13 items
- Folder 18: Certificate: Omicron Kappa Upsilon, 1972, 18 items
- Folder 19: Clippings, 1966-1971, 39 items
- Folder 20: Dental Data and Dental Dames, 1968-1970, 3 items
- Folder 21: Dental History, no date, 10 items
- Folder 22: Georgia Department of Public Health, 1967, no date, 8 items
- Folder 23: Georgia: Emory University, 1949-1970, 34 items
- Folder 24: Georgia Dentistry, circa 1958, 1 item
- Folder 25: Indiana University School of Dentistry, 1967, 1970, 5 items
- Folder 26: "A Little History on the Development of Hanau Articulators", by Edmond J. Franwick, no date, 1 item

Folder 27: MUSC School of Dentistry, 1965-1968, no date, 8 items

Folder 28: MUSC School of Dental Medicine: Commencement, 1971, 6 items

Folder 29: Photographs, no date, 6 items

Folder 30: Photographs, no date, 22 items

Folder 31: Photographs: Move to New Building, 1970, 25 items

Folder 32: Retirement, 1964-1973, 11 items

Folder 33: South Carolina Dental Association, 1967, no date, 2 items

Folder 34: Special Interest Articles, 1966, 1969, no date, 7 items

Folder 35: Speeches, 1966, 1968-1969, no date, 6 items

Folder 36: Trip to Greenville, 1965, 4 items

Folder 37: University of Texas Dental School, 1955, 1969, 4 items

Folder 38: World War II, 1935, 1942, 2 items

Folder 39: World War II, Patient Reports (Restricted), 1940-1942, 15 items

Phasebox: Bound Memos From Dean Buhler, Emory University School of Dentistry, 1956-1959, 1 item

Artifact Box 1: Facebow "D" With A Clamp, Orbital Indicator and Bitefork, Hanau Engineering Co., Inc.

Artifact Box 2: Graduation Cap

Oversize Folder: Autographed, Matted Photograph