Dominic J. Guzzetta left the presidency of Marian College to return to The University of Akron and become its eleventh president in 1971 and served until 1984. During those thirteen years, enrollment continued to rise, E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall opened, Wayne College in Orville opened, the jointly governed Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine opened in Rootstown, and The University of Akron acquired the Rubber Bowl. After his wife Nola’s death on January 1, 1976, the Board of Trustees named the new Music, Speech, and Theatre Arts building after the Guzzettas. Five of the eight longest-serving vice presidents and eleven of the eighteen...
longest-serving deans in the third fifty years of the University were recruited or nurtured by Dom. He is the only veteran to serve as president of The University of Akron.