



## Keeping the Memory of Fenn College Alive at CSU Library



Fenn College Registration, 1959

In December, CSU marks its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing higher education for the citizens of Cleveland and northeast Ohio. It is a fitting tribute that the University commemorates this milestone with the construction of a new facility for CSU and Fenn College Archives. Your support is a vital component to the success of the new facility.

### Fenn's Origins

The CSU Archives contains the permanent records and memorabilia of Fenn College. This historical material underscores the history of the college and its significance to the region. Reflecting upon Fenn College's history illustrates its regional significance.

Fenn's origins reach back to 1870 when the Cleveland YMCA started offering free evening classes. The YMCA began offering its first college classes in engineering and business in 1923 at its Central building at Prospect Avenue and East 22nd Street and three converted adjacent residences.

In 1929 the school's name was changed to Fenn College, in honor of former Cleveland YMCA President Sereno Peck Fenn. Within a decade, the School of Arts and Science was added to the Engineering and Business Administration schools.

### Fenn Tower and Early Buildings

In 1937, Fenn College purchased the National Town and Country Club building at Euclid Avenue and East 24th Street. Renamed Fenn Tower two years later, it provided needed classroom and office space (Fenn Tower is now being renovated into dormitory space and is expected to be completed in 2006).

In 1949, Fenn constructed Foster Hall, an engineering building. In 1953, Fenn purchased the Ohio Motors building on East 24th Street, subsequently dedicated as Stilwell Hall in honor of Fenn Trustee Charles Stilwell.

Fenn called upon the State to develop a public university in Cleveland using Fenn College as its nucleus. On December 18, 1964, Governor Rhodes signed legislation creating CSU as Ohio's seventh state university.

### Archiving Fenn College Memorabilia

To keep the memory of Fenn College alive, the Archives wants to set up an exhibition area featuring displays of photographs and memorabilia from Fenn College. This new facility will also include state-of-the-art archival storage. When completed, Fenn Alumni will be able to view artifacts and documents from their college days ranging from sports uniforms and beanies to yearbooks and banners.



The Library needs your support to establish this new Fenn College exhibition area. Your contribution will preserve Fenn College artifacts and documents so they can be enjoyed for generations to come. The Library will be able to draw from a special reserve fund to match your gifts. Please send your donation using the form provided in this newsletter. For more information, contact the Library at 216.687.2475.

—Bill Becker, University Archivist

## CSU President Emeritus Leads Panel Discussion



Panelists (l-r): Chin Y. Kuo, Provost, CSU; John A. Flower, President Emeritus, CSU; Thomas V. Chema, President, Hiram College; and Harry Andrist, Director of Research and Graduate Programs, Ohio Board of Regents

troubled times, the 'dumbing down' of our whole American educational structure...the way you trace the unintended consequences of the shift from the classical tradition to vocational training...is a warning to all levels of our school system."

Along with John Flower, the distinguished panel included Chin Y. Kuo, Provost, CSU; Thomas V. Chema, President, Hiram College; and Harry Andrist, Director of Research and Graduate Programs, Ohio Board of Regents. The event was held in the University Library Special Collections room on Tuesday, February 17.

### d. a. levy website launched

The Cleveland State University Library has just launched a d. a. levy website, the latest component in the Library's Cleveland Memory project—a website containing over 14,000 historical images and 20 e-books relating to Cleveland history.

Check out the levy site at: <http://www.clevelandmemory.org/levy/>; it is full of resources, newspaper accounts, photographs and also a digital gallery that contains a selection of Cleveland rebel poet d.a. levy's powerful poetry, print, and art work. Poet, artist and publisher d.a. levy was a major literary and underground figure in Cleveland's emerging poetry and small and alternative press scene in the early 1960s and continued to be until his untimely death in 1968. Levy documented his love-hate relationship with the city and the politics of the day through his poetry and art work, which today gives a unique political and social perspective of Cleveland during the 1960s.

The d.a.levy Collection itself is available for viewing in the Special Collections Department at the Cleveland State University Library, Rhodes Tower, room 320. Call 216.687.2449 for hours.

## University Library Teams with Cleveland Public Library on Cultural Gardens Collection

The Cleveland State University Library and the Cleveland Public Library have collaborated to create the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Collection. Two hundred twenty black-and-white photographs and maps from both the Cleveland Press Photograph Collection at Cleveland State University and the Photograph Collection at Cleveland Public Library were digitized, cataloged and indexed in Cleveland Memory to provide a historical pictorial perspective of the gardens from the early to mid part of the 20th century. This collection contains images from nearly all of the gardens.

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens, extending along East Blvd. & Martin Luther King Blvd. in Cleveland's University Circle area, is a unique collection of landscaped, themed gardens each representing a different ethnic group/organization in Cleveland. The gardens, 23 in number, represent many of the cultural backgrounds of Cleveland's diverse population. To learn more about the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Collection, visit the Cleveland State University Library's Cleveland Memory site at <http://www.clevelandmemory.org>.

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## From the University Library Director

We need your help! The University Archives houses both the historical records for CSU and for Fenn College. The current space is inadequate—we are out of room and we have never had the proper facility to store memorabilia such as the original deed to Fenn Tower, Fenn sports uniforms, or the growing collection of portraits of CSU presidents and other dignitaries. Additionally, there is no display space to showcase the history of our institution.

The Cleveland State University Library would like to change this! We need your help to do so. We have identified an appropriate space on the 3rd floor of the University Library, opposite the Library's Special Collections. We have relocated the material formerly housed there to another floor. Now, what we need to do is build a wall, create appropriate storage, and purchase display furniture. The cost of the wall is approximately \$23,000, and its erection is the first step in creating a new home for Fenn and CSU memorabilia. Once the wall is erected, our current Archives can move from its cramped location within Special Collections, freeing space there for the rapid expansion those collections have experienced over the past few years.

With your help, we can begin this construction very soon. The Library will be able to draw from a special reserve fund to match all gifts received, up to \$5,000. Additionally, we will create opportunities to recognize all who contribute to this construction or to the purchase of display furniture. A gift in the memory of Fenn graduates, faculty, or staff would be another great way to honor Fenn's history.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you can help us in this endeavor. All gifts towards this worthy project would be greatly appreciated!

### University Library Projects

Library donors can provide funding for various projects including

- Establishing Fenn College Archives
- Establishing a new Library endowment
- Purchasing artwork for display in the Library
- Digitizing cultural resources for instruction
- Building the endowment for materials in Great Lakes Industrial History
- Purchasing additional furnishings and equipment for the Library

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## Library Hosts High School Science Fairs



The University Library served as the host for science fairs from two local high schools this winter. John Hay High School held its competition for juniors and seniors in January at the east end of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor utilizing study carrels for the students' tri-fold project

summary boards. Sixty students competed for the finalist spots representing John Hay at the area-wide competition, which was held in March of this year.

The Cleveland School District's Early College Program held its first annual science fair in March. This program, housed in CSU's Corlett Building, is made up of freshmen and sophomores from schools across the district. The fair consisted of two parts. The first round of the science fair took place at Early College High School on March 15 with 160 participants. The second part of the fair was held on March 18 in the University Library. Twenty-five ninth graders and fifteen tenth graders were selected from the in-house science fair to participate in the finals. First, second, and third place awards were presented to the winning students in Early College Program's inaugural science fair.

Next year it is hoped that both events can be held in January so that the Early College Program's winners may also move on to the area-wide science fair competition.

—Bob Cieslik, Coordinator of Facilities/High School Liaison Librarian

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